

Town of Burns
August 15, 2016
Town Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoth @ 7:30 pm. Roll call: Chairman (Chr.) Hoth, Supervisor (Sup.) Nuttleman, Supervisor (Sup.) Caulum, Treasurer (Tr.) Schlintz and Clerk (Clk.) Esser present. Chr. Hoth noted the meeting was properly posted.
2. Tr. Schlintz presented the Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2016, available account balances are \$219,780.23 and Rockland Cemetery \$16,322.05. Chr. Hoth noted for the record that the July 2016 Treasurer's Report was read.
3. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman to approve the July 11, 2016 town board minutes as presented. Second made by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
4. Monthly bill payments were reviewed. Motion by Chr. Hoth to approve the bills from July 12, 2016 – August 15, 2016, checks #9401– #9439 and the EFT to First National Bank. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
5. N. Rueckheim noted the town road sides need to be mowed. Chr. Hoth noted that road crew Steve Holzhausen should start mowing soon.
6. Town Zoning Administrator Bill Larson sent an email to the town board regarding Bill Meyer's failure to get a zoning occupancy permit for a shed. The town board noted a copy of this letter should be sent to Robert Tenner the owner of the land.
7. Motion by Chr. Hoth to approve Town of Burns Resolution No. 8-15-2016 #1, Whereas Michael and Glenda Koeneke with Northern States Power acting agent have submitted a certified survey map (CSM) to the Town of Burns town board; And Whereas Surveyor Michael Cannon prepared a CSM for a +/- 2.07 acre lot created from a 6.7 acre tax parcel No. 3-778-0, Part of SW1/4-SE1/4, Section 36, T17N-R5W Town of Burns, La Crosse County, WI, zoned Commercial District B; And Whereas this CSM provides a 66 foot wide access easement entering on County Road J which has been approved by the La Crosse County Highway Commissioner; And Whereas use of this 2.07 acre lot for a proposed Xcel Energy substation, conforms with the Town of Burns Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance; And Whereas this 2.07 acre parcel is adjacent to the Village of Rockland village limits; And Whereas the Town of Burns Planning Commission has recommended approval of the CSM with the 66 foot wide access easement as surveyed; And Whereas no adjacent land owners have objected to the creation of this 2.07 acre lot or the access easement. Thereby be it resolved that the Town of Burns town board approves and signs this CSM given the CSM provides for an access easement which conforms to the Town of Burns Ordinance #1995-04 with the understanding that town board approval of this 2.07 acre lot is advisory. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Sup Nuttleman to sign the Cooperative Recycling Agreement. Second by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Clk. Esser will file the 2017 DNR Recycling Grant Application.
9. Motion by Sup Nuttleman to stay with the Local Government Property Insurance Fund for the amount of \$1366. Second by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Chr. Hoth to approve the Temporary Operator licenses for Firefly Fest for Dave Vetrano, Judy Sommers, Edward Schmidt and Steve Beezly. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
11. Clk. Esser noted that one sealed bid had been received from Portland Implement. Road crew Steve Holzhausen was present to discuss the purchase of a new tractor for mowing road sides. He has looked at and tried out a number of tractors since the town decided to replace the old Ford tractor: Case IH, Kubota, John Deere, Coyote, Massey and Marinda. Steve thinks the Case IH and Kubota both with a loader and radial tires will be the best tractor for mowing road sides. The price quote for the Kubota from Portland Implement is \$39,750 with a financing option of 0% interest over 60 months. The price quote given to Steve Holzhausen for the Case IH from St. Joseph Equipment is \$39,660. Portland Implement sales representative Adam Horstman was present to answer any questions and stated that Portland Implement would work with the town on paying for the tractor through financing or a payment schedule. The board noted that Portland Implement has a more favorable labor rate for repairs. Motion by Sup. Caulum to go with Portland Implement to purchase the Kubota M7060 for \$39,750. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all

ayes, motion carried. Motion by Sup Nuttleman to give Chr. Hoth the authority to make the decision on the financing for the tractor. Second by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Chr. Hoth to postpone item #12 to the September meeting. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
13. Clk. Esser noted that La Crosse County Health Department has delivered water sample kits for well testing. They will be available for residents to pick up at the dump. The Wisconsin Town's Association is seeking input on broad band issues in rural communities; Clk. Esser will send a response outlining our poor internet service in the Town of Burns. Chr. Hoth noted that Assessor Tony Kiel contacted him to report the assessment level for the Town is out of compliance with the Department of Revenue. This may change if the Town's equalized value changes next year or we may need to think about a revaluation
14. Motion by Sup. Caulum to adjourn. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Jane Esser – Clerk
Approved: 9/13/2016