

# Town of Bristol

## 2015 Annual Town Meeting

### April 15, 2015

Chairman Derr called the 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Town of Bristol to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 16, 2014 Annual Meeting were read. Cory Kvalo moved to approve as written. Sandy Dulin seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Sheriff Department Report:**

Deputy Blake reviewed calls of service and citations issued in 2014. He also spoke about informational flyers the deputies left with subdivision residents in 2014 to encourage them to keep vehicles locked and valuables out of site to help reduce the number of vehicle break-ins. Consequently, the number of vehicle break-ins was much lower in 2014 than in previous years.

There was a discussion about the number of serious auto accidents at the corner of Egge Road and N Bird Street. Deputy Blake advised the Town to consider installing solar flashing stop signs at that location. He said a similar dangerous intersection in the Town of Sun Prairie now has these and it has dramatically cut down on the problems.

#### **EMS:**

Sun Prairie EMS director Kep Anderson was not available to attend the meeting. He submitted the following information:

- 1) Total Bristol Calls in 2014 – 116
- 2) Total EMS Calls for SPEMS in 2014 – 2,205
- 3) Response time average was 4 minutes and 8 seconds to scene. This is an average, and residents at the northern-most district boundary could be more due to travel time.
- 4) All else is normal in regards to operations.

#### **Fire Department:**

Sun Prairie Fire Chief Joe Seltzner reviewed the 2014 annual fire department report. The department now has 53 volunteers and 8 full-time staff. There were 1003 calls in 2014 which is a 23% increase over 2013. Calls to the Town of Bristol accounted for 6% of this number.

Full time staff work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. volunteers are at the station. These volunteers receive a small payment for staying overnight at the station. This ensures 24/7 coverage for much less cost than having full time staff there all day and night.

The Town of Bristol and Town of Sun Prairie are now the Northeast Dane County Fire Unit. We have a contract with the Town of Burke to provide fire service to them, and have a 5 year contract with the Sun Prairie Fire Department Inc. to provide service to the Towns.

#### **Library:**

Lynn Montague, Interim Library Director was in attendance. She explained that Tracy Herold, former Director, has left to take a job with the Dane County Library system. The Sun Prairie Library is now searching for a new director which they hope to have in place by early to mid-summer.

One of the projects waiting for the new director is to study space needs of the library. It opened in 1999 and was designed as a 20 year building.

**Colonial Club:**

Melody Riedel and Laura Jennings reported that Bristol residents received 170 hours of case management, 261 meals and 110 hours of supportive home care in 2014. They outlined some of the activities provided for seniors at the center. The Club was awarded two new grants in 2014 including one for the nutrition program. They were able to finish 2014 with a small budget surplus despite having to replace the parking lot in 2014 at a cost of \$50,000.

**Public Works:**

Roads – the reconstruction of part of Wilburn Road will be completed in the summer of 2015. We expect contractors to begin after the end of school in June. Bids were received in early April and came in significantly lower than the engineers estimated. The Elder Lane Bridge will be replaced in 2016. Construction was delayed in order to avoid a conflict with Farm Technology Days to be held at the Statz Farm in August of 2015.

Parks – recent development of subdivisions that had been platted earlier but not built due to the slow economy has replenished the parks fund. The Parks Committee will begin meeting again soon to discuss upgrades to some of the parks.

Recycle Center – the Town contracted with Pellitteri Waste Systems beginning January 1 of this year. The new contract will save the Town a great deal of money over the 7 year contract period.

**2014 Financial Report:**

The financial report was reviewed and questions answered.

**Renew Town Borrowing Authority:**

Sandy Dulin made a motion to renew the Town's borrowing authority. Florence Schmitt seconded. Motion carried.

**Consider Purchase of a Remnant Tax Parcel:**

There is a remnant tax parcel currently listed on the County Tax Deed Auction. It is a small sliver of land that was divided in two when Twilight Drive was constructed. The parcel is located at the road edge of two different residential properties.

According to the Dane County Treasurer, the Town can purchase the parcel for \$50. It will then just be treated as additional road right of way and will not cause any problems for the current, or future, residents of the homes adjacent to the remnant parcel.

After discussion, Mary Ellen Havel-Lang made a motion to authorize the Town to purchase tax parcel #0911-191-4051-9 from the Dane County Treasurer for a sum of \$50. Florence Schmitt seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Any Other Business:**

Kelly Cuene asked about the possibility of the Town issuing the newsletter in electronic format. She also requested that the Town consider reducing the speed limit on Norway Road to 35 mph from the current 45 mph. Chairman Derr explained that the Town cannot reduce the speed limit to less than 45 mph without a traffic study showing the lower speed is warranted. The Town did have a traffic study done on this area approximately 4 years ago which showed that the volume of traffic and speeds driven are consistent with a 45 mph limit.

Mary Ellen Havel-Lang asked for clarification of the Town Open Burning Ordinance.

**Set Time and Date for 2016 Annual Meeting:**

Dave Templeton moved to set the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7 p.m. Kelly Cuene seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Templeton moved to adjourn. Mary Ellen Havel-Lang seconded. Meeting ended at 8: 50 p.m.