

Town of Burns
November 08, 2011
Town Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoth @ 7:30 PM. Roll call: Chairman (Chr.) Hoth, (Sup.) Supervisor Fitzgerald, Supervisor (Sup.) Nuttleman, Treasurer (Tr.) Paul and Clerk (Clk.) Esser present. Chr. Hoth noted the meeting was properly posted.
2. Tr. Paul presented the treasurer's report and account balances for October 31, 2011. Chr. Hoth noted for the record that the October 2011 treasurer's report was presented.
3. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman to approve the October 11, 2011 minutes as presented. Second by Chr. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman to approve the October 18, 2011 minutes as presented. Second by Sup. Fitzgerald. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
4. No Citizen input was presented.
5. Sup. Fitzgerald presented an email from MSA on the Johnson Coulee Bridge Project: Proposal for Bridge Design, Bid Manual Update and Construction Inspection Services; Johnson Coulee Road Culvert Replacement Project 930319 which gives the board background on the original project (from 2003) and an update on the estimated costs of design updates, project bidding, and construction inspections for \$7,436.75 which includes an outstanding balance from 2003 of \$2,636.75 due when the bid letting takes place.
6. The Rural Insurance Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Policy renewal due in December was discussed. Clk. Esser noted that the workers compensation policy renewal amount should change with the reduction of 1 patrolman. Motion by Chr. Hoth to have Clk. Esser work with Robin [Rural Insurance Agent] to add the tractors and end loader to our insurance and the workers compensation and have Robin come to our December town board meeting. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
7. Randy [patrolman] is asking if the board would consider increasing the amount the Town is now paying for his health insurance, Randy is now paying about 30% of his health insurance and he would like to be more in line with the 12% the state [employees] are paying right now. Motion by Sup. Fitzgerald to increase health insurance to \$550. Sup. Nuttleman noted he would like to wait and see how the budget shakes out. No Second. Motion failed. Motion by Sup. Fitzgerald to table item #7 until after we discuss the budget. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
8. There is a party that is considering purchasing property on Joseph Jones Rd. around the top of the hill and wants to know if the town will allow driveway access. The board reviewed the town driveway ordinance and agreed if a driveway is installed it will have to meet the ordinance specifications.
9. The board wants to eliminate trash going in the 30 yd. dumpster that should be going in the compactor or recycle bins. Motion by Sup. Fitzgerald to get signs made for the dump to read "unload your own garbage" and a sign for the 30 yd. [construction] bin which says "ask the attendant before dumping". Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Sup. Fitzgerald to use the 30 yd. dumpster once a month at the beginning of the month starting the first Saturday in the month of December. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Clk. Esser will see if the change in the 30 yd dumpster schedule can be made in the new recycling flier.
10. Motion by Chr. Hoth to have our budget hearing on November 30, 2011 instead of November 29, 2011 at 8:00 PM. Second by Sup. Fitzgerald. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The board reviewed the agenda items for the November 30, 2011 special town meeting. Motion by Chr. Hoth to put a notice in the Coulee News for the budget hearing on November 30, 2011. Second by Sup. Fitzgerald. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The budget was reviewed and updated. Motion by Chr. Hoth to approve Resolution #11-08-2011 #1 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has adopted levy limits on town, village, city and county levies for 2011 and thereafter under s. 66.0602 of Wis. Statutes; Whereas, s. 66.0602 of Wis. Statutes limits the local levy for 2011 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) 0% of the allowable 2011 town tax levy based on the state's levy limit law or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction; which for the Town of Burns is 0.0961 percent; Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County believes that for the 2011 tax levy (collected in 2012) it is in the town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.0961. Whereas, the Town of Burns allowable levy for 2011 is \$174,999; And further whereas the state law would limit the increase to \$1682 for a total allowable town tax levy of \$176,681 for 2011, collected in 2012. Now Therefore the Town Board of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County does hereby resolve and order as follows: 1. The town board supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2011 (to be collected in 2012) that may exceed the state levy limit. 2. The town board directs that the question of increasing the town tax levy for 2011 (to be collected in 2012) by 2.83 percent, which would increase the town levy by a maximum of \$5000, for a total town tax levy of \$181,681 shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on November 30, 2011. Adopted this 8th day of November, 2011. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, Chr. Hoth and Nuttleman aye, Sup. Fitzgerald no, motion carried. Sup. Fitzgerald noted he did not think the \$5000 for the cemetery should be in there [the budget].
11. a.) The end loader is fixed. Both town trucks are ready to go for winter. b.) Mail was reviewed. c.) The next town board meeting will be December 13, 2011.
12. Motion by Chr. Hoth to approve the bills from October 28, 2011 to November 28, 2011 checks #7607 – #7630 and the 2 EFT's to First National Bank. Second by Sup. Nuttleman. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
13. Motion by Sup. Nuttleman to adjourn. Second by Sup. Fitzgerald. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 09:50 PM.

Jane Esser – Clerk
Approved: December 13, 2011