

Town of Burns
March 26, 2019
Public Hearing

1. The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Nuttleman @ 7:30 pm. The following Town Board officers were present: Chairman (Chr.) Nuttleman, Supervisor (Sup.) Caulum, Supervisor (Sup.) Sneller, Treasurer (Tr.) Schlintz and Clerk (Clk.) Esser. The following members of the Plan Commission were present: Bill Larson, Judy Sommers, Rob Everson, Todd Caulum and Elizabeth Schlintz
2. Chr. Nuttleman noted those in favor will be heard from first, those opposed will be heard from next followed by a general discussion on: **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20190130001** Chris Henshue agent for Bug Tussel Wireless, Inc., acting on behalf of David Elliot, Kris Olson, Kathy Elliot and Darrin Elliot, W885 Jewett Rd., Bangor WI. 54614 applies for a conditional use permit to construct a 300 foot tall guy wire tower containing a fenced gravel compound area contained in a 100'x100' leased area to be located on part of tax parcel 3-460-0, that will support local broadband internet services, expand the FIRSTNET first responders network and support AT&T's commercial mobile phone network in the area; located on a 192.6 acre base tract consisting of tax parcels 3-275-0, 3-430-0, 3-459-0, 3-460-0, 3-461-0 on land zoned Farmland Preservation District in the Town of Burns; Property is part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twenty Three (23), Township Seventeen (17) North, Range Five (5) West, Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin. **Chr. Nuttleman** called for those in favor to speak: **Chris Henshue** gave a summary of the services for both Bug Tussel towers will provide: Services will usually come online within 12 months of the tower being built, the towers service is line of sight, we have competitive rates, they would like about 80 customers/tower if more capacity is needed they can add it, the second equipment that goes on is AT&T commercial phone equipment which should give AT&T a 30% better network than Us Cellular or Verizon, the FRISTNET equipment is not on every tower but the service goes to every tower. For the Elliott tower they will use an existing driveway - the tower is quite a way off the road surrounded by hills and trees and so is the Highway 162 site. It takes about 45 days to build a tower and they will probably start in late summer. **Chr. Nuttleman** called for anyone else to speak in favor. **Barbara Hanson** asked if she would get internet at the top of the hill on county Rd. T **Chris Henshue** noted the tower was higher than any surrounding hill. **Barbara Hanson** asked if tower would attract lightening. **Chris Henshue** noted there is a 4-5 foot lightening rod on the tower and he did not think it would attract lightening any more than anything else. **Chr. Nuttleman** called for those opposed to speak: No one spoke in opposition. **Chr. Nuttleman** noted that they would move onto item three.
3. Chr. Nuttleman noted those in favor will be heard from first, those opposed will be heard from next followed by a general discussion on: **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20190130002** Chris Henshue agent for Bug Tussel Wireless, Inc., acting on behalf of Donald and Theresa Barney, W646 County Road T, Mindoro Wisconsin 54644, applies for a conditional use permit to construct a 300 foot tall guy wire tower containing a 40'x40' fenced gravel compound area contained in a 100'x100' leased area to be located on part of tax parcel 3-899-0, that will support local broadband internet services, expand the FIRSTNET first responders network and support AT&T's commercial mobile phone network in the area; located on a 226 acre base tract consisting of tax parcels 3-899-0, 3-900-0, 3-907-0, 3-911-0, 3-912-0, 3-913-0 on land zoned Farmland Preservation District in the Town of Burns; Property is part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twenty Three (23), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Five (5) West, Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin. **Chr. Nuttleman** called for those in favor to speak: **Theresa and Donald Barney** noted they were in favor of the tower. **Chr. Nuttleman** called for anyone else to speak in favor. **Chris Henshue** noted that of the 16 conditions in the permit there are only 3 that have not been met yet: county highway

address fire number, driveway permits if required, erosion control permits and an information report.

Chr. Nuttleman called for those opposed to speak:
No one spoke in opposition.

Chr. Nuttleman called for any other input:

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2. Adjourn
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No one spoke in favor.

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Connie Liebelt asked if they let the house be zoned on the 1.5 acres can they put another house on this farm. Zoning Administrator (**ZA**) **Bill Larson** noted that there could be another house but ideally it is not going to take up any prime agricultural land unless there is no reasonable alternative. **Connie Liebelt** asked if the new owners could tear down the old house and put up a new one. **ZA Bill Larson** noted they could with a building permit.

Lee Swenson asked how many acres do you need to build a house? **ZA Bill Larson** noted that under the previous zoning you needed 35 acres to build, now the base tract is divided by 21 and that will tell you how much you can develop. Forty acres divided by 21 is 1.9 and the minimum lot size is 1 acre so you could only get 1 nonfarm residence.

Chr. Nuttleman noted that the public hearing will adjourn and the plan commission will meet next.

Motion by Chr. Nuttleman to adjourn the public hearing. Second made by Sup. Caulum. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The public hearing adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Jane Esser – Clerk
Approved: 4-9-2019