

Town of Burns
November 10, 2016
Town Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoth @ 7:25 pm. immediately following the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting. 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 October 31, 2016, available account balances are \$202,156.82 and Rockland Cemetery account balance is \$17,138.98. Chr. Hoth noted for the record that the October 2016 Treasurer's Report was read. Tr. Schlintz noted that one CD at Riverbank matured and the balance was transferred to the money market.
3. Motion by Sup. Caulum to approve the October 5, 2016 special town board plan commission joint meeting minutes as presented. Second made by Chr. Hoth. Voice vote, Chr. Hoth and Sup. Caulum ayes, Sup. Nuttleman abstain, motion carried. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman to approve the October 11 town board minutes and the October 29, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. Second by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
4. Monthly bill payments were reviewed. Motion by Chr. Hoth to approve the bills from October 12, 2016 – November 10, 2016, checks #9501– #9542 and the EFT to First National Bank. Second made by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
5. No citizen concerns presented.
6. Zoning Administrator Bill Larson noted that zoning occupancy permits for detached accessory buildings were issued to Excel Energy and J. Duh. D. Streeton is considering separating off 1 acre from the farm but still deciding what he wants to do. The farm has more than the 3 accessory buildings allowed.
7. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman to approve the 2017 budget with a levy of \$178,343. Second made by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
8. The town needs an ordinance or resolution if the humane society is going to be allowed to issue dog licenses for the Town of Burns. There does not seem to be a need for this at this time. Tr. Schlintz will let the humane society know that they should not issue dog licenses for Burns
9. Motion by Chr. Hoth that the Town of Burns town board agrees with La Crosse County Hazardous Waste to increase the annual fee from \$1 to \$1.25. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
10. La Crosse County IT will not be supporting the local municipality web sites after April 1, 2017. Chairman Hoth will contact the Village of Bangor to see who does there web site, Clk. Esser will contact the Bangor School superintendent to ask if any students could design a web site as a project.
11. Attorney Kieffer provided updated information on the enforcement procedure and cost of enforcing the Town of Burns Citation Ordinance. Motion by Chr. Hoth that Clk. Esser send Attorney Kieffer an email to notifying him that we will contact them if the need arises. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
12. Clk. Esser will put together a list of suggested amendments to date and send them to zoning administrator Bill Larson when time allows. Bill Larson noted that one issue to look into is if a farm residence and buildings are sold off the number of buildings could be in excess of what the zoning ordinance allows; should preexisting buildings be allowed to stay.
13. Chr. Hoth and Zoning Administrator Bill Larson will talk to La Crosse Zoning Department about working together to update the Town of Burns land use and zoning maps.

14. Road crew Steve Holzhausen is mowing with the New Holland Mower while the Kubota tractor is at Portland Implement getting the ordered improvements installed. Two new culverts have been installed on Melass and Garves Coulee roads. The kickoff meeting with FEMA will be at the town hall on November 15th from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
15. Rubin Miller wants to put a second driveway in on Big Creek road, he should not need any variances from the town board. The driveway will service a sawmill Rubin is located on his farm. Zoning Administrator Bill Larson noted that Ruben will need a conditional use permit for a sawmill installation. Gary Schomburg presented information on an ag plastic recycling company and noted that Harters charged him half price for a landfill bin if it contained only plastic. Tr. Schlitz noted she if anyone is interested in on farm ag plastic recycling they should get their name to her, if there are enough farms the company will start a route in our area.
16. Motion by Sup. Caulum to adjourn. Second made by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Jane Esser – Clerk

Approved: _____