

Town of Burns
February 8, 2011
Town Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kitzmann @ 7:30 PM.
2. Chairman (Chr.) Kitzmann, Supervisor (Sup.)Hoth, Supervisor (Sup.)Nuttleman, Treasurer (Tr.) Paul and Clerk (Clk.) Esser all present. Chr. Kitzmann noted that the meeting was properly posted. Tr. Paul presented the treasurer's report and account balances for January 31, 2011. Chr. Kitzmann noted that the treasurer's report was received.
3. Public input from D. Schwarz on items #15 and 19(d). Public input from L. Saley on safety hazard on Aasen Road. Public input from T. Bramschreiber on items #17 and #5. Public input from S. Jerome on item #5. Public input from C. Bramschreiber on overall agenda length and items #5, #13, #14 and #17.
4. Penny Pierce representing Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling was present to propose a 3 year extension of their contract with the Town and explained that La Crosse County is now offering a 9% rebate to refuse haulers and Hilltopper would like to credit this 9% rebate back to the Town. The February 2008 Hilltopper contract extension would increase the 40 yard compactor from ~\$121/pull to ~\$139/pull and the unacceptable box from ~\$126/pull to ~\$139/pull, the rest of the contracted fees would remain the same. The net result of the 9% rebate and the increase in cost/pull is a potential 4.5% savings for the Town. Chr. Kitzmann noted that Alters will allow any non-refrigerated white good and microwave items in the metal bin. Alters will also take refrigerators for a \$10 hauling fee. With this change in the Alters collection bin we could go with 1 gaylord box with 1 recycle box in it for E-waste collection. Hilltopper will continue E-waste collection on a trial basis without a contract. Motion by Chr. Kitzmann to approve the Hilltopper 3 year extension dated Feb. 08, 2011 with the inclusion of the 12 yard recycle box at \$55.13/haul with no processing fee and the rest as presented. Motion failed. Chr. Kitzmann noted for the record that Waste Management unless they have changed recently to my knowledge hauls their waste out of the County and that is why we have stayed with Hilltopper to keep the waste in the County to get our 1% rebate. Sup. Hoth suggested a lower contract cost of \$130/pull instead of \$139. Motion by Chr. Kitzmann to accept the Feb. 08, 2011 proposal as presented and we have to make sure the 12 yard dumpster is on the contract with no processing fee for \$55.13/haul along with the 20 yard for 55.13/pull and the 40 and 30 yarders would be at \$130/pull with the \$61/ton on the 40 and \$59/ton on the 30 with the 9% rebate, we'll counter with that and see what Hilltopper does. Second by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Chr. Kitzmann noted that we are all of the understanding that if Gary [Hilltopper] does go with this we could get it signed if not, its' going to have to come back. Motion by Chr. Kitzmann that we go with Alters taking any of the non refrigerants in the metal bin and the microwaves at no cost to the Town and going with the refrigerants at \$10/item with no pull cost regarding those white good items. Second by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The 1% La Crosse County rebate contract was not renewed.
5. Chr. Kitzmann noted H. Peterson was bitten by a dog at the recycling site while off duty. This had to be reported because it was a dog bite and in WI under the dog bite law the owner of the dog is totally liable for the damages (s.s. 174). Some of this is going to have to be taken care of between the private parties but it did happen on Town property. Rural Insurance will not be involved because the owner of the dog is the one responsible. Motion by Sup. Hoth being that the authorities have been notified, the cops filled out a report evidently, I move this item be dismissed from the agenda and not put on again. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, Sup's. Nuttleman and Hoth ayes, Chr. Kitzmann opposed. Chr. Kitzmann noted that he feels we should contact Rick [WTA] and just make sure from the Towns end that we have no concerns or liabilities. Sup. Nuttleman noted that there is a Town board policy that Chr. Kitzmann could have contacted the WTA anyway.
6. Ten dollars in change money for white goods was unaccounted for last fall. The recycle workers, chairman, treasurer and road crew have keys to the recycle shed. Motion by Sup Nuttleman to just keep doing what we have been doing as far as the recycling shed. Second by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried
7. Motion that the clerk make a digital back up of the clerks Town digital data. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
8. The budget format should show general category totals which mirror the detailed budget worksheet. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman that the clerk put the 2010 budget in the simplified form that we talked about. Second by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The board reviewed that 2011 budget with the cemetery funds added to the beginning balance and the salary adjustments made at the December 21, 2010 special town meeting. The board would like the actual bank balance figures for reserved and unreserved funds shown in the 2010 and 2011 budget instead of the estimated balances used for the original budget.

9. Clk. Esser has the 2010 annual report almost done and asked the board if they want to use the Quick Books Profit and Loss printout and show the bank reconciliation or use the old annual report format. The board will get copies of both styles of annual reports as soon as the report is finalized.
10. Attorney Kieffer would like to meet with the board to discuss the entire contract before meeting with the SEIU attorney to negotiate the union contract. Chr. Kitzmann will find out if this meeting could be held at the attorney's office if properly posted. Motion by Chr. Kitzmann that we use our primary date for a potential closed session meeting with attorney Kieffer on the [Feb.] 21st with the 28th as a backup date and then the [Feb] 22nd and March 1st as the primary and secondary dates for meeting with the attorney and the union in closed session. Second by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Sup. Nuttleman asked that the meetings be scheduled somewhere around the noon hour.
11. According to Chr. Kitzmann the following Town records are missing: a 1998 assessment work roll which is the red ink one the entire board looked for in the office and did not find it; the cemetery plat map that we got a copy of that took 2 -3 years to obtain and he recently became aware of a letter that back when Clk. Esser was a Sup. in 2003 Clk. Esser it appears sent a letter to the DOR with Steve's name on it too regarding Town assessment records and assessor Miller. Clk. Esser requested a copy of the letter. Chr. Kitzmann will email a PDF copy of the letter to the clerk. Supervisor Nuttleman noted he had no proof that the records were there when Clk. Esser took office. Motion by Sup. Hoth to dismiss item 11 until Paul [Chr. Kitzmann] has something he wants to place forward. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, Sup's. Nuttleman and Hoth ayes, Chr. Kitzmann opposed. Motion by Chr. Kitzmann that clearly Jane [Clk. Esser] is continuing to organize the records if she could check into that with the Historical Society and get back to us in March and that we give her, I'll give everyone a copy, of that letter and then also a copy of that cemetery map which she has looked for and the work roll if she can double or triple check to make sure the town doesn't have that in their possession. Sup. Nuttleman noted that all this can be done without a motion. No second. Motion failed. Motion by Chr. Kitzmann that items #12, #13, #14, #15 and #19(a) and #20 be postponed to a future meeting date. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
16. There is a primary election February 15th.
17. Chr. Kitzmann was contacted concerning snow blocking the snow mobile trail on Aasen Rd. when the road was plowed. La Crosse County dispatch contacted Sup. Nuttleman Saturday night because Pettinger Hill Rd. was impassable, Sup. Nuttleman then contacted the patrolmen. Chr. Kitzmann noted normally dispatch calls the patrolmen directly; he was not contacted and unaware of the incident until the patrolmen told him.
18. The estimated cost to replace the fuel tank on the pickup truck is \$270 if the straps don't need replacing and the ball joints on front end may need updating but this needs a closer look to estimate a repair cost. Motion by Sup. Hoth to postpone the old pickup truck until after we have a 2011 budget finalized. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
19. (b). Chr. Kitzmann upcoming unemployment appeal was discussed. The Board of Adjustments is looking for an alternate. Chr. Kitzmann set up a Google update for a Town calendar and he will email a user date and password. (c). The town hall well is in but the plumbing will have to wait for better weather next week. (d). There will be a status update on the court order from attorney Millis. (e). The Rockland Cemetery plat is done but still needs to be signed.
20. Chr. Kitzmann noted that the Hilltopper interest charge was removed for the late payment in December. The board discussed the bills. Motion by Sup. Hoth to approve the bills from Jan. 15th through February 28th the 2 EFT's plus checks #7271 - #7308. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
21. Supervisor Hoth will not be available for a meeting the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday in March; he is available the first or last week of March. Motion by Sup. Hoth to adjourn. Second by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 PM.

Jane Esser – Clerk
Approved: 4-20-2011