

Town of Burns
October 5, 2016
Special Town Board and Plan Commission Joint Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoth @ 7:00 pm. Roll call: Chairman (Chr.) Hoth, Supervisor (Sup.) Caulum, Clerk (Clk.) Esser, Elizabeth Schlintz, Judy Sommers, Bill Larson and Plan Commission Chairman (PCC.) Gary Schomburg present. The meeting was properly posted.
2. No Citizen concerns were presented.
3. The Town of Burns plan commission and town board met to discuss the Nicolai Family Trust Petition for Direct Annexation of Town of Burns tax parcels 3-671-0, 15.7 acres; 3-672-0, 68.04 acres and 3-653-0, 39.87 acres to the Village of Bangor for the purpose of completing the Wisconsin Department of Administration Annexation Review Questionnaire. PCC. Schomburg noted: the parcels to be annexed are primarily classified as environmental in the Town of Burns land use map; the area is in the La Crosse River bottoms area and contain very little agricultural acreage or area that is buildable; the land use plan also suggests development should occur adjacent to existing development, namely the Village of Rockland and the Village of Bangor; the town real estate tax revenue from these parcels is \$22.83/year. The Annexation Review Questionnaire was completed by the members present.
4. PCC. Schomburg met informally with Village of Bangor Director of Public Works Steve Baker and reviewed the Well Head Protection Map for the village. Steve Baker noted that the Village Administrator would like a written agreement stating that the Town of Burns will notify the Village of Bangor of any livestock facility or manufacturing development in the town area adjacent to the village. The plan commission and town board suggested the village should propose an agreement for the town board to review. PCC. Schomburg will talk to the Village Administrator to get their proposed wording for the agreement and request a copy of the well head protection map for the town's reference.
5. Chr. Hoth is attending a meeting with FEMA at the La Crosse County highway shop Wednesday morning. Clk. Esser noted that road crew Steve Holzhausen has had time to get around and inspect the damage to all roads. Most of the damage is road shoulder erosion, there are also under washed culverts. The current estimate for the flood damage is about \$17,000, the FEMA cutoff for aid with damage is about \$3,250/road. The only road with over \$3,250 in damage was McRae Road where the entire surface was washed away. There are many culverts plugged with debris that will have to be cleaned out over time. Any flood damage payment would probably not be paid until sometime in 2017. The only private damage reported to the town was the Randy Schmidt farm culvert wash out and severe erosion.
6. Clk. Esser asked if the town board wanted the annual closed session evaluation with the road crew employee on the next agenda, Chr. Hoth noted that it should be on the agenda.
7. Motion by Sup. Caulum to adjourn. Second made by Chr. Hoth. Voice vote, Chr. Hoth and Sup. Caulum ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Jane Esser – Clerk

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