

Town of Burns
January 28, 2021
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nuttleman at 2:00 pm. Roll call: Chairman (Chr.) Nuttleman, Supervisor (Sup.) Caulum, Supervisor (Sup.) Hoth, and Clerk (Clk.) Hart-Pollock present. Treasurer (Tr.) Anderson absent. Chairman (Chr.) Nuttleman noted the meeting was properly posted.
2. There were no citizen concerns.
3. The Special Town Board Meeting was scheduled to discuss the email received on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 10:30 am from Ron Chamberlain, Highway Commissioner for La Crosse County Highway Department. Mr. Chamberlain requested input from townships that have proposed ATV routes on County Highways (CTH) within their town borders. Requested input was needed by February 8, 2021 for the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to be considered for changes to the ordinance.

The email provided a map with new route proposals for access in Town of Burns. The Tri-County ATV Club requests all of: 1) CTH DE, 2) CTH E, and 3) CTH EE. The Rockland Group requests: CTH J from Village of Rockland to State Highway 16.

Chr. Nuttleman addressed the 20 attendees from Town of Burns, Town of Bangor, Town of Farmington, Village of Rockland, and Village of Bangor the reason for the meeting. Chr. Nuttleman stated that the time of day for the meeting is due to accommodating work schedules.

Ray Greene from Tri-County ATV Club shared the reason for the request as there are residents of Burns that would like to travel to their established trails in Town of Farmington and Holland. Mr. Green said that their club raise funds to purchase signs and wooden posts. His club installs the signs and they must be 5' from the ground. His club also police their trails.

Ole Mathison from the Rockland Group shared the reason for the request. The group is looking at options of traveling from Village of Rockland to Town of Burns by crossing State Highway 16 to then connect to Big Creek Road. At a previous meeting he requested to open up Big Creek, Jewett, and Culplitt Road.

There was much discussion between the board and attendees on who pays and maintains signage, speed limits, time limits, policing the routes, safety, crossing roads, Rockland Group establishing a club with officers, and developing and ordinance.

Chr. Nuttleman will contact Mr. Chamberlain that Town of Burns is ok with the request from Tri-County ATV Club. At this time the board has safety concerns for the Rockland Group due to crossing at the intersections of CTH J, State Highway 16, and Big Creek Road.

4. There were no board member concerns. Future agenda item is for further discussion of the ATV/UTV permitted on township roads.
5. Motion by Sup. Caulum to adjourn. Second made by Sup. Hoth. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Mel Hart-Pollock, Clerk
Approved: 2-10-2021