

## **Blooming Grove Board Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Deborah Sellers, Lori Karst, Dustin Boyd, Alex Kiefer, Brandon Harms and Zach McLaughlin.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf stated it had been.

**2a. Review of Phase I Annexations:** Mike Wolf explained that the City of Madison has the opportunity to annex up to 50 parcels of land in the northeast portion of the Town. This is per the Boundary Agreement signed back in 2005. The City has until August to make that determination, and any parcels they choose to annex will be formally annexed to the City effective December 28, 2015. The Town will stand to lose about \$6000 in state aid beginning next year as a result of the loss of population and road miles.

A provision in the Boundary Agreement calls for a decision from Blooming Grove as to whether or not to notify the City of their option (as described above). If the Town notifies the City and the City does not take action, the agreement states that the City loses their option to annex. If the Town doesn't notify the City and the City takes no action, then the City can choose to annex in future years. Chair Johnson made a motion to have the Town Administrator notify the City of their option to annex these properties. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1 with Supervisor Berg voting against.

**2b. Town Ordinance 4.09 dealing with Implements of Husbandry on Town Roads:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve Town Ordinance 4.09 as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Updated EMS Intergovernmental Agreement:** Chief Linzmeier explained that this updated agreement included some wordsmithing, but also a decision on what kind of EMS responses the Town would like to include in emergency responses inside its boundaries. Supervisor Berg made a motion to agree to have the closest municipal ALS single or double medic agency dispatched. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the updated Intergovernmental EMS Agreement as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2d. Part-time Fire Employees Exceeding 1200 Hours in a 12-month period:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve exceeding the 1200-hour threshold for part-time fire employees at the discretion of the Fire Chief and Town Administrator. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and approved on a 5-0 vote.

**2e. Overhead Lighting in the Public Works bay:** Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske explained that the old lights in the bay were beginning to burn out. They are 20+ year old lights, and instead of replacing them he looked into getting more energy-efficient bulbs. The Town can purchase the new bulbs for all fixtures at a net cost of \$1610. These lights will use less



electricity, and should pay for themselves in 2 to 3 years. Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of the new energy-efficient lights. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2014 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**3b. Approval of Minutes from December 31, 2014 Town Board meeting:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the December 31, 2014 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0, with Supervisors Bristol and Young abstaining.

**3c. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**3d. Approval of Property Tax Refunds:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the property tax refunds as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town look at clearing fire hydrants of snow in her neighborhood. She also asked the Town to consider putting its camera in Thurber Park in the spring to catch people who park their cars in the park.

**2f. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) in order to discuss contractual issues. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:52pm. Supervisor Linzmeier recused herself and was absent the remainder of the meeting.

**2g. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0 at 8:23pm.

**2h. Survey for Feedback on Fire and EMS Service:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to have the Town Administrator mail a survey out to Town residents and taxpayers, for their feedback regarding options for Fire and EMS service. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 8:25pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Board Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Supervisor Bristol was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Office Hours from March 16-20:** Supervisor Young made a motion to allow Mike Wolf to go on vacation the week of March 16-20, and for him to find qualified staffing for the Town Office such that it remains open from 8:00am to noon every day that week. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the January 13, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the January 13, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3c. Approval of Property Tax Refunds:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve property tax refunds as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town use the money it has saved with the mild winter, and purchase another park bench for Thurber Park.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:33pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier and Deborah Sellers. Fire Department members Don Lythjohan, Jeff Dostalek and Dustin Boyd were present for item 2d until the end of the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Operator's Licenses:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2014-15 Operator's Licenses for Kristin L. Sargent and Marena C. Wheatley. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the January 27, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the January 27, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Bristol abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3c. Approval of Property Tax Refunds:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve property tax refunds as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town clear the snow around fire hydrants in her neighborhood.

**2b. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) and State Statute 19.85(1)(c). Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:45pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier participated in the discussion pertaining to employment compensation for a public employee, and left the meeting after that. She was not present during the discussion regarding fire protection and EMS services.

**2c. Open Session:** After the firefighters (names listed above) arrived, Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0 at 7:47pm.

**2d. Negotiations for Fire & EMS services:** Supervisor Berg noted that the Town had received feedback regarding this issue in several ways. First and foremost was from the survey that was mailed out. The Town received 39% of the postcards that were mailed, which is a very good response compared to similar surveys. The responses to date indicates that 79% of the people want the Town Board to look into the possibility of using City Fire. 21% of the respondents do not want the Board to pursue that option.

Supervisor Berg went on to say the Town Administrator had pulled together the comments that people had made on the postcards, and provided all of those comments to the Board for





consideration. Furthermore the Board had received three letters: one from Catherine & Dale Puisto, one from Blooming Grove Fire Department interns, and one that was sent anonymously directly to the Board.

With this feedback in mind, Supervisor Berg made a motion to have Chief Linzmeier and the Town Administrator reinstate negotiations with the City or other surrounding municipalities to explore the possibility of providing fire and EMS services to Blooming Grove. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Chair Johnson reopened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Supervisor Bristol, on behalf of the Town Board, acknowledged the hard work and continued efforts of the Blooming Grove Fire Department, including the full-time and part-time employees, the interns, and the volunteers. He said the Town Board understands this is a difficult time for the department, given the uncertainty that exists. The Board very much appreciates the work of all members of the Fire Department.

Supervisor Berg also acknowledged the hard work put forth, and the quality services provided, by the Blooming Grove Fire Department. He went on to say the Board is compelled to explore all options given the financial considerations, both now and in the future.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 8:00pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Board Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Condition of Property at 400 Powers Avenue:** Mike Wolf explained that this property has been a nuisance dating back to last year. The Town twice cited this property for being a nuisance in 2014, but the nuisance persists. After some discussion Supervisor Young made a motion to have Mike Wolf send a letter to the property owner, giving them the required 30-day notice – and stating that, per Town Ordinance 6.01, if the nuisance is not mitigated by April 1, 2015 a citation will be issued in the amount of \$250.00; and furthermore if the nuisance is not mitigated by April 15, 2015 another citation will be issued in the amount of \$250.00; and furthermore if the nuisance is still not mitigated by May 1, 2015 a citation will be issued in the amount of \$500.00; and furthermore a citation will be issued every week after May 1, 2015 in the amount of \$500.00 until the nuisance is mitigated. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2b. Temporary Class B Liquor License at Harley-Davidson:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the temporary Class B Liquor License for Badger Harley-Davidson at 6200 Millpond Road for an open house event on April 18, 2015. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Town Office Coverage:** Mike Wolf suggested to the Board that as long as he is working alone in the office, a procedure should be in place in the event he has to be out of the office. The Board agreed that when Mike needs to be gone, he will first contact Jay Punwar to see if he can fill in for him. If Jay can, that's what will happen. If Jay cannot, the Town Office will be closed -- and Mike will notify the Town Board. When the town office is closed, a sign will be placed on the front door, and the town's website will be updated accordingly.

**2d. Buckeye Quarry:** Mike Wolf reported that Dane County Zoning has halted operations at Buckeye Quarry, and are disputing that the quarry has the proper Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the operations there. Part of Dane County's assertion that the CUP is invalid is that Blooming Grove has failed to annually inspect the quarry. None of the Town Board members present said they had any knowledge or recollection of such a requirement. After some discussion, Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve a letter from Chair Johnson to Dane County Zoning, and to cc the quarry on the letter. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the February 10, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the February 10, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.



**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers stated the houses from which some of the complaints about the quarry are originating, were built long after the quarry was established and operating.

**2e. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e). Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:58pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier immediately left the meeting and did not return.

**2f. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0 at 8:00pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 8:00pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Board Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Mead & Hunt Engineer Anne Anderson, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Stormwater Project along Thurber Avenue:** Anne Anderson of Mead & Hunt put forth the proposal for work they would perform for this project. She estimated the bid for the infrastructure itself would likely come in around \$125,000. Supervisor Berg asked if it was possible to do this project without an engineer. Supervisor Bristol recommended that, while it would save money on the front end, not using an engineer would put the Town at risk for more costs down the road because it would be difficult to hold a contractor accountable.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the Mead & Hunt proposal as presented at a cost of \$31,400, with an amendment to the contract which would read "to include time and materials not to exceed" the stated cost. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Chair Johnson made a motion to pay the \$31,400 out of the Town's road outlay fund, and to subsequently borrow the money for the cost of construction. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2b. Revocation of Temporary Class B Liquor License at Harley-Davidson:** Mike Wolf explained that a representative from Harley called, and they had written the wrong date on their application. The event won't be held April 18; it will be held April 25.

Supervisor Young made a motion to revoke the temporary Class B Liquor License for Badger Harley-Davidson at 6200 Millpond Road for an open house event on April 18, 2015. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Temporary Class B Liquor License at Harley-Davidson:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the temporary Class B Liquor License for Badger Harley-Davidson at 6200 Millpond Road for an open house event on April 25, 2015. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2d. Assessments done by Counties:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2015-01 which opposes the state's proposal to force all property assessments to be done by the counties. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2e. Purchase of New Swingsets:** Cory Buske provided a picture, and cost, of the swingsets that the Parks Commission unanimously recommended the Town purchase for the three parks in the Town. Supervisor Berg said he had a concern that there was only one swing for young children, and wanted to see if we could instead purchase a swingset with two of those swings (in addition to the two swings for bigger kids). The Board asked Cory to do further research on this option. Chair Johnson made a motion to defer this item. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.





**2f. Plan Commission and Parks Commissions Membership and/or Merging:** Discussion ensued about the membership of both commissions, and if and how they could be merged. There was general agreement that the Town should move towards filling all 7 seats on the Plan Commission with individuals who are in town all year long, and who live or own property in the town. Mike Wolf was instructed to reach out to Joel Hasse, Ken Norton and Carol Loomis for discussion on this topic. No formal action was taken.

**2g. Block Parties:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to not allow block parties in the Town of Blooming Grove. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-1, with Supervisor Young voting against.

**2h. Changing Date of the next Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to move the date of the next Town Board meeting from Tuesday, March 24 to Thursday, March 26. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the February 24, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers stated she favored keeping the Parks Commission intact because having more people involved in Town government is a good thing. She went on to say that the Town should consider having a volunteer committee of citizens who could contemplate how the Town of Blooming Grove could best be remembered long-term.

Supervisor Young thanked Cory Buske for the work he did to get the new lights in the Public Works bays installed, and for getting the paperwork done to secure the rebate on the cost of those lights.

**2i. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e). Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:35pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier left the meeting and did not return.

**2j. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 4-0 at 8:14pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 8:15pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



**TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE**  
**Resolution No. 2015-01**  
**Resolution Opposing the State's Mandate to have Property**  
**Assessments Conducted by Counties**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) proposes to change from municipal assessment to county assessment that requires 100% assessment of every property every year; and,

**WHEREAS**, this proposal will cause a waste of taxpayer dollars through cost increases; and,

**WHEREAS**, citizens will only be able to access a few Board of Review proceedings throughout an entire county, which significantly decreases the advantage of local knowledge in the assessment process; and,

**WHEREAS**, towns, cities, and villages are no longer in control of their own costs because the county will just send them a bill; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposal is an unprecedented intrusion into local government by requiring the state to suggest a salary range for their assessment director and work with the county to set a county budget and number of employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DOR has cited assessor problems as part of their rationale, but has never revoked an assessor's license despite having the authority to do so; and,

**WHEREAS**, over the last five years the DOR has already required additional work and detailed information from assessors to improve the process; and,

**WHEREAS**, this proposals kills private sector jobs and grows public sector jobs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DOR cites that Wisconsin is one of few states that has municipal assessment, but forgets to note the strong leadership of Wisconsin citizens, our state's dedication to local input, and the simple lack of town government in many other states;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Blooming Grove, Dane County, does hereby oppose the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin and asks for the proposal to be removed from the state budget; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Towns are and have always been willing to work with the State of Wisconsin, fellow local government groups, and other stakeholders to continually improve the assessment process.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 by the Town Board of Blooming Grove, Dane County by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Attested by:

  
Dwight Johnson, Town Chair

  
Michael J. Wolf, Town Clerk



## **Blooming Grove Board Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Mead & Hunt Engineer Anne Anderson, Town Attorney Chris Hughes, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Stormwater Permit:** Anne Anderson of Mead & Hunt reviewed the 2013-14 Biennial Stormwater Report, and indicated there were no major changes from the previous report. She noted that the Town participates in the adaptive management program, along with almost every other municipality in the watershed.

Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2013-14 Biennial Stormwater Report as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2b. Access to Farm Land on Siggelkow Road:** A picture of the existing egress from this undeveloped land to the road was provided by Cory Buske. After some discussion, Chair Johnson asked Cory Buske to find out how much it would cost to widen the curb cut that currently exists along the road.

Chair Johnson made a motion to defer this item until late April. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Strategy for Town Parks Commission and Town Plan Commission:** Supervisor Bristol noted that Plan Commissioners Carol Loomis and Joel Hasse have resigned, leaving openings for Parks Commission members to consider joining the Plan Commission. He said he thought it would be good to have both Ken Norton and Dave Young remain on the Commission through at least this calendar year.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to disband the Town Parks Commission as of 12/31/15, and to move any and all responsibilities of the Parks Commission to the Plan Commission effective 1/1/16. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The reappointment of Michael LaForest and Dave Young to the Plan Commission will be on the next Town Board meeting agenda. Mike Wolf will notify Parks Commission members of the two openings on the Plan Commission.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Berg noted that Anne Anderson's name was missing from those listed as being in attendance. Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the March 10, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as amended. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.



**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town place its camera on the pole in Thurber Park so as to catch those who may vandalize the park, or who park cars illegally on the grass.

**2d. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e). Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 5:50pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier left the meeting and did not return.

**2e. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 4-0 at 6:30pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:30m.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Parks Commission Chair Dean Larson, Tim Geoghegan, Renne Burcalar, Mark Gauf, Ken Mulryan, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. CUP for Yahara Materials Quarry on Buckeye Road:** Supervisor Bristol reported that this issue came before the Town Plan Commission earlier this evening. The Plan Commission listened to concerns expressed by City of Madison residents about the quarry, and also heard from Tim Geoghegan who represented the quarry. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended to the Town Board the approval of two modifications to the existing CUP 1059, as presented.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the following two modifications to CUP 1059 as stated:

- When night work is being conducted, the lighting for the concrete batch plant is to be directed down into the quarry away from residential areas and public right-of-ways, and
- the operator shall designate haul routes designed to reduce impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, and the operator will notify the Town of Blooming Grove and the City of Madison of the designated traffic routes in January of each year.

Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2b. First Quarter Treasurer's Report:** Mike Wolf provided the Board with a summary of the financial condition of the Town through March 31. The Town was within 1% of both expected revenues and expected expenditures as of that date. There were no questions, and no action taken.

**2c. Plan Commission Appointments:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to reappoint David Young and Michael LaForest to the Town Plan Commission, both to three-years terms beginning May 1, 2015. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Young abstaining.

**2d. Stormwater Infrastructure along Thurber Avenue:** It was noted that Mead & Hunt provided three alternatives for modifying this project in such a way as to make the end result more effective. Chair Johnson made a motion to accept the third option, as presented, at an additional estimated cost of \$10,000-\$22,000. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the March 26, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the March 26, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.



**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the fall newsletter include information about the Drumlin Park.

**2d. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e). Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:40pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier left the meeting and did not return.

**2e. Open Session:** Supervisor Young made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Chair Johnson and passed 4-0 at 7:25pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 7:25m.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





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TOWN ANNUAL MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME:

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**Town of Blooming Grove  
Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
6:30 PM -- April 21, 2015**

Chair Dwight Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dwight introduced Town Board Supervisors Dave Young, Kathie Linzmeier and Arnie Berg. He also introduced Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Town Parks Commission Chair Dean Larson, and Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier. Parks Commissioner Liz Johnson, and Plan Commissioners Jim Frater and Michael LaForest were acknowledged. Chief Linzmeier introduced fire fighters Mike Hartman, Jay Salvo, Scott Strassburg, Don Lythjohan, David Danks, Kyle Fredrickson, Dustin Boyd, Mike Jacob, Rudi Betancourt, Alex Kiefer, Laura Perina and Brandon Harms. Also in attendance were Kayla Schmidt from Johnson Block, Dane County Sheriff Mike Butler, and Kathy Buchicchio, Tom Streber, Rocky Redepenning, and Joan Salvo.

**Auditor's Report**

Auditor Kayla Schmidt of Johnson Block presented the 2014 Financial Report to the Board. She said that they were able to provide an unmodified opinion. She reported that the Town's reserves were at about 14% of the operational budget, which is just a bit lower than where they like it to be. Due primarily to capital expenditures coming out of the Town's outlay funds, the town's reserves decreased by about \$185,000 last year.

**Dane County Sheriff Report**

Dane County Deputy Sheriff Mike Butler provided information about police calls in the Town of Blooming Grove. He said there were 1451 responses in 2014, and that there was nothing out of the ordinary compared to other towns in Dane County.

**Report on Phase I Annexations**

Mike Wolf stated the City of Madison intends on annexing all 60 parcels that are in the Phase I Annexation territory. Those annexations will be effective December 28, 2015. He went on to say that a loss of state aid (due to a loss of population and road miles) will amount to between \$5000 and \$6000 starting in 2016. Other than that relatively minor financial loss to the Town, most residents and the Town itself should not be negatively impacted by these annexations.

**Plan Commission Report**

Plan Commissioner Dave Young reported that the two major issues dealt with in the past year were the blanket rezones, and the quarry on Buckeye Road. The blanket rezones were accomplished with the cooperation of Dane County zoning, and achieved the goal of getting zoning in line with how people are currently using their property. As far as the quarry is concerned, the Commission has been working to allow the quarry to continue operating while addressing concerns some City of Madison residents have about the operations there. It was noted that the quarry will be annexed into the City as part of the Phase I Annexation.

Dave went on to say that long-time commissioners Carol Loomis and Joel Hasse have resigned, and he thanked them for their many years of service to the Town.





### **Parks Commission Report**

Parks Commission Chair Dean Larson said the Town bought and installed new playground equipment last year, and may be looking to purchase new swingsets this year.

### **Fire Department Report**

Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier said there are 45 members currently on the Blooming Grove Fire Department. He said there were 206 calls that fire trucks responded to in 2014, 140 of which were EMS. The ambulance responded to 600 billable calls last year, with about 150 in Blooming Grove, 300 in Burke and 150 to other areas of our community (Monona, City of Madison, etc.).

Chief recognized Alison Horst and Cory Johnson for being with BGFD for 10 years. He then presented a 25-year plaque to Assistant Chief Jay Salvo.

Lt. Dustin Boyd reported on behalf of the Blooming Grove Fire Association. He said they perform fundraisers, including a gun raffle, that generates money they use to purchase items of the fire department.

### **Public Works Report**

Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske stated this past winter was lighter on snow and ice events than the previous one, so the salt budget still has ½ remaining – which sets us up nicely for December of this year. He said the big project this year for Public Works will be the replacement of stormwater infrastructure underneath Thurber Avenue.

### **Action Item: 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Young to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of April 15, 2014 as presented. Liz Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 8-0.

### **Location, Time, Date of Next Year's Annual Meeting**

A motion was made by Chair Johnson to hold next year's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall. Kathie Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 8-0.

### **Citizen Comments/Concerns/Questions**

Tom Streber asked what the results were of the postcard survey regarding the future of the Blooming Grove Fire Department. Mike Wolf said that 40% of the postcards mailed were returned, and of those 78% said the Town Board should investigate options with the City of Madison; 22% said the Town Board should not do that.

Rocky Redepenning asked if the Town had noticed the cemetery wall was beginning to buckle, and Cory Buske said he is keeping an eye on it. Rocky reminded those present that the wall is actually the property of the City of Madison.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Chair Johnson to adjourn. Kathie Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously at 7:12pm.

Written and Submitted by Mike Wolf, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Bristol were excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Jerry Nelson, Carol Nelson, Larry Skaar, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Stormwater Infrastructure along Thurber Avenue:** Mike Wolf stated this issue has become a bit more complicated, so the Town is gathering more information before proceeding with the project. A meeting will take place this upcoming Thursday with Anne Anderson of Mead & Hunt, the City of Madison engineer in charge of the bike path Tony Fernandez, Cory Buske and Mike Wolf. This issue will come back to the Board at a later date.

**2b. Access to Farm Land off Siggelkow Road:** Larry Skaar, who is the person who has had difficulty getting his vehicles in and out of the Nelsons' land onto Siggelkow Road, explained the problem. There was some discussion about potential remedies. Larry mentioned there was a line buried in the right-of-way there, which could impact how the land could be graded. Cory Buske said he hadn't been aware of that, but could call Diggers Hotline and have it marked.

Supervisor Young made a motion to give Cory the latitude to coordinate an extended curb cut along Siggelkow Road, dependent on the viability of landscaping and stormwater runoff that would need to be considered. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2c. Various Road Patches:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the three road patches using DRS as presented, at a total cost of \$8865.00. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2d. Sealcoating Shared Road with City of Madison:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the sealcoating and crack sealing of three shared roads (Moorland Rd, Femrite Dr and Allis Ave) with the City of Madison as presented, at an estimated total cost of \$8386.29. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2e. Appointments to Plan Commission:** Chair Johnson made a motion to appoint Scott Helmer to the Plan Commission for a term that begins May 1, 2015 and ends April 30, 2016, and furthermore to appoint Dean Larson to the Plan Commission for a term that begins May 1, 2015 and ends April 30, 2018. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2f. Consideration of Changing Days of Town Board Meetings:** Mike Wolf said that because he works alone in the office now, having Board meetings on Wednesdays would help him be able to take a week of vacation. Chair Johnson asked if Supervisor Bristol had had an opportunity to provide feedback on this issue, and Mike said that he had not. Chair Johnson made a motion to defer this item. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.



**2g. 2015-16 Operator's Licenses:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's Licenses for Debra Urban-Wheatley, Autumn Hoover, Fredy Reynosa, and Judy Boeker. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 2-0, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town consider putting up its camera in Thurber Park to catch those who illegally park there.

**2h. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 3-0 at 6:52pm.

**2i. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 3-0 at 7:21pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 3-0 at 7:21pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





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Tuesday, May 12, 2015

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME:

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Sean Karls

Mary Karls

TOM KARLS

Bonnie Gudmandsen

Dawn Stencil

Ann Kasten

Alyssa Sturm

Ed Stube

Zach Maughlin

Betsy Brown

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Jordan Powers

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Roland Tennant

VONNA & Alan Forte

Rick & Cindy Kraska

Melissa Gundlach

JAY SALOO

Jeffrey O'Leary



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Town Attorney Chris Hughes, and Rocky Redepenning, Jean Karls, Mary Karls, Tom Karls, Bonnie Gudmandsen, Dawn Stencil, Ann Kasten, Alyssa Shurm, Ed Stube, Zach McLaughlin, Betsy Brown, Lee Hutson, Michael Jacob, Kyle Straight, Alex Kiefer, Brandon Harms, David Nestingen-Palm, Frank Washa, Andrew Brauner, Jason Kopp, Barbara Boyd, Kenneth Boyd, Chase Boyd, Eric Bauman, Don Lythjohan, David Danks, Brandon Reiter, Roland Terracina, Alan Porto, Vonna Porto, Rick Krakau, Cindy Krakau, Melissa Gundlach, Jay Salvo, Jeff Dostalek, Steve Gausmann, Roxanne Schnurbusch, Jordan Powers, Art Voit Jr., Renee Metcalf, Melissa Gundlach and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Rezone at 3936 County Highway AB:** Supervisor Bristol reported that there was a public hearing for this rezone at the Town's Plan Commission earlier this same night. Nobody appeared at the hearing other than the owner who petitioned for the rezone. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended the Town Board approve the rezone.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve Rezone Petition DCPREZ-2015-10840 from A-1x to C-1 at 3936 County Highway AB. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**2b. Stormwater Infrastructure Project:** Mike Wolf said a meeting had taken place between all concerned parties, and a plan is now being recommended. That is that the Town would proceed with replacing the entirety of that particular stormwater infrastructure, from Powers Avenue east to underneath N. Fair Oaks Avenue to the outlet by the railroad tracks. In the event the railroad grants the right-of-way permits such that the City can proceed with the bike path next year, the Town will immediately downsize its project to not include the infrastructure underneath and to the east of N. Fair Oaks Avenue – because the bike path project would end up paying for the cost of that instead of the Town.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve changing the scope of this project per staff recommendation. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Changing Days of Town Board Meetings:** Chair Johnson made a motion to change the days of Town Board meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, beginning in July of this year. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2d. 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class B Liquor License for Jerry's Place, 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue:** Mike Wolf said the application and fee have not yet been received. Chair Johnson made a motion to defer this agenda item. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.



**2e. 2015-16 Class B Beer License for Hope Rod & Gun Club, 3454 Siggelkow Road:**

Supervisor Young made a motion approve the 2015-16 Class B Beer License for Hope Rod and Gun Club. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2f. 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class B Liquor License for Blue Plate Catering, doing business at Harley Davidson, 6200 Millpond Road:**

Supervisor Young made a motion approve the 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class B Liquor License for Blue Plate Catering. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2g. 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class C Wine License for Magnuson Hotel, 3510 Millpond Road:**

Supervisor Bristol made a motion approve the 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class C Wine License for Magnuson Hotel. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2h. 2015-16 Class A Beer License and Class A Liquor License for PDQ, 4112 Milwaukee Street:**

Supervisor Young made a motion approve the 2015-16 Class A Beer License and Class A Liquor License for PDQ. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2i. 2015-16 Operator's Licenses:**

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's Licenses for Randall Retzlaff, Richard Kratochvil, Gary Breedlove, Timothy DiMenna, David Porto and Thomas Downs. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2j. Public Comment:**

Chair Johnson explained that this item was moved up in the agenda so that the public could provide feedback to the Board prior to going into Closed Session. He asked that people keep their comments to less than three minutes. He said this is not a period of discussion with the Board, but rather the public's opportunity to provide comments to the Board.

Mike Wolf started out by saying that three things have changed since last November (when the Board last considered this issue). First, the Board sent out postcards to residents, asking them if the Board should consider using City Fire for fire and EMS services. Of those that responded, 78% said yes, and 22% said no. Secondly, a written procedure for responding to non-hydranted areas of the Town is now a part of the draft agreement. Lastly, the Town of Burke and City of Madison are in negotiations – and should the Town of Burke choose to begin receiving EMS services from the City of Madison instead of the Town of Blooming Grove, this would result in a significant decrease in revenue to the Town which would mean an increased net cost to town taxpayers.

- Jean Karls said she was in favor of keeping the fire department, and would be happy to pay more taxes for it.
- Bonnie Gudmandsen said Blooming Grove Fire does a great job.
- Renee Metcalf said the postcards that were sent were biased towards getting a "yes" answer.
- Ed Stube thanked the fire department for their service, but indicated he thought the Town should go with the City because it's a better use of resources and because it would save town taxpayers money.
- Rocky Redepinning said his City of Madison taxes would go up as a result of this, and he didn't want his city's department providing services to Blooming Grove.
- Ann Kasten stated she wanted to keep the Town's fire department.



- Alan Porto asked if there were some other way to keep Blooming Grove Fire Department costs down.
- Deborah Sellers asked how the Town could save money if they just built the fire station five years ago, and the Town is going away in 12 more years. She strongly encouraged the Board to keep its own fire department.
- Melissa Gundlach asked what would happen to the fire station, and further said she'd be willing to pay higher taxes to keep the town's fire department.
- Betsy Brown said that when a tree fell down on her road, the Blooming Grove fire department helped clear it from the road. She said the City of Madison fire department would not do that.
- Art Voit Jr. said the fire department is the heartbeat of the Town, and has a dedicated crew that should be retained.
- Roland Terracina expressed his desire to keep the Blooming Grove Fire Department.
- Frank Washa said he worked in the 911 center, and believes that the City of Madison's resources are already spread too thin to also serve Blooming Grove. He strongly advised the Board to keep the town's fire department.
- Dawn Stencil said the postcard was biased, the Board should listen to Frank Washa's concern, and that the town's tender is no longer being given to the City (in the current agreement). For all these reasons she said she wanted to keep the town's fire department.
- Michael Jacob said Blooming Grove's fire fighters receive excellent training, and provide quality, fast responses to the Town. He said the Town should keep its own department.
- Jeff Dostalek said the City provided a slow response to a cardiac arrest event last week, and this would be a risk if the Town went with the City.
- Jason Kopp said the Board should keep the town's fire department.
- Eric Bauman said he had had a discussion with the Town's EMS Director, and he said emergency responses can't be improved if there are less resources doing more work.
- Judith & Robert Bordson provided written input stating they strongly wished to keep the town's fire department.

**2k. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation and to discuss and deliberate negotiations pertaining to fire protection and emergency services. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:12pm. Supervisor Linzmeier recused herself.

Supervisor Linzmeier joined the Closed Session, after deliberations were over regarding fire protection and emergency services, and prior to discussions taking place about employment compensation.

**2l. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 5-0 at 7:41pm.

**2m. Town Board Resolution 2015-02 regarding Fire Protection and Emergency Service Agreement with the City of Madison:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2015-02 regarding receiving Fire Protection and Emergency Services from the City of Madison. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and he asked for a roll call vote: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – abstained; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – nay. The motion passed 3-1 with one abstention.





**2n. Recognition Program for Blooming Grove Fire Department Volunteers, Interns and Part-time Employees:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to allocate \$40,000 for a recognition program for Blooming Grove Fire Department volunteers, interns and part-time employees. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the April 28, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0, with Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Bristol abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:45pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



**TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02**

**Resolution conditionally authorizing the Town to enter into a Fire Protection and  
Emergency Medical Service Agreement with the City of Madison.**

**RECITALS**

- A.** The Town of Blooming Grove (the “Town”) currently provides fire protection and emergency medical services to its residents through the Blooming Grove Fire Department.
- B.** The Town also provides emergency medical services to residents of the Town of Burke.
- C.** The Town and the City of Madison (the “City”) desire to enter into a Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service Agreement through which the City would provide fire protection and emergency medical service to the Town.
- D.** On October 14, 2014, the Town Board held a meeting at which it discussed the regionalization of the fire protection and emergency medical services, and answered questions from the public and took comments from the public regarding the proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service Agreement.
- E.** In early 2015 the Town Board surveyed its residents and taxpayers about whether the Town Board should consider obtaining Fire and EMS services from other entities. 78% of the survey respondents believed the Town Board should consider other options.
- F.** The Town Board believes that the City’s provision of fire protection and emergency medical services will promote the public health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the Town and its residents.

**RESOLUTIONS**

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Blooming Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, resolves as follows:

- 1. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service Agreement.** Upon determination of the Town Board that the following conditions have been fulfilled, the Town Chair, the Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator, and the Town Attorney are authorized to sign a Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) that is in the form and contains terms and conditions that substantially conform to the copy of the Agreement attached hereto as Attachment A.



- a. On or before July 1, 2015, the Towns of Blooming Grove, Burke, and Madison terminating the current intergovernmental agreement by which the Town provides emergency medical services to the Town of Madison and the Town of Burke.
  - b. On or before July 1, 2015, the City evaluating the Town's one full-time fire fighter for employment with the City Fire Department, and if the fire fighter is found suitable, making an offer of employment to the firefighter.
  - c. On or before July 1, 2015, the City entering into, or offering to enter into, an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Burke to provide emergency medical services to the residents of the Town of Burke on terms and conditions substantially similar to the terms and conditions of the Town's provision of such services to Burke, at a cost to Burke that does not exceed \$60,000 per year through 2022.
  - d. The City approving the Agreement on or before July 1, 2015.
2. **Additional Action.** The Town Chair, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator, Town Attorney, and the Town Fire Chief are authorized to perform such other acts and sign such other documents that are reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.
3. **Effective Date.** The Resolution is effective the day after posting or publication, or as otherwise required by law.

This Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting by the Town Board of the Town of Blooming Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, held on May 12, 2015 by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 not voting.

APPROVED:

By:   
Dwight Johnson  
Town Chair

ATTEST:

  
Michael J. Wolf  
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, and Supervisor Linzmeier. Supervisor Young was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Board of Review:** Chair Johnson made a motion to open the 2015 Board of Review. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Chair Johnson made a motion to postpone the Board of Review until 5:30pm on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2b. Operator's Licenses:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve 2015-16 Operator's Licenses for Floyd Earl Richmond Jr., Tammy Washington, Jacob Aslakson and Duarn Vue. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2c. Restaurant Permit:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Restaurant Permit for Magnuson Hotel at 3510 Millpond Road. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2d. Cigarette License:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Cigarette License for PDQ at 4112 Milwaukee Street. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2e. Proposed Fire Prevention and Conveyance Codes:** Chair Johnson made a motion authorize the Town Office to have copies of the proposed Fire Prevention Code and Conveyance Code available for public inspection in the Town Office effective tomorrow (May 27, 2015).. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Berg identified one typo in the minutes. Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the May 12, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as amended. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town put up a camera in Thurber Park to catch people that illegally park there.





**2f. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation and to discuss and deliberate negotiations pertaining to the sale of town assets. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:35pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier participated in the first part of the Closed Session. Just prior to deliberations about employee compensation she recused herself and did not return to the meeting.

**2g. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 3-0 at 7:57pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 3-0 at 7:57pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
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TOWN BOARD MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME:

Chris Kramm

Rebecca Katzenmayer

TIM GEDGHEGAN



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Chris Kromm, Rebecca Katzenmeyer, Tim Geoghegan and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Operator's Licenses:** Supervisor Linzmeier pointed out that two questions on Suzanne Lorenz's application had not been answered. Mike Wolf said he would contact Suzanne about this omission. Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Operator's Licenses for Eric Christenson and Andrew Elliott. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2b. Conditional Use Permit for Day Care at 4560-4562 Rustic Drive:** Supervisor Bristol reported that this issue was discussed at the Plan Commission meeting earlier this evening, and that Rebecca Katzenmeyer told the Commission she intends on purchasing the property and opening a day care there. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended to the Town Board that this Conditional Use Permit be approved.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a day care facility at 4560-4562 Rustic Drive. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Amended Conditional Use Permit #1059 for Yahara Materials on Buckeye Road:** Supervisor Bristol explained this issue was discussed at the Plan Commission earlier this same evening. He said the original Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that the Town approved a few months ago went to Dane County – but the County added a sunset date to the CUP of December 31, 2016. This would be problematic for the quarry. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended to the Town Board they reject the CUP as amended by Dane County, while recommending to the County they change the sunset date to December 31, 2025.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to disapprove of Conditional Use Permit #1059 as amended by the County, and to recommend to the County they change the sunset date to December 31, 2025. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2d. Town Resolution 2015-03 to Terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Burke and Town of Madison for EMS Services:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2015-03 which terminates the current Intergovernmental Agreement pertaining to EMS services, between the Town of Blooming Grove, the Town of Burke and the Town of Madison. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2e. New Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Madison for the Collection of EMS Revenue:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve of the new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Madison for the collection of EMS revenue, as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.



**2f. Town Ordinance 3.04 to Repeal Current Town Fire Ordinances and Adopt City of Madison Ordinances:** Mike Wolf explained that the Town ordinance was not yet ready for approval, but would be for the Board's next meeting. Chair Johnson made a motion to defer this issue until the June 23, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the May 26, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the May 26, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Young abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers reported that Tony Fernandez of the City of Madison informed her that the bike path issue is not dead, and that they are looking at a decision by October of this year. Deborah went on to suggest that if/when the time comes for the bike path to be considered again, that a neighborhood meeting take place to get feedback from those most affected by the path. She went on to say that if nothing else, an additional bench and/or lighting may be appropriate for the park, if the bike path does get done.

Mike Wolf reminded those present that the Board of Review is next Thursday, June 18 at 5:30pm.

**2g. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation and to discuss and deliberate negotiations pertaining to the sale of town assets. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:44pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier participated in the first part of the Closed Session. Just prior to deliberations about employee compensation she recused herself and did not return to the meeting.

**2h. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0 at 7:40pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 7:40pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2015**

Supervisor Linzmeier called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, and Supervisor Young. Chair Johnson was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, City of Madison Fire Marshall Ed Ruckriegel, Town Attorney Chris Hughes, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Supervisor Linzmeier asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

### **2a. Town Ordinance 3.04 to Repeal and/or Amend Current Town Fire Ordinances, and to Adopt New Fire Prevention, Suppression and Conveyance Codes Effective July 1, 2015:**

Chris Hughes explained that the State of Wisconsin's Act 270 precluded certain building codes to be adopted by the Town at this time. The ordinance before the Town Board takes these into account. Fire Marshall Ed Ruckriegel stated these exceptions would rarely come into play in Blooming Grove, as they primarily apply to new construction of commercial buildings. Chris Hughes stated he is hopeful the state may eventually allow the City to extend all of its ordinances to the Town, and should that happen a revised ordinance would be brought to the Board for consideration.

Chris Hughes pointed out two minor corrections to the ordinance as presented.

Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve Town Ordinance 3.04 as corrected. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

### **2b. 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class B Liquor License for Jerry's Place:**

Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Class B Beer License and Class B Liquor License for Jerry's Place at 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2c. 2015-16 Cigarette License for Jerry's Place:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Cigarette License for Jerry's Place at 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2d. 2015-16 Restaurant Permit for Jerry's Place:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Restaurant Permit for Jerry's Place at 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**2e. 2015-16 Operator's Licenses:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's Licenses for Craig Hicke, Greg Starnes, Suzanne Lorenz, John Gulesserian, Victoris Unzicker, Marena Wheatley, Myles Bible, Kristin Sargent, George Koltes, Anthony Latzing, Tonya Reed, Terri Colberg, Jeffrey Kuske, Judith Hoffer and Gina Hedman. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.



**2f. New Swingsets:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the purchase of three new swingsets – each with one toddler swing – as recommended by the Town Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the June 9, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Linzmeier pointed out a typo in the minutes. Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the June 9, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as corrected. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers asked for an update on the Drumlin Park. She also recommended a picture of the Drumlin be posted to the Town's website.

Mike Wolf reminded those present that Town Board meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from now on.

**2g. Closed Session:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation and to discuss and deliberate negotiations pertaining to the sale of town assets. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:50pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier participated in the first part of the Closed Session. Just prior to deliberations about employee compensation she recused herself and did not return to the meeting.

**2h. Open Session:** Supervisor Young made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 3-0 at 7:39pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 3-0 at 7:39pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2015**

Supervisor Bristol called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Young. Chair Johnson and Supervisor Linzmeier were excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Parks Commission Chair Dean Larson, Linda Hallman, Gavin Hallman, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Supervisor Bristol asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Appointment of Backup to Town Chair:** Mike Wolf explained that the backup Chair would set the agenda and run the meeting, if the Town Chair was unavailable. Supervisor Young made a motion to appoint Supervisor Bristol as the backup Chair. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2b. Transient Merchant's License for Christmas Tree Sales:** It was noted that the long-term future of the fire station is uncertain, given the Blooming Grove Fire Department is no longer operational. However, the building will remain under the Town's care and control at least into next year. Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the Transient Merchant's License for the sale of Christmas Trees at 1880 S. Stoughton road this upcoming winter, contingent upon the payment of \$1200.00. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2c. Resolution 2015-04 for Regas Road Sewer District Compliance Maintenance Report (CMAR):** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2014 CMAR for the Regas Road Sewer District as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2d. Resolution 2015-05 for Sewer District #10 CMAR:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2014 CMAR for Sewer District #10 as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report:** Mike Wolf provided the Board with a review of the Town's finance through the first six months of the year. The Town has slightly better than expected financials through that time period. No action taken.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the June 23, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the June 23, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers asked that Cory mow around the guard rail which is perpendicular to Highway 30 and Commercial Avenue.



Supervisor Berg asked Mike Wolf to report on his being interviewed for Channel 27 earlier this afternoon. Mike Wolf stated that Jennifer Kliese did a 3-minute interview of him for a Blooming Grove Fire Department story she was doing for this evening's news. Supervisors Bristol and Young said they saw the TV report, and thought it was well done.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 3-0 at 6:40pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2015**

Supervisor Bristol called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Chair Johnson and Supervisor Berg were excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Supervisor Bristol asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. 2015-16 Operator's License:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's License for Nancy Eileen Olson. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**2b. Large Assembly Permit for Harley-Davidson:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the Large Assembly Permit for Harley-Davidson of Madison located at 6200 Millpond Road, for Saturday, August 29, 2015. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the July 8, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 2-0 with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers said the stormwater inlet at the corner of Gannon and Furey should be looked at. Chief Linzmeier said that some traffic on Siggelkow Road, east of April Hill, is going way to fast.

**2c. Closed Session:** Supervisor Young made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation and/or to discuss and deliberate negotiations pertaining to the sale of town assets. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 3-0 at 6:35pm.

**2d. Open Session:** Supervisor Young made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 3-0 at 7:31pm.

**2e. Authorization for Selling Blooming Grove Fire Department Equipment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to conditionally approve the \$600,000 bid from Gear Up Foundation for the seven fire department apparatus and equipment on them as listed on the proposal presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.



Supervisor Bristol made a motion to authorize Chief Linzmeier to sell the remainder of the Fire Department equipment (excluding the apparatus or equipment on them), and that the sale price of items for which bids have been received must be at that price or greater. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 3-0 at 7:34pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Mead & Hunt Engineer Lew Kollmansberger.

Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

### **2a. Stormwater Replacement Project under Thurber Avenue and N. Fair Oaks Avenue:**

Lew Kollmansberger went over the details of the two bids that were received, and answered questions about the differences between them and Mead & Hunt's projections. Discussions took place about the road surface, and whether or not this project should be delayed into next year. Lew said that S&L Underground's bid was a responsible one, and he recommended approval of it. He also said the project, if approved, would be completed by mid-October.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the bid from S&L Underground for the stormwater replacement project as presented, at a cost of \$197,318.40. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Berg. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:44pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Town residents Joe Rane, Jamie Rane, Andy McCormick, Deborah Sellers, and City of Madison residents Jennifer Munz and Mike Pfohl.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Proposed Apartment Complex in Secret Places:** Supervisor Bristol stated that this has not yet been approved by the City. City resident Mike Pfohl said this proposal is going to two City committees in the month of September, and that City residents have spoken up against such a large complex in their neighborhood. Supervisor Young voiced his concern about increased traffic in the April Hill neighborhood. Andy McCormick, who lives in the Town, also expressed his concern about a large increase in vehicles along Carncross. While many of those present said the City is not likely to heed input from Blooming Grove, Supervisor Berg pointed out that many residents of April Hill will be residents of the City in 12 years – and the City should indeed care about what they think.

The Board directed Mike Wolf to contact the City of Madison and Village of McFarland, so as to open the lines of communications about this project – and in particular join the conversation about traffic that would result from this development.

**2b. Opting out of DaneCom:** Chief Linzmeier reported that with the Fire Department gone, the need for DaneCom is gone as well. Chair Johnson made a motion to opt out of DaneCom. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Potential Changes to Street Lights:** Mike Wolf reported that he is in discussions with a private company and with MG&E to look into the possibility of changing the 60 MG&E streetlights from the old bulbs to LEDs. The goal would be to save money and energy. Specific proposals will likely be coming to the Board within the next couple of months.

**2d. Regulation of Trailers, RVs, etc.:** Mike Wolf explained there has been a large increase in the number of complaints about these vehicles on other people's properties – some of the vehicles having been there for years without moving. The Town's ordinances are not as restrictive compared to some other municipalities, and the question before the Board is whether or not Mike Wolf should look into other ordinances and bring a proposal back to the Town Board.

Discussion ensued about the balance between property rights, and how some of these vehicles may detract from the aesthetics and/or property values of neighboring properties. In the end the Board chose not to investigate changes to the current Town ordinances. Current ordinances will continue to be enforced.





**2e. Dane County Zoning Amendment 10840 at 3936 County Road AB:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve Dane County Zoning Amendment 10840, to change the zoning from A1ex to C1 at 3936 County Highway AB as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**2f. Road/Ditch Repair on Palace Road:** Supervisor Berg asked how this work will alleviate the stormwater runoff issue long term, and Cory Buske provided some insight. This particular corner has been a problem for many years, and the short-term "fixes" haven't really worked. This project should mitigate the issue.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Peckham Landscaping as presented, at a cost of \$3475.00, and further directed this be paid using the Town's road outlay fund. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**2g. Jim Danielson's License Suspension:** Mike Wolf explained that Jim has voluntarily agreed to have his license suspended from November of this year through April of 2016, as a result of an investigation by the State of Wisconsin. It was pointed out that this was about Jim, not Accurate Appraisal as a whole. Mike pointed out that Jim has not evaluated the Town's assessments for at least the past five years.

Joe Rane expressed concern that this may in some way reflect on Accurate Appraisal and/or their ability to properly assess the Town's property. He asked what the specifics of this case were, and nobody present had received that information. Supervisor Bristol indicated an open records request would probably need to be submitted in order to find out that kind of detail.

No action was taken.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the July 22, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the July 22, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0, with Supervisor Berg and Chair Johnson abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Minutes from the August 4, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the August 4, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3c. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers said that there are rusty stop sign poles in her neighborhood.

Fire Chief Linzmeier reported that the City of Madison responded to 16 Fire/EMS calls in Blooming Grove in July. Four of them were for car crashes on the Interstate, one was a fire call (smoke detector going off), one was for an elevator rescue, and the other 10 were EMS calls.



**2h. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing employment compensation and/or to discuss and deliberate negotiations pertaining to the sale of town assets. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:16pm.

Supervisor Linzmeier left the closed session while discussion took place about Chief Linzmeier's employment contract.

**2i. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0 at 7:31pm. Supervisor Linzmeier rejoined the meeting.

**2j. Sale of Blooming Grove Fire Department Equipment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to conditionally approve the amended bid of \$620,000 from Gear Up Foundation for the seven fire department apparatus and equipment on them as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2k. Employment Contract for Glenn Linzmeier:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the employment contract for Glenn Linzmeier as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 3-1. Supervisor Berg voted against it, and Supervisor Linzmeier abstained.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:48pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
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## Employment Contract

### Definitions

For the purpose of this agreement, "Town" shall refer to the Town of Blooming Grove; "Chief" shall refer to Glenn Linzmeier; "Term" shall be from the date both parties sign this agreement, through December 16, 2017.

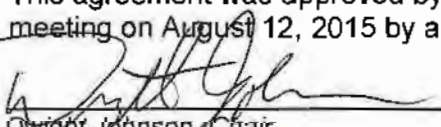
### 1. Town's Obligations

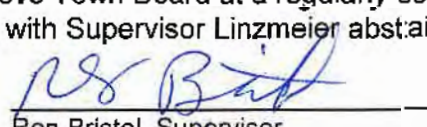
- The Town shall employ Glenn Linzmeier in the capacity of Blooming Grove Fire Chief until the end of the Term, unless the Town Board should find the Chief fails to properly perform the duties of Fire Chief including but not limited to the duties set forth in Section 2 below, or engages in insubordinate behavior or other misconduct, or is negligent in his duties, or unless the Chief should choose to resign.
- For as long as the Chief is in the employ of the Town, the Town shall pay the Chief an annual salary of \$47,500 in 2015, \$48,500 in 2016, and \$50,000 in 2017.
- If the Chief remains an employee of the Town until the end of the Term, the Town shall pay health insurance premiums for the Chief up to \$10,000 per calendar year from January 1, 2018 through October 31, 2027.

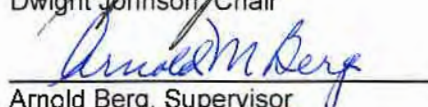
### 2. Chief's Obligations

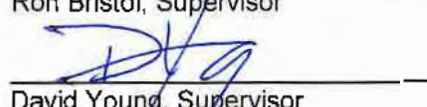
- The Chief shall continue to work in the best interest of the Town throughout his employment with the Town, which includes but is not limited to the supervision of interns, liquidating fire department assets, assuming the role of emergency management director, and otherwise continuing to minimize costs and maximize revenues for the Town.
- The Chief shall provide the Town with a minimum of a 12-week written notice should he choose to resign during the Term.
- Unless Chief's employment with the Town ends prior to the end of the Term, the Chief's employment with the Town shall end as of the end of the Term.

This agreement was approved by the Blooming Grove Town Board at a regularly-scheduled meeting on August 12, 2015 by a vote of 3-1, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

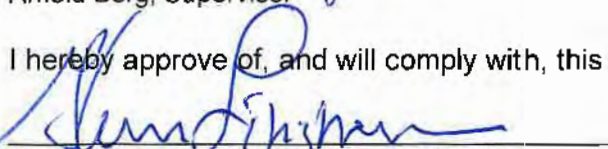
  
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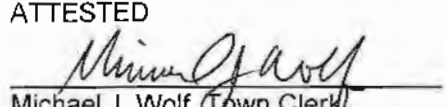
  
David Young, Supervisor

I hereby approve of, and will comply with, this agreement as written.

  
Glenn Linzmeier, Blooming Grove Fire Chief

  
Date Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

ATTESTED

  
Michael J. Wolf, Town Clerk

8/17/15  
Date



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Transfer of Grant Funds and Outlay Funds:** Chair Johnson made a motion to use the remaining \$71,848.43 from the 2009 FEMA grant, the remaining \$651.35 in the fire department outlay fund, and \$2500.22 from the 2015 Fire Department contracted services account (#52500) to pay the \$75,000.00 that is owed the City of Madison this year for Fire and EMS services provided to the Town. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol, and passed 5-0.

Supervisor Berg recommended the Board take a look at the current status of the 2015 budget at the next meeting. The Board agreed, and this will be on the next Board agenda.

**2b. Allocation of fire department revenue from sale of assets:** No action taken. This will be considered after looking at the status of the 2015 budget at the next meeting.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the August 12, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the August 12, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers said that there are rusty stop sign poles in her neighborhood. She also stated the street sign at the corner of Commercial and Gannon is still green – and should be blue. Lastly, she recommended an additional park bench be placed in Thurber Park.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:44pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Operator's Licenses:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's Licenses for Amanda M. Hirschmann and Carolyn T. Benson. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 5-0.

**2b. Cost of Grave Openings:** Supervisor Young made a motion to increase the cost of grave openings to \$825.00 (for those that take place Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm), and to \$1000.00 (for those that take place at any other time/day), effective October 1, 2015. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Year-to-Date Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed. Mike Wolf reported that, unless there are surprises in the last four months of the year, the Town will finish the year with a surplus of around \$130,000. No action was taken.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the August 26, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town keep a binder that would include all of the Town Board's meeting packet material, in the event a resident would wish to review that.

**2e. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session, pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) in order to discuss negotiations pertaining to the sale of town assets. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:35pm.

**2f. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young, and passed 5-0 at 6:47pm.



**2g. Sale of Fire Department vehicles:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the sale of the Blooming Grove Fire Department's vehicles, and accompanying equipment, to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$450,000. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**2d. Allocation of Fire Department Asset Revenue:** Supervisor Young made a motion to use some of the money realized from the sale of the fire department equipment to a) pay off the tender loan, b) pay off the drumlin park loan, and c) pay for the Thurber Avenue stormwater infrastructure project. It was noted that the total cost of all three of these items would be approximately \$350,000. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:51pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Linzmeier. Supervisor Bristol and Supervisor Young were excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

### **2a. Recommendation for Appointment to the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District Board:**

Supervisor Berg made a motion to recommend Tom Wilson be appointed as the Town representative on the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier and passed 3-0.

**2b. Town Budget Amendment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to amend the 2015 Town budget by moving \$10,000 from the Fire Department operations to the legal expense account. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **2c. Selecting a Road Project for the Town Road Improvement (TRI) Fund Application:**

Chair Johnson made a motion to authorize town staff to put forth an application for TRI funding, specifically for the resurfacing of Schutte Drive. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

**2d. Enhancing Oversight of Town Finances:** Supervisor Berg said that while the Board has trust in its administrator, it would be prudent to consider adding some additional checks and balances so as to further enhance the Town's financial security. Mike Wolf agreed that this would be a good thing to do, regardless of who was in the administrator position. Chair Johnson made a motion to appoint Supervisor Bristol and Supervisor Young to meet with the Town Administrator once every quarter (within two weeks of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1), and at that meeting the financial reports and bank statements would be reviewed for the previous three months' time. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

**2e. Final Approval of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #2323 for Day Care at 4562 Rustic Drive:** Mike Wolf explained that the County had approved this CUP with conditions (detailed in the documentation the Board received). Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the CUP as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the September 9, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the September 9, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.



**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested the Town Board allow the townspeople to weigh in when a budget gets amended mid-year.

Glenn Linzmeier reported that the City responded to 19 total calls (fire and EMS) into the Town of Blooming Grove in the month of August. Seventeen of these calls were EMS. The other two were for a motor vehicle accident, and a smoke alarm going off.

Mike Wolf thanked the Town Board for authorizing the Blooming Grove Fire Department gala that took place on Saturday, September 12, and also thanked Chief Linzmeier for coordinating the event. By all accounts it was well-attended, and successful.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Berg. The motion passed 3-0 at 6:40pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol and Supervisor Linzmeier. Supervisor Young was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Tim Geoghegan and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. 2015-16 Operator's License for Joshua Baszynski:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's License for Joshua Baszynski. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier and passed 4-0.

**2b. Annual Review of Conditional Use Permit for Quarry:** Tim Geoghegan from Yahara Materials reported that the batch plant is currently in use for the Highway 73 construction project. He acknowledged that the quarry is being annexed into the City of Madison effective December 28, 2015... and he thanked the Town for their support over the decades the quarry has been operational.

**2c. Increase in Sewer Charges:** It was noted that the last increase in rates was effective January 1, 2014. Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve staff's recommendation of a 4% increase (rounded to the nearest dollar), to become effective January 1, 2016. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

**2d. Dane County Ordinance Amendment #16:** Supervisor Bristol reported the Plan Commission reviewed this amendment at their meeting earlier this evening. The Commission determined this ordinance was procedural in nature, with little or no substantive impact on the Town, and unanimously recommended the Board approve it.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve Dane County Ordinance Amendment #16 as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

**2e. Issues and Objectives for Selling or Leasing Town Buildings:** Mike Wolf provided a list of options and issues to the Board, and stated that while this issue is an important one – it is not urgent. That said, it is the recommendation of both he and Chief Linzmeier that the Town proceed to look for someone who would be willing to rent the fire station bays for this winter. That would give the Town additional time to explore more long-term options.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the September 23, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the September 23, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 3-0, with Supervisor Bristol abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.



**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers suggested maps of the town's parks and greenspaces be posted in the various posting locations around town. She also asked the Town's Public Works staff to mow around the guardrail between Highway 30 and Commercial Avenue.

**2f. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), to discuss negotiations pertaining to the sale or leasing of town property. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:47pm.

**2g. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to Open Session. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0 at 7:00pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. The motion passed 4-0 at 7:00pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, and Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske.

**2a. Revise/Review 2016 Town Budget:** Discussion took place on the draft of the 2016 Town Budget.

**2b. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(b), to deliberate job performance and/or compensation for public employees. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:30pm.

**2c. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to Open Session. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 7:40pm.

**3. Adjournment:** Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:40pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Tim Mrowec from the City of Madison Fire Department, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**4. Public Comment:** Tim Mrowec reported that the City responded to 14 calls into Blooming Grove, and 2 calls into Burke, during the month of September. All but one of these calls were medical.

Deborah Sellers asked that the rusty stop sign poles be replaced in her neighborhood.

Mike Wolf said a meeting is taking place tomorrow night, facilitated by the City of Madison Water Utility, which will provide Blooming Grove residents who are being annexed in December, with information about their future water needs and/or options. One of the Town's residents expressed hope that a Blooming Grove representative could attend.

**2a. 2015-16 Operator's License for Michael Van Toll:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's License for Michael Van Toll. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 5-0.

**2b. Town Ordinance 3.05 to Adopt Additional Provisions of the City of Madison General Ordinances pertaining to Fire Protection and Service:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve Town Ordinance 3.05 as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2c. Intergovernmental Agreement for Adaptive Management (to meet Stormwater Goals):** The draft agreement was presented and discussed. Questions arose about how the cost was determined per municipality, and if there were other options to meet these goals. Mike Wolf explained that the final version of the agreement would be coming before the Board within the next few months... and that the agreement would become effective January 1, 2017. The Board asked Mike Wolf to have Dave Taylor and Anne Anderson come to a future meeting for their input. No action taken.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the October 14, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the October 14, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Young abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the October 21, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.





**3c. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**2d. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), to discuss negotiations pertaining to the sale or leasing of town property. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:45pm.

**2e. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to Open Session. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 7:20pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:20pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board supervisors in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Changing the Date of the Next Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to change the date of the next Town Board Meeting from Wednesday, November 25, to Monday, November 23. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 5-0.

**2b. Heavy Trucks on Meier Road:** Cory Buske reported that a road project on Meier Road in the City of Madison began last week, without prior notification by the City to the Town. The result was very heavy trucks driving along Meier Road. After discussions with the City, the contractor doing the project, and Purple Cow, a workaround has been put in place. The heavy trucks are now heading west and thus avoiding Meier Road.

**2c. Strategic Financial Planning:** Mike Wolf presented a high-level picture of anticipated changes to revenues and expenses in the last 12 years of the Town's existence. Discussion ensued about possible scenarios for how to best manage the Town's finances from now until the Town dissolves.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the October 28, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the October 28, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Mike Wolf reminded attendees that the Town's annual budget meetings are next Monday, November 16 at 6:30pm. Those in attendance gave a round of applause to Deborah Sellers for her service to our country, on this Veteran's Day.

**2d. Closed Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), to discuss negotiations pertaining to the sale or leasing of town property. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Berg – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:04pm.

**2e. Open Session:** Chair Johnson made a motion to return to Open Session. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 7:22pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:23pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



**Town of Blooming Grove  
Town Annual Budget Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the Town Board Annual Budget Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Town Board members in attendance: Chair Johnson, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Young. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Town residents Deborah Sellers and Ken Norton.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the agenda for this meeting had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

Chair Johnson opened the Public Hearing on the Town's 2016 budget at 6:32pm. Deborah Sellers asked various questions about the budget, and the Board and staff answered them.

Chair Johnson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 6:45pm.

Chair Johnson made a motion to recess the Town Board meeting, so the Town Elector meeting could be held. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 6:45pm.

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Chair Johnson called the Town Elector Annual Budget Meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Town residents present were Chair Johnson, Arnie Berg, Ron Bristol, Dave Young, Kathie Linzmeier, Glenn Linzmeier, Ken Norton, and Deborah Sellers. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf and Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske were also in attendance.

Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf stated it had been.

**2a. Adopting the 2015 Town Levy:** Dave Young made a motion to set the 2015 Town levy at \$550,841. Ron Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 7-0, with Deborah Sellers abstaining.

**2b. Town Resolution allowing for the Town to exceed State-imposed spending on Roads in 2016:** Mike Wolf reported that state law was changed within the past two weeks, such that this resolution is no longer necessary. No action taken.

**3. Adjournment:** Ron Bristol made a motion to adjourn the Town Elector Meeting, and it was seconded by Dave Young. The motion passed 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

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Chair Johnson reconvened the Town Board meeting at 6:47pm. Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2016 Town Budget as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 6:48pm.

Minutes written and submitted by Mike Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for November 23, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, and Supervisor Young. Supervisor Linzmeier was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Dane County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Teuscher, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. 2015-16 Operator's License:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's License for Antonio Mendoza. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and passed 4-0.

**2b. Storage of Dane County Sheriff's Vehicles:** Deputy Sheriff Jeff Teuscher said the County would like to store two boats in the Town's facilities for the winter. He said there was no funding available for this, and he understands that if the Town has the opportunity to rent the space to those who can pay for it, the Town would be obliged to do so.

The exact dimensions of the two boats were not available. There were concerns expressed about liability, and the need to have access to at least one of the boats 24x7.

Supervisor Young made a motion to have Chief Linzmeier and Mike Wolf work with Deputy Sheriff Teuscher to arrange having one or both vehicles stored in the Town's fire station and/or old Public Works building, assuming the logistics can be worked out. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the November 11, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the November 11, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3b. Approval of Minutes from the November 16, 2015 Town Board & Town Budget Meetings:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the November 16, 2015 Town Board & Town Budget Meetings' meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**3c. Approval of Vouchers:** Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers asked that someone from the Town make sure that fire hydrants at the corners of Thurber/Fair Oaks, and Powers/Furey, are cleared of snow.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:43pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator





## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, City of Madison Sewer District representative Michael Dailey, Madison Metropolitan Sewer District representative Dave Taylor, Anne Anderson from Mead & Hunt, and Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson asked if the meeting notice had been properly posted, and Mike Wolf said it had been.

**2a. Consolidation of Regas Road Sewer District:** Mike Wolf explained this district consists of a couple of pieces of pipe, totaling not more than a few hundred feet. New state regulations are on the horizon, which the Town would need to comply with... and for which it would need to pay. Mike went on to say he met with the adjacent property owners in the Town to explain to them the circumstances, and they were made aware this would be on the agenda tonight.

Michael Dailey from the City of Madison Sewer District said they have taken responsibility for similar districts from the Town of Burke within the past couple of years. He said the first step in the process would be to televise the existing infrastructure. If in fact the Town should decide to cede this infrastructure to the City, the City would not require annexation nor would it require the property owners to hook up to City Water. However, metering equipment would need to be placed on the owner's water supply so that accurate measurements can be made for future billing. He also pointed out that, on paper, this District included two addresses on Larson Road in the Town. It was determined that for logistical reasons, an effective date of July 1, 2016 would make the most sense.

Chair Johnson made a motion to proceed with the process of consolidating the Regas Road Sewer District into the City of Madison Sewer District as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Berg and passed 5-0.

**2b. Reconsideration of 2016 Sewer Charges:** Mike Wolf reported the rates that Madison Metropolitan Sewer District is charging the Town are increasing substantially in 2016. Because of this, the Town should take another look at the cost being charged to Town residents for this service.

Chair Johnson made a motion to increase sewer charges in both of the Town's sewer districts 20% effective January 1, 2016 – rounded to the nearest dollar. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0. It was noted that for residential customers, this will result in an increase of about \$30 per year. Also, because these charges are paid in arrears, customers won't see an increase until July of next year.

**2c. Adaptive Management for Stormwater Runoff:** Mike Wolf said the agreement being considered won't take effect until 2017, and that is currently in draft form. Dave Taylor from the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District explained that the finalized version will likely come to the Town Board in January or February, with an expectation to be approved by the end of the first quarter.



Blooming Grove's cost of this plan was discussed in detail. Both Dave Taylor and Anne Anderson encouraged the Town to consider doing a remodeling in 2016, indicating this would very likely lower the annual cost to the Town. Also lowering the cost from the original estimate would be the phased annexation taking place in a few weeks. Dave said that all these variables will be factored into the final cost to the Town – the first payment of which isn't due until 2017. Chair Johnson said the issue of remodeling would be on a meeting agenda in January.

The Town Board took no formal action, though in concept expressed support of the Adaptive Management approach.

**2d. Appointment of Election Workers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to appoint the following individuals to be election officials in the Town of Blooming Grove from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017: Romey Carta, Lois Corcoran, Kris Frater, Bonnie Gudmandsen, Terry Gudmandsen, Elaine Gundlach, Jean Hodge, Michael LaForest, Cheryl Larson, Alyson Pohlman, Lynn Smith, and Cheryle Wampole. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**2e. Amending Town's Personnel Manual:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve changes to the Town's Personnel Manual as noted by Town Office Staff in order to make the manual consistent with the fact the Town no longer has an active Fire Department, Parks Commission or Personnel Committee, and to approve changing a paid holiday for Public Works staff from Martin Luther King Jr. Day to New Year's Eve Day, and lastly to approve changing a paid holiday for Town Office staff from Martin Luther King Jr. Day to a floating personal day, with all changes to be effective January 1, 2016. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3a. Approval of Minutes from the November 23, 2015 Town Board Meeting:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the November 23, 2015 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

**3b. Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**4. Public Comment:** Deborah Sellers asked the Town to spend some of the money it is saving by not having to snow plow, on a park bench in Thurber Park.

**5. Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:27pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator



## **Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for December 31, 2015**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Bristol, and Supervisor Linzmeier. Supervisor Young was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jay Punwar.

2. **Operator's License:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Operator's License for Garry Badgley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier and passed 4-0.
3. **Approval of Vouchers:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded, and it passed 4-0.
4. **Approval of Property Tax Refunds:** Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the property tax refunds as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded, and it passed 4-0.
5. **Adjournment:** Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0 at 1:02pm.

Minutes written and submitted by  
Michael J. Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

