

Town of Burns
March 12, 2019
Town Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nuttleman @ 7:30 pm. Roll call: Chairman (Chr.) Nuttleman Supervisor (Sup.) Caulum, Supervisor (Sup.) Sneller, Treasurer (Tr.) Schlintz and Clerk (Clk.) Esser present. Chr. Nuttleman noted the meeting was properly posted.
2. Tr. Schlintz presented the Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2019; available account balances total \$315,091.24 and Rockland Cemetery account balance is \$17,820.46. Chr. Nuttleman noted for the record that the February 2019 Treasurer's Report was received.
3. Motion by Chr. Nuttleman to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes as presented. Second made by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Chr. Nuttleman to approve the bills from February 13, 2019 - March 12, 2019, checks #10491 – #10517. Second made by Sup. Sneller. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
5. Verdel Dawson noted that when his house was built 10 years ago it was assessed at ~\$266,600, the 2018 appraisal was \$433,800 a 63% increase and he has made no improvements; he attended open book and the assessor was not very helpful but sent him a copy of a comparable property on Hwy DE that was assessed for \$276,600; he was not able to attend open book but wondered if there was a way to appeal the assessment. Chr. Nuttleman noted that he should start by talking to the assessor again and work with the assessor next year. Clk. Esser noted he may not be able to file an appeal if he did not attend open book and provided copied on the WIDOR Guide to Property Assessment and Guide to Property Assessment Appeal. Linda Saley noted the Burns Cemetery mowing contract was awarded to David Frisk from Sparta for \$350/mowing.
6. Motion by Chr. Nuttleman to approve Resolution No. 03-12-2019 #1 Whereas Todd Swenson, 20039 Javelin Rd., Sparta WI 54656 applies for a conditional use permit for two (2) single non- farm residences on a 80.138-acre base tract consisting of tax parcels 3-590-0 and 3-591-0 on land zoned Farmland Preservation District in the Town of Burns, to be comprised of a two lots with one nonfarm residence on each lot, Lot 1 to be 1.285 acres and Lot 2 to be 2.307 acres but not to exceed a total combined nonfarm residential acreage of 3.816 acres; Nonfarm Residence Lot 1 and Lot 2 to be Located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 29, T17, R5 Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin. More fully described as Tax Parcel 3-591-0; Property address W2056 Joseph Jones Road. And Whereas the Town of Burns Plan Commission and Town board have found that this CUP meets the standards required in Chapter 17 Town of Burns Zoning Ordinance in general and more expressly in Section 17.02(6), Section 17.20(6) and (7), and Section 17.35(6) as described in Attachment A; And Whereas the Town of Burns Planning Commission and Town Board recommend approval of this CUP with the following conditions: 1. Applicant will submit a Certified Survey Map (CSM) consistent with their proposed plot plan map of each parcel on which a non-farm residence (NFR) will be located which shall comply with all of the Town of Burns Zoning Ordinance (TBZO) building setback requirements. 2. Applicant will record a Right To Farm Nuisance Notice, as provided for and worded in the TBZO, which shall reference or be included on the appropriate CSM or deed. 3. Applicants driveway shall comply with the Town of Burns driveway ordinance as approved by the town board and provide access to the 2 lots directly or by a town board approved easement. 4. Applicant shall obtain a Town of Burns Zoning Occupancy Permit and Building Permit before starting any construction and comply with all other applicable Town of Burns or La Crosse County Ordinances. 5. No more than 4 non-farm residences will be allowed on this base tract and no more than 5 residences of any kind in this base tract as referenced in Chapter 17 Town of Burns Zoning Ordinance Section 17.21(6)(C)(2)(a). 6. The maximum density allowed for nonfarm residential use in this Base Tract may not exceed 3.816 acres. The proposed lots 1 and 2 achieve the maximum density for this base tract as allowed by the Town of Burns Zoning Ordinance and WI statute, no further residential uses or nonfarm residential conditional use permits shall be allowed. 7. The proposed 1.282 acres comprising lot 1- and 2.307-acres comprising lot 2 combined non-farm residential acreage parcels allowed under this Conditional Use Permit does not exceed or put the ratio of non-farm residential acreage to farm acreage at 1:20, the maximum allowed. 8. This Conditional Use Permit is approved but shall not become effective until all the conditions listed herein are met, as determined by the Town of Burns Zoning Administrator. 10. The applicant may request an extension of time to meet all of the conditions required herein, at no additional cost, via a written request to and by appearance before the Town Board. 9. If the applicant has not complied with the above conditions after 12 months from this date of approval, or within the time allowed by any extension thereof, the Conditional Use Permit shall never become effective and is null and void. And Whereas no adjoining land owners objected to this CUP at the public hearing held on March 12, 2019. Thereby be it resolved that the Town of Burns Town Board does here by approve CUP #20190116001 with the above terms and conditions. Dated this 12th day of March, 2019. Second by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
7. Judy Sommers and Steve Beezley Friends of Burns members presented floor samples and town hall flooring estimates from Leon Country Floors and More for removal of old flooring and installation of new flooring. The estimates were bid by area; main room/hall, office and bathrooms at two qualities of flooring. Motion by Sup. Sneller to accept all 3 estimates, numbers 6030 [bathrooms@\$1,587.89], 6029 [office@\$3,193.99] and 6028 [main room/hall @ \$8,047.49] for a total of \$12,829.37. Second by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
8. Randy Holthaus noted that he is going to do all the farms he is operating as 1 livestock facility. La Crosse County Land Conservation Department has some cost sharing ideas for necessary improvements that might help. Zoning Administrator Bill Larson noted he would like the animal units at each facility. Randy noted he has had an engineer look at the farm. Randy and Bill will review the application to see what is needed to move forward. Bill would like a letter from the engineer working on the livestock facility plan stating the progress of the plan. Jeff Saxton will be applying for a nonfarm residence CUP. Bill Larson will submit his wage report for 2019 to date and work backward from there.
9. The road bids will be opened at the April 9th meeting so there will be no change in the meeting schedules.
10. Chr. Nuttleman had a call from Jodi Anderson inquiring about the treasurer position. The board would like to see a resume if available and set up an interview at the March 26th special town board meeting. Sup. Sneller will find an application form to use. Clk. Esser will contact the WTA to see if an appointed clerk appoints a deputy clerk or if the town board appoints the deputy.
11. Chr. Nuttleman noted it was a rough month with the plow trucks breaking down due to the weather. There was a complaint about the winter condition of Raffelson Road which was discussed with the road crew.
12. No board member concerns or future agenda items were noted.
13. Motion by Sup. Caulum to adjourn. Second made by Sup. Sneller. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.