

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Todd Violante and Hans Hilbert from Dane County Planning and Development.

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. 2016-17 Operator's License for Amanda M. Olson: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Operator's License for Amanda M. Olson. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2b. Conditional Use Permit for fire station at 1880 S. Stoughton Road: Supervisor Bristol reported that this came before the Plan Commission earlier this same evening. Dane County will be purchasing the fire station tomorrow, and requires a Conditional Use Permit in order to use the building as they wish. They intend on having government offices there, specifically for staff of the Dane County bookmobile. The bookmobile itself, books and other items, and a Command Vehicle (emergency management) will also be stored in the facility. It will not be open to the general public. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended the Town Board approve the Conditional Use Permit.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit (#DCPCUP-2016-02370) as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Dane County Ordinance Amendment #67, 2016: Todd Violante said this amendment will move the appeals of Conditional Use Permits from the 37-member Dane County Board, to the 5-member Board of Adjustments. He said this should make the appeals process more effective and efficient. Supervisor Bristol said this issue was discussed at the Plan Commission meeting earlier this evening, and the Dane County Town's Association also supported the amendment. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended the Town Board approve this amendment.

Supervisor Young made a motion to approve Dane County Ordinance Amendment #67, 2016, which changes the process of appealing decisions made for Conditional Use Permits, as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

2d. Building a loft in the Public Works bay: Cory Buske said the old Public Works building has been emptied to prepare for the sale tomorrow. This has resulted in overcrowded bays in the Town Hall building. He is recommending the Town have a loft built, which will allow for safer storage of Town equipment.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the building of a loft in the Public Works bay. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2e. Request for donation from the Oregon Community Resource Network: No action taken.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the December 14, 2016 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the December 14, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

3b. Approval of Minutes of the December 30, 2016 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the December 30, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Supervisors Bristol and Young abstained.

3c. Approval of Vouchers: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the vouchers, including property tax refunds, as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:48pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2017

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, Division Chief Tim Mrowiec 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.

2a. Report from City of Madison Fire Division Chief Tim Mrowiec: Division Chief Mrowiec reported that the City responded to 184 emergency responses into the Town of Blooming Grove in 2016. Of those, five were fire calls – though none of those five were an actual fire. He also said a new City fire station will be built and operational at the corner of Femrite Drive and Dairy Drive by December of 2018.

2b. Ad Hoc Committee to work with Blooming Grove Historical Society: Supervisor Berg said he would like to see the Town consider contributing to the Blooming Grove Historical Society in a more meaningful way. The Board agreed that this is idea worth investigating.

Supervisor Young made a motion to have Supervisor Berg and Mike Wolf meet with representatives of the Blooming Grove Historical Society to explore options. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the January 11, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers suggested the Town send postcards to Town residents to get feedback from them about how they want their neighborhood to look prior to the Town being annexed into the City of Madison.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:42pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Dean Larson 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. Parcel Split and Rezone at 3365 Siggelkow Road: Supervisor Bristol said the public hearing for this proposal took place at the Town's Plan Commission meeting earlier this evening. Two people brought up concerns about the parcel split and building of another house on the property. In the end the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the parcel split and rezone as requested.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the parcel split and rezone from A1-ex to RH-2 on parcel 0710-363-8070-7 as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

2b. Operator's Licenses: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Operator's Licenses for Timothy M. DiMenna, David J. Porto, and Gary A. Breedlove. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Road Repair Projects: Cory Buske described all three projects. Regas Road is shared with the City of Madison, who approached us to have this done in 2017. The Town's portion is estimated to cost \$26,000. Cory said the road is not in good condition. Lake Farm Road would be done with the Town of Dunn – who is having their portion of the road repaved as well. Blooming Grove's portion is estimated to cost about \$100,000 – which includes the cost of having a culvert replaced. Finally, three roads in April Hill will be repaved: Bittner, Kuehling, and the north portion of Jenness Avenue. This project is estimated to cost about \$120,000... and will also include the replacement of a culvert.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve moving forward with all three projects in 2017 as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2d. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Contract: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve renewing a three-year contract to appoint Mike Wolf to the position of Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator of the Town of Blooming Grove effective April 12, 2017 and expiring April 8, 2020. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2e. Appointment of Plan Commission Chair: Supervisor Young reported that the Plan Commission, at their meeting earlier this same evening, recommended Ron Bristol be appointed to another three-year term as Chair of the Plan Commission.

Chair Johnson made a motion to reappoint Ron Bristol to a three-year term as Chair of the Town Plan Commission effective May 1, 2017. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Bristol abstaining.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the January 25, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said there are potholes on Furey Avenue between Rethke and Fair Oaks. She also reported that the City of Madison is holding a meeting regarding their plans for the Voit Farm on February 20 at Olbrich Gardens at 7:00pm.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:50pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2017

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, 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. Historical Blooming Grove Historic Society: Mike Wolf reported that he and Supervisor Berg attended the Historic Society's Board meeting this past Monday. The Society provided its financial report, and this was handed out at the Town Board meeting. It isn't clear yet if the Society is set up legally to accept contributions for endowment purposes; their treasurer will contact the Town to make that clear.

This issue will be on a future agenda for further consideration.

2b. New Mower: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2016 Ferris mower for Public Works at a net cost of \$7434.00 as presented by Town staff. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the February 8, 2017 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, including property tax refunds, as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers thanked the Town for seeing to it that the guard rail on Commercial Avenue got repaired.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:38pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2017

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, Anne Anderson of 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. 2015-16 Stormwater Biennial Report: Anne Anderson stated that the report is very similar to the report done two years ago. It reflects the Town's participation in Adaptive Management, which allows for a better outcome at far less cost.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Stormwater Biennial Report as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2b. 2016-17 Operator's License for Jon Polnow: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Operator's License for Jon Thomas Polnow. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Increase in Town Rental Fees: Supervisor Young made a motion to increase the non-resident fee for renting Town parks from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the February 22, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the February 22, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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 that, if the bathroom in Thurber Park becomes unavailable, we should consider a port-a-potty. She also asked the Town to consider installing a camera in the park so that people who park vehicles in the park will be held accountable.

Supervisor Young reported that the McFarland School District is looking to purchase 69 acres of land in the Town of Blooming Grove (south of Siggelkow Road). This land would be primarily used for athletic fields.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:39pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Wayne Hermanson from Tri-County Paving, 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. Road Project in April Hill: Wayne Hermanson from Tri-County said their proposal included saw cutting driveways and matching the pavement to those driveways as needed. He said he would walk the project with Cory Buske to determine what would need to be done in each instance. He went on to say there are about 4 days' worth of work on the project, but that it might take longer on the calendar depending on factors such as weather and the condition of the base. It was noted that the project would be done by the end of August at the latest.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the bid from Tri-County Paving in the amount of \$97,755.00 as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the March 8, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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 those present to consider supporting and/or donating to the Historical Blooming Grove Historic Society.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. 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 April 12, 2017

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, 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 Young made a motion to approve 2016-17 Operator's Licenses for Donsha Hudson, Erica Pergande and Janice Buckingham. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2b. County Zoning Amendment 83, 2016: Supervisor Bristol explained that the original version of the amendment would have allowed electronic signage in A1-Ex zoned property. However the revised version does not allow this, and instead clarifies the specifications on electronic signage that is allowable. He further reported that the Town's Plan Commission considered this issue at their meeting earlier this evening, and unanimously recommended the Board support this amendment, as clarified.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve County Zoning Amendment 83, with the understanding that it would continue to prohibit electronic signage in A1-Ex zoned land. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. First Quarter Treasurer's Report: Mike Wolf said there are no significant issues after three months in 2017. He did say the Town will be keeping a close eye on the Room Taxes collected as the year goes on.

2d. Large Pine Trees in the Cemetery: Mike Wolf reported that a very large pine tree was blown over in a storm a few weeks ago, and that there are three more trees very similar to that one that could be considered a public safety and/or property risk. The Town has reached out to Madison Gas & Electric, because the trees are right next to and under high-voltage power lines.

To date MG&E has not agreed to trim the trees, but the Town continues to work to convince them that is in the best interest of everyone to have these trees trimmed and/or removed.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the March 22, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the March 22, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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: Supervisor Young suggested that the Town consider making Carncross Drive a one-way street when the Town's Clean Sweep takes place (the morning of Saturday, May 6).

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

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

**Town of Blooming Grove
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM -- April 19, 2017**

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

Dwight introduced Town Board Supervisors Ron Bristol, Dave Young, Kathie Linzmeier and Arnie Berg. He also introduced Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier. Also in attendance were Kayla Schmidt from Johnson Block, Dane County Sheriff Mike Butler, Attorney Chris Hughes from Stafford Rosenbaum, and Town residents Vivian Bristol, Liz Johnson, Joe Buchicchio, Kathy Buchicchio, and Deborah Sellers.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Kayla Schmidt of Johnson Block presented the 2016 Financial Report to the Board. She said that they were able to provide an unmodified opinion. She reported the Town's reserves were about 40% of the operational budget, which is more than adequate. Kayla answered a few questions from residents in attendance, and indicated there were no significant issues for the Town in 2016.

Dane County Sheriff's Report

Deputy Sheriff Mike Butler handed out a report of the calls the department responded to in Blooming Grove in the past 12 months. He said there is an inordinate, though not unexpected, number of calls to the PDQ / McDonalds are on Milwaukee Street – mostly because they're open 24x7. Dave Young thanked Mike Butler for the work he and his colleagues do for the Town throughout the year.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier reported the City of Madison responded to 184 EMS calls in 2016, and 5 fire calls (none of which were structure fires). Glenn said to his knowledge there have been no complaints about the responses provided by the City. Glenn said there has been anecdotal evidence that some insurance premiums have increased in the April Hill neighborhood as a result of a change in the ISO rating there. He said this should be mitigated once the City's new fire station on Femrite Drive is operational, slated for December of 2018.

Glenn said the property here at 1880 S. Stoughton Road was sold to Dane County in January of this year, and the Town is leasing back the Town Hall building for a dollar per year through 2027. Blooming Grove's one remaining intern, Kyle Frederickson, will be done with his internship in June of this year.

Glenn stated he is working with the Town Administrator, City of Madison Fire Department, WisSafe and the Red Cross to coordinate a project that would assist in getting new smoke detectors into the homes of Blooming Grove residents over the next three years.

Lastly, Glenn said he was hired as the Fire Chief of the Oregon Fire Department full time starting in January of this year... but he continues to work for Blooming Grove through the end of this year.

Plan Commission Report

Plan Commission Chair Ron Bristol said there has been an uptick in the amount of parcel splits for the purpose of building homes in the past year. He reported that while some other towns in Dane County are choosing to opt out of Dane County Zoning, the Town of Blooming Grove has no plans to do so. Lastly, he said there are about 25 parcels of land in Blooming Grove that are west of the Interstate and south of Siggelkow Road, that may end up being annexed to the Village of McFarland sometime this year. The Town is taking a neutral position on this annexation, though it has no legal authority to do anything anyway.

Public Works Department Report

Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske reported that the Town purchased a new chipper in 2016, and that it should last until the Town goes away in 2027. He said the Town's road projects last year included N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Schutte Drive (for which TRI funds were utilized), Meier Road, and Allis Avenue (a project done in cooperation with the City of Madison).

Cory said the Town's two sanitary districts – the Regas Road Sewer District and Sewer District #10 – were both ceded to the City of Madison last year.

Action Item: 2016 Town Elector Budget Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dave Young to approve the Budget Meeting minutes of November 14, 2016 as presented. Arnie Berg seconded the motion, and it passed 9-0 with one abstention.

Action Item: 2016 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dave Young to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of April 19, 2016 as presented. Dwight Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 11-0.

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

A motion was made by Dave Young to hold next year's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall. Ron Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 11-0.

Citizen Comments/Concerns/Questions

Deborah Sellers asked the Town to consider placing a bus shelter on Commercial Avenue by N. Fair Oaks Avenue.

Mike Wolf noted that negotiations are underway which would cede the operations of the Waunona Sanitary District to the City of Madison.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chair Johnson to adjourn. Dave Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously at 7:23pm.

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2017

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, attorney Vanessa Wishart from Stafford Rosenbaum, 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. Large Assembly Permit: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve a large assembly permit for Harley-Davidson at 6200 Millpond Road for their Annual Freedom Ride to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Closed Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.35(1)(e) for the purpose of negotiating an intergovernmental agreement. 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 6:34pm.

2d. Open Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 6:54pm.

2e. Town Resolution 2017-01: Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2017-01 to constitute the Blooming Grove Town Board as the Commission of the Waunona Sanitary District and to approve an agreement to transfer Waunona Sanitary District's operations to the City of Madison as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 4-1, with Supervisor Young voting against.

It was noted that other parties to the agreement will need to formally approve it before it becomes effective. The Waunona Sanitary District, City of Madison, and Public Service Commission all must follow through with approvals before it's official. If all goes according to plan the effective date will be July 1, 2017.

2b. Traffic Concerns on Commercial Avenue east of N. Fair Oaks Avenue: Mike Wolf had distributed documentation outlining the concern of Paul Olsen, who lives at the southeast corner of Commercial Avenue and N. Fair Oaks Avenue. The traffic eastbound on Commercial Avenue toward the Highway 30 on-ramp is often times going faster than the posted limit, and is quite heavy during certain times of the day. Paul's main complaint is the difficulty he has getting out of his driveway onto Commercial during busy times. Mike reported he has reached out to the Dane County Sheriff's Department to ask for stepped-up enforcement of this area.

Discussion ensued about options, none of which was without downsides for the Town, drivers, and/or the residents who live on that block. After considerable debate the Board took no action. Mike said he would discuss this situation with City of Madison traffic engineering the next time he has an opportunity to do so.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the April 12, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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 Board to consider adding a street light in the southwest corner of Thurber Park.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:16pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Plan Commission member Dean Larson.

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. Jerry's Place Beer & Liquor License: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License for Jerry's Place, 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2b. Hope Rod & Gun Club Beer License: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Class B Beer License for Hope Rod & Gun Club, 3454 Siggelkow Road. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Blue Plate Catering Beer & Liquor License: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License for Blue Plate Catering, doing business at Harley-Davidson of Madison, 6200 Millpond Road. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2d. Magnuson Hotel Beer & Wine License: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Class B Beer and Class C Wine License for Magnuson Hotel, 3510 Millpond Road. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2e. PDQ Beer & Liquor License: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Class A Beer and Class A Liquor License for PDQ, 4112 Milwaukee Street. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2f. Operator's Licenses: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Operator's Licenses for Thomas K. Downs, John M. Gulesserian, Richard J. Kratochvil, and Randall Retzlaff. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2g. PDQ Cigarette License: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Cigarette License for PDQ, 4112 Milwaukee Street. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2h. Jerry's Place Cigarette License: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Cigarette License for Jerry's Place, 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2i. McDonald's Restaurant Permit: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Restaurant Permit for McDonald's, 4020 Milwaukee Street. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2j. Jerry's Place Restaurant Permit: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Restaurant Permit for Jerry's Place, 601 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2k. Magnuson Hotel Restaurant Permit: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Restaurant Permit for Magnuson Hotel, 3510 Millpond Road. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2l. Large Pine Trees in the Cemetery: Cory Buske reported that he had reached out to several tree cutting companies for bids to take these three trees down. At least one company wouldn't do it, given their proximity to the power lines there. The best bid we received was the one presented to the Town Board, in the amount of \$6500. Cory said that this could come out of the operational budget, and that the work would be done when school wasn't in session.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the \$6500 bid from Capital City Tree Experts as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2m. Ordinance for deposits to protect Town roads: Cory Buske said that in some instances when houses are being built or remodeled, or when driveways are being done, contractors who work those jobs do damage to the Town's roads. Surrounding municipalities require permits and deposits with those permits, which gives the municipality leverage if the road is damaged. Cory is recommending Blooming Grove do the same.

Supervisor Young made a motion to have Mike Wolf and Cory Buske being work on a proposed ordinance to require deposits for house construction and driveway permits. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the April 26, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the April 26, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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

4. Public Comment: Supervisor Young and Chair Johnson thanked the Town's staff, and Town volunteers, for their contribution to a successful Clean Sweep last Saturday in April Hill. Mike Wolf said the Clean Sweep will likely be an agenda item at the next Town Board meeting, so that Cory Buske can provide a recap and the Board has the opportunity to make changes so as to improve the event in future years.

Supervisor Young distributed an article that Deborah Sellers gave him, which was in reference to the City's Darbo-Worthington Neighborhood Plan. He said the plan is under final review at a meeting that is taking place tonight, and that the City will likely adopt the plan within the next month.

Supervisor Young said he went to a meeting last week that dealt with the proposed new fire station in the City of Madison at the corner of Dairy Drive and Femrite Drive. It was reported that this station would be operational January 1, 2019.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:50pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Town attorneys Liz Stephens and 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. Board of Review: Supervisor Young made a motion to open the 2017 Board of Review and to immediately postpone it until 5:30pm on June 15, 2017. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2b. 2016-17 Operator's License: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Operator's License for LaShonda Garrett. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2c. 2017-18 Operator's Licenses: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Operator's Licenses for Gary A. Breedlove, David J. Porto, Timothy M. DiMenna and Kristin B. Soper. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2d. Temporary Class B License: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the Temporary Class B malt beverage liquor license for July 15, 2017, to Sauk Prairie Harley-Owners Group for an event at 6200 Millpond Road, Madison WI as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2e. Waunona Sanitary District operations: Chris Hughes stated the Intergovernmental Agreement to cede operations of the Waunona Sanitary District to the City of Madison has been executed and signed by all three parties (Waunona Sanitary District, Town of Blooming Grove, City of Madison). The agreement is part of the application that has now been sent to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for approval.

Chris went on to say he has talked with the City Attorney and District Attorney about doing what can be done to encourage the PSC to act on this by July 1. Mike Wolf expressed his concern about what happens if the PSC doesn't act by July 1, specifically what it would mean operationally.

Because the City is already doing the field work on behalf of the District, it appears that the "risk" of not having the agreement effective by July 1 is limited to administrative support (such as billing, accepting payments, paying bills, opening the mail, etc.).

Chris suggested we wait to hear from Larry Bechler (counsel for the District) before we take any further action. He said it is possible that if the PSC doesn't act by July 1, and District personnel resign as of that date, the Town Board may have to pass a resolution putting them in charge until the PSC presumably approves the agreement. If necessary, that could be done at the Town Board meeting on June 28.

2f. Hotel Room Taxes: Liz Stephens said she has been in contact with Department of Revenue (DOR) personnel. She provided the background of our situation to them, explaining that the law as written doesn't really make any sense for a Town such as ourselves. She explained that the Town is open to adhering to the spirit of the law, and has suggested alternatives to the DOR. They are considering those alternatives. Liz will get back to us when she hears back from the DOR.

2g. Construction Bond: Cory Buske and Mike Wolf are recommending the Town consider an ordinance that would require a bond for new construction, remodels, and/or having driveways repaved or constructed. The premise is that contractors come in with heavy equipment, and in some cases are doing damage to Town roads. By requiring a bond before the work starts, it's more likely road damage will be minimal or avoided, and if damage does occur the bond money could be used to fix the road. Some of our municipal neighbors have this kind of ordinance.

The Board agreed that we should move forward with creating a draft ordinance, that would come back to the Board at a future meeting for further consideration. Mike Wolf was asked to contact the Wisconsin Town's Association for a template of such an ordinance. Chris Hughes will assist in this process as needed.

2h. Clean Sweep: Cory Buske provided some data from the Clean Sweep in April Hill earlier this month. He said we had 4000 pounds of televisions, that cost \$1400 to dispose of. He said that the cost of the televisions increases three-fold if the unit (casing or screen) is damaged. He stated we also accepted 290 pounds of mixed electronics – mostly computer equipment. In total, after revenue gleaned from scrap metal collected, the Clean Sweep cost the Town about \$2800.

There was a vigorous discussion about the possibility of limiting the number of televisions accepted per household. Some Board members felt a limit of two or three was reasonable, others didn't think it was necessary. In the end no action was taken.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the May 10, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young 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 said she would prefer the new lift station in Thurber Park be built on the N. Fair Oaks side of the 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 7:35pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, 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. Rezone at 3424 Lake Farm Road: Supervisor Bristol reported that there was a Public Hearing for this rezone at the Plan Commission meeting earlier this evening. Two people spoke in opposition to the possibility of apartment buildings on the property. The City of Madison had communicated with the Town, stating it was likely that Mr. Van Daalwyk would be submitting an amended rezone request which may eliminate the possibility of apartments. Due to the uncertainty of the project, the Plan Commission deferred any recommendation of the rezone request currently proposed.

Chair Johnson made a motion to defer this issue. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

2b. 2017-18 Operator's Licenses: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Operator's Licenses for John Polnow, Maria Kurolapnik, Heather Hunt, Fredy Vazquez, Diana Winslow, Antonio Mendoza, Marena Wheatley, Amanda Olson, LaShonda Garrett, Duarn Vue, and Jacob Aslakson. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Replacement Roof for April Hill Shelter: Supervisor Bristol said the Plan Commission reviewed this issue at their meeting earlier this same evening. Three children had climbed up on the roof and tore some shingles off. They were apprehended by a Deputy Sheriff. It is anticipated that the Sheriff will work with Cory Buske and Mike Wolf to get restitution in the amount of \$250 from each child or his family.

Because the roof is 20 years old, it makes more sense for the Town to replace it. Cory Buske got several bids, and is recommending one at a total cost of \$2150. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Town Board the Town approve this expenditure.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the replacement of the April Hill shelter roof as recommended by staff, and to furthermore instruct staff to work with the Dane County Sheriff's department to secure \$750 from the three families. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the May 24, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol 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 said she would prefer that community gardens not be placed anywhere in Thurber Park, as the City of Madison's strategic neighborhood plan proposes.

Mike Wolf reported that Tom Voit had stopped into the office and said the City of Madison plans on condemning a portion (more or less the northern half) of the Voit farm. Tom said he was told to expect a letter to that affect sometime in early fall of this year. Mike said the City has the legal authority to do this.

Supervisor Berg said he and his wife have purchased a condo in the City of Madison, and that when he moves he will be resigning from the Town Board. He said he would like to see his successor be from Rambling Acres, since he is currently the only representative from that neighborhood. Supervisor Berg suggested that Dane County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Teuscher be considered for appointment when the time comes.

5. Adjournment: Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:45pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2017

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town 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, 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 Young made a motion to approve 2017-18 Operator's Licenses for Alexander Will, Tammy Washington, Kristie Jo Stroede, Erica Pergande, Janice Buckingham, Eric Christenson, Carolyn Benson, Lorraine Holt, Abbey Bailey, Bethany Dewhirst, Tonya Reed, Terri Colberg, James Johnson, Cory Beld, Gina Heiman, George Koltes and GERALYN KUBLY. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

2b. Historical Society Donation: Mike Wolf suggested the Board not make a decision on this issue until the room tax issue is resolved. It is possible that room tax revenue over the state-imposed cap could legally be distributed to the Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society (HBGHS), but that is not yet known.

Supervisor Berg said he would prefer that a donation be made to an endowment, but understands why the HBGHS would like to have the money more readily available for needs that may arise. This is especially true given how low interest rates are, which means an endowment wouldn't provide much revenue on an annual basis. Mike Wolf said that in his meeting with Don Taylor, the treasurer of HBGHS, Don said they would prefer a donation that would go into their outlay account – which is used for capital expenditures.

Chair Johnson made a motion to postpone this item to a future meeting. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2c. Parking Enforcement Personnel: Mike Wolf reported that Mike Meyers resigned, and so the Town is now in need of someone to issue alternate side parking tickets in the winter. Supervisor Young suggested looking into using City of Madison or Dane County personnel. All present agreed that, while using Cory and/or Steve is an option, that should be something we do only if other options don't pan out. Mike Wolf will continue to explore alternatives.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the June 14, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. 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 Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said she would be willing to work to enforce the "no parking" restrictions in Thurber Park.

Supervisor Berg said he had talked with Jeff Teuscher again about the possibility of Jeff filling the vacancy created by Supervisor Berg's imminent departure. Supervisor Berg reported that Jeff would be willing to serve, willing to run next spring... and would well represent the Rambling Acres neighborhood.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:46pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Liz Stevens, Mike Meyers, Julie Didier 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. Red Cross & City of Madison Fire Department's Smoke Alarm Distribution: Julie Didier of the Red Cross presented information about this one-day event. The Red Cross will install up to three new smoke alarms in each private residence in Blooming Grove. This event will take place on October 7. Letters will be sent to homeowners to give them an opportunity to participate. There is no cost to homeowners, nor to the Town. She said they will have about 200 volunteers lined up to install the alarms.

Logistics are being coordinated by Julie, in cooperation with the City of Madison Fire Department and the Town of Blooming Grove Administrator.

2b. Rezone and CUP Request at 3424 Lake Farm Road: Supervisor Bristol reported the Public Hearing for this rezone took place at the Plan Commission meeting earlier this same evening. He said the City of Madison had recommended a deed restriction on one of the parcels, but otherwise nobody was in attendance to provide feedback at the hearing. The Plan Commission then unanimously recommended approval of the rezone and conditional use permit, with the same deed restriction as the City of Madison proposed.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the rezone at 3424 Lake Farm Road from A-2 to A-4, A-2(4), and LC-1 with a Conditional Use Permit for a single family residence – with a stipulation that lot 3 shall be deed restricted to allow only contractor businesses, transportation businesses, building trade businesses and landscaping operations. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Hotel Room Taxes: Town attorney Liz Stevens gave a brief summary of the challenges the Town has in adhering to the applicable state statutes. She said that, after talking with State Department of Revenue personnel and legislators, she believes the best course of action for the Town is to establish a tourism commission that will then contract with an appropriate entity that can accept hotel tax revenue beyond the state-imposed revenue cap. She said this entity may end up being either the Historical Blooming Grove Historic Society, or the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Supervisor Young made a motion to instruct the town's attorney to draft an ordinance to establish a tourism commission and to explore options for entities with which the commission could establish an applicable agreement for accepting and spending room tax revenue. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and it passed 5-0.

2d. Second Quarter Treasurer's Report: Mike Wolf reported that overall the Town is in good financial standing through the first half of the year. He pointed out that office staff expenses are well under budget, which will make up for the fact the legal expenses are over budget.

2e. Crosswalk Signage at the corner of Siggelkow and Carncross / Black Walnut: Mike Meyers was in attendance, and his letter of concern was shared with the Town Board. Mike said he also sent this letter to the Village of McFarland (because this is a shared road), and that the Village's safety committee was taking up this same topic at their meeting – which so happens is at the exact same time as this Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Young pointed out the McFarland School District busses students from north of Siggelkow Road to the schools, which are on the south side of the road. The District does this free of charge because the crossing of Siggelkow Road is considered a substantive risk for school children.

The Board was in support of further investigating the possibility of signage at this intersection to make it safer for pedestrians to cross. Mike Wolf will work with Cory Buske, and the Village of McFarland, to explore alternatives.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the June 28, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Supervisor Bristol abstaining.

3b. Approval of Vouchers: Supervisor Bristol 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 Town have a public hearing on the ramifications of the phosphorous treatment facility that is going to be built on the Voit farm property... in particular because some people may have a concern about the impact of this operation on private wells.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:35pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2017

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, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Liz Johnson 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 License: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Operator's License for Mark Ruckauf. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2b. Stormwater Management on Kuehling Drive: Cory Buske explained that this road doesn't have the proper slope, and as a result stormwater ends up in people's properties. The contractor doing the road project conservatively estimated a cost of up to \$12,000 to properly slope the road so as to mitigate this problem.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve up to \$12,000 for additional road work on Kuehling Drive so as to mitigate the stormwater management issues on this road. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Chair Johnson abstaining.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the July 12, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the July 12, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as amended by Supervisor Young – who asked that the minutes reflect the fact that the McFarland School District is bussing April Hill residents to school because they deem the crossing of Siggelkow Road to be dangerous. 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 Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said things occasionally happen in her neighborhood without her or the Town being informed... such as her seeing a pickup truck with a large wheel of wire on Furey Avenue. She would prefer to have the Town be informed of these occurrences, so that she can more easily find out what's going on.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:38pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2017

Supervisor Bristol called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town 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, 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. Rezone at 202-206 Regas Road: Supervisor Bristol reported that the Public Hearing for this rezone took place earlier this evening in front of the Town's Plan Commission. He said only the owner of the property and the owner of the business were present, and nobody spoke in opposition to the rezone.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the rezone from M-1 to C-2 at 202-206 Regas Road, and to approve the Conditional Use Permit at this location as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the July 26, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the July 26, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as amended. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said she would very much want to be considered for a Plan Commission opening, because she has a vested interest in what might happen on the Voit Farm property.

Supervisor Berg said the closing on the sale of his house is this Friday, and assuming things go as planned he would be resigning from the Town Board soon thereafter because he would be moving out of Blooming Grove.

5. Adjournment: Supervisor Berg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 3-0 at 6:37pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2017

Supervisor Bristol called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Chair Johnson was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, Plan Commission member Dean Larson, Town Attorneys Liz Stephens and Chris Hughes, former Town Board Supervisor Arnie Berg, 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. Review of proposed Room Tax ordinances: Liz Stephens reviewed the proposed ordinances with the Town Board, and changes were suggested. Ordinance 2.05 would allow the establishment of a tourism commission. Ordinance 7.01 would be amended to deal with the tourism commission, the tourism entities, and how the revenue would be disseminated. This is all being done in response to a change in state law that limits the Town's ability to use room tax revenue.

Liz will make changes based on the conversations at this meeting. Revised versions will come back to the Town Board for further consideration. It is hoped these ordinances can be adopted at one of the September Town Board meetings. It is expected that members of the tourism commission can be appointed at the same meeting the ordinances are adopted.

2b. Review of proposed ordinance for Construction Bond: Chris Hughes distributed a draft of Town Ordinance 7.06 which would require a construction bond when new homes are built, driveways are constructed or widened, etc. The Board and Cory Buske suggested some revisions. Chris said he would make changes, and bring this back to the Board for their September 13 meeting for approval. It was noted the effective date of the ordinance could be September 14, 2017.

2c. Purchase of new one-ton truck: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the purchase of a new one-ton truck for up to \$65,000. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

2d. Process for filling vacancy on Town Board: Mike Wolf explained the process that was used the last time there was a Board vacancy. This includes a notice posted around Town asking interested persons to submit a letter of interest to the Town Office. The Town Board will have the opportunity to appoint a new Board member at their September 13 meeting. Nobody objected to using the same process as before.

Subsequently Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2017-02 to recognize former Town Board Supervisor Arnie Berg's contribution to the Town of Blooming Grove, which spanned over 20 years. Supervisor Bristol read the resolution, and it was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. The vote to approve was 3-0, and all those in attendance gave Arnie a standing ovation.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the August 9, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the August 9, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0. Supervisor Linzmeier abstained.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said she went before the City committee who was reviewing their neighborhood plan, and protested the inclusion of sidewalks in that plan. She reported the plan was not altered. She further reported that the next meeting to review the plan is this upcoming Monday at 5:30pm, and invited others to attend.

Supervisor Young said he would be unable to attend the Plan Commission or Town Board meetings on October 11 and November 8.

5. Adjournment: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 3-0 at 7:47pm.

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

**TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02**

Resolution in Appreciation of Arnie Berg's Service
to the Town of Blooming Grove

WHEREAS, Arnie was a Town Board Supervisor from 1993 to 1995,

AND WHEREAS, Arnie was the Town Treasurer from 1997 to 1999,

AND WHEREAS, Arnie was a Town Board Supervisor from 1999 to 2017, resulting in him being the second-longest tenured Town Board Supervisor in the 157-year history of the Town of Blooming Grove,

AND WHEREAS, in his many years on the Town Board, Arnie consistently displayed a dedication to doing what he believed was right for the people of Blooming Grove and for the community at large,

AND WHEREAS, Arnie dutifully and seriously considered all issues, and at times made a decision that may not have been popular, if he thought it to be the right one for the Town,

AND WHEREAS, Arnie's contributions over the 21+ years on the Town Board are innumerable, and long-lasting.

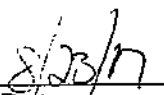
NOW THEREFORE, the Blooming Grove Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hard work, dedication, time and thoughtful consideration put forth by Arnie Berg on behalf of the people of the Town of Blooming Grove, for over two decades.

This Resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting by the Town Board of the Town of Blooming Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, on August 23, 2017.

APPROVED:



Town Chair

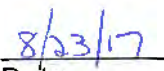


Date

ATTESTED:



Town Clerk



Date

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2017

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, and Town Attorney Chris Hughes.

2a. Closed Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes in order for the Town Board to confer with legal counsel for the Town who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to potential litigation relating to the possible annexation of the Freeway Manor subdivision by the Village of McFarland. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Young and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:31pm.

2b. Open Session: Supervisor Young made a motion to go back into Open Session. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0 at 7:08pm.

3. Adjournment: Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 4-0 at 7:08pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2017

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Bristol and Supervisor Young. Supervisor Linzmeier was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Plan Commission member Dean Larson, Town Attorneys Liz Stephens and 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. Appointment of new Board member: Chair Johnson thanked the four individuals who provided letters of interest to the Board for this opening. He said Dean Larson's experience and contributions on both the Town's Parks Commission and Plan Commission over the last 10 years was a deciding factor for him. Chair Johnson then made a motion to appoint Dean Larson to the Town Board, effective upon his resignation from the Plan Commission. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 4-0 (by state statute, Mike Wolf voted along with the three Board members present). Supervisor Bristol and Supervisor Young also went on record thanking those who took an interest in the position.

2b. Town Ordinance 2.05 to establish a Tourism Commission: Attorney Liz Stephens went over the changes made after Board feedback from the last meeting. She explained that having this ordinance in place will allow the Tourism Commission to move forward with creating an agreement with a tourism entity which can legally spend room tax money collected above and beyond that which the state mandates the Town can retain.

Chair Johnson made a motion to adopt Town Ordinance 2.05 as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

2c. Appointment of members to Tourism Commission: Chair Johnson made a motion to appoint Ron Bristol, Dwight Johnson, Dean Larson, Kathie Linzmeier, Natasha Stankovich and Dave Young to the Town's Tourism Commission. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

2d. Amending Town Ordinance 7.01 to comply with statutory changes to Room Tax revenue: Liz Stephens reviewed the changes made as a result of feedback from the Board from the previous meeting. Chair Johnson made a motion to adopt the amended version of Town Ordinance 7.01 as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

2e. Adoption of Town Ordinance 7.06 to establish a security bond for Town roads: Town Attorney Chris Hughes reviewed the draft of this ordinance, which will require a security payment to protect Town roads under specific situations. Changes to the draft were made as a result of Board feedback. Chris said he would incorporate these changes and then properly format the ordinance for future consideration.

2f. Town Resolution 2017-03: Chris Hughes explained that this ordinance will allow the City of Madison to consider using deed restrictions on certain types of developments in the Town, instead of having to go through a CUP or rezoning process. It was emphasized that this would simply be an option above and beyond what's currently available. Supervisor Bristol noted that

the Plan Commission had discussed this issue at their meeting this same evening, and unanimously recommended the Town Board pass this resolution.

Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2017-03 as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

2g. Budget Meeting Dates: It was noted that the Town's working budget meeting, which is usually in mid-October, would need to be rescheduled as a quorum of the Board would not be available that week. After some discussion the Board agreed that the Town Board's working budget meeting will take place at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 4.

The Town's public budget meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm. That is the meeting during which the townspeople can review and provide input to the 2018 budget, and pass the 2017 tax levy. It's also the meeting when the Town Board formally adopts the budget.

2h. Change in the date of the second Town Board meeting in November: Mike Wolf suggested moving the meeting to avoid having a meeting the night before Thanksgiving. Chair Johnson made a motion to approve moving the second Town Board meeting in November from the 22nd to the 29th. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

3a. Approval of Minutes of the August 23, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the August 23, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0. Chair Johnson abstained.

3b. Approval of Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Town Board Meeting: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the September 6, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

3c. 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: None.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Young. The motion passed 3-0 at 7:02pm.

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

**TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03**

Authorizing the Acceptance of Deed Restrictions to Allow for Certain Residential Land
Divisions in the Town of Blooming Grove under its Cooperative Plan with the City of Madison

WHEREAS, the Town of Blooming Grove ("Town") and the City of Madison ("City") entered into a Cooperative Plan entitled "Town of Blooming Grove and City of Madison Cooperative Plan" ("Plan") dated April 20, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11.B.(1) of the Plan states, in relevant part: "Any development in the Town shall be subject to approval by the City in accordance with City Development Requirements... the Town shall not grant any development approvals inconsistent with this paragraph..."; and,


WHEREAS, Section 6.A. of the Plan defines "development" in relevant part as "a division of land, or construction of more than one principal structure on a parcel of land, or rezoning a parcel from a residential or agricultural classification to a non-residential classification; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.B.(3) of the Plan also states: "The division of a five (5) acre or larger parcel (including parcels that are less than 5 acres because of a property acquisition by the City) existing as of February 18, 2005, into only two parcels for residential purposes shall not be considered "development" under this Plan, and the owners may divide and rezone the parcel to a single-family residential district and construct a single-family residence on each new parcel without the cooperation or approval of the City. A "parcel" is defined as the contiguous lands within the control of a single owner."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that, upon review of a Town property owner's request to divide a property for residential purposes, and confirmation that the proposal is consistent with the respective sections enumerated in 11.B.(3) in the Plan, the Town Chair and Town Clerk are authorized to enter into and accept, on behalf of the Town, a Deed Restriction from the Property owner in lieu of rezoning to a residential zoning classification, in a format approved by the Town Attorney that is consistent with the document attached hereto.

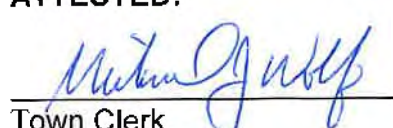
This Resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting by the Town Board of the Town of Blooming Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, on September 13, 2017.

APPROVED:


Town Chair

9/25/17
Date

ATTESTED:


Town Clerk

9/25/2017
Date

DEED RESTRICTION

This Deed Restriction (the "Restriction") is made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2017, by and among [insert name of property owner] ("Owner"), Town of Blooming Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, a Wisconsin body corporate and politic (the "Town") and the City of Madison, a Wisconsin municipal corporation (the "City").

RECITALS

- A. The Town and the City entered into a cooperative plan entitled "Town of Blooming Grove and the City of Madison Cooperative Plan, dated April 20, 2006" (the "Plan").
- B. Section 11.B.(1) of the Plan states in relevant part: "Any development in the Town shall be subject to approval by the City in accordance with City Development Requirements."
- C. Section 11.B.(3) of the Plan also states in relevant part: "The division of a five (5) acre or larger parcel (including parcels that are less than 5 acres because of a property acquisition by the City) existing as of February 18, 2005 into only two parcels for residential purposes, shall not be considered development under this Plan, and the owners may divide and rezone the parcel to a single-family residential district and construct a single-family residence on new parcel without the cooperation or approval of the City. A "parcel" is defined as the contiguous lands within the control of a single owner."
- D. Owner owns the real estate described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Restricted Property").
- E. Owner desires to divide the Restricted Property into only two parcels for residential purposes.
- F. Owner desires to enter into this Deed Restriction to ensure that the division of the Restricted Property is not considered "development" under the Plan.
- G. Based on this Restriction, the City and the Town acknowledge that the division of the Restricted Property is not considered "development" under the Plan.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RECORDING DATA

RETURN TO:

Town Clerk/Administrator/Treasurer
Town of Burke
5365 Reiner Road
Madison, WI 53718

P.I.N.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits passing to and from the parties, Owner, the Town, and the City agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The recitals stated above are incorporated in this Section 1 of the Restriction as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

2. **Only Residential Uses Allowed.** The Restricted Property may only be used for residential purposes, and all other uses are prohibited. The Restricted Property may be divided into two parcels and a single-family residence may be constructed on each of the two new parcels without the cooperation or approval of the City. For the purposes of this Restriction, residential purposes shall include all uses that would be a permitted use within Dane County's R-1, R-2, R-3, and RH zoning districts. Any new accessory building(s) on the Restricted Property shall meet the requirements of an accessory building in these zoning districts.

3. **Enforcement.** This Restriction shall be enforceable at law or in equity against any party who has, or acquires, an interest in the Restricted Property by either of the following parties:

- A. The Town provided the Restricted Property is located in the Town at the time the enforcement action is commenced; and
- B. The City.

4. **Amendment.** This Restriction may only be amended with the written approval of Owner, the City, and the Town (as long as the Restricted Property is located in the Town). Such amendment would only be effective upon the recording of it with the Dane County Register of Deeds.

5. **Term.** This Restriction shall run with the Restricted Property and shall be binding upon Owner of the Restricted Property and Owner's heirs, successors in interest, personal representatives and assigns, and those persons occupying or using the Restricted Property under or through any of the foregoing. This Restriction shall be recorded by Owner and may be re-recorded by Owner, the Town or the City.

6. **Termination.** This Restriction may be terminated only in the following manner:

- A. Upon written approval of the current owner of the Restricted Property, the City, and the Town (as long as the Restricted Property is located in the

Town), with such approval being effective only upon the recording of the written approval with the Dane County Register of Deeds; or

- B. If the Restricted Property is within the Town, upon the rezoning of the Restricted Property to an R-1, R-2 R-3 or RH Dane County Zoning District.
- C. If the Restricted Property is attached or annexed to the City, this Restriction shall automatically terminate.

7. **Severability.** The terms and conditions of this Restriction are severable. The invalidation of any provisions hereof by judgment or court order shall have no effect on any other provision hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Restriction as of the date first set forth above.

OWNER:

By: _____
Print Name: _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

Personally came before me this _____ day of _____, 2017, the above named _____, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires: _____

BLOOMING GROVE:
TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE

By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST

By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

Personally came before me this _____ day of _____, 2017, the
above named _____ and _____, to me
known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the
same with authority from the Town of Blooming Grove.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires: _____

CITY:
CITY OF MADISON

By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged this _____ day of _____, 2017, by the above-named _____, to me known to be the _____ for the City of Madison, who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same with authority from the City of Madison.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires: _____

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Description of Restricted Property

This instrument was drafted by:

Christopher B. Hughes
Stafford Rosenbaum LLP
222 West Washington Avenue
Post Office Box 1784
Madison, Wisconsin 53701-1784
(608) 256-0226
chughes@staffordlaw.com

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2017

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Larson, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance was Deborah Sellers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Johnson reported that Mike Wolf had told him the meeting notice was properly posted. Chair Johnson welcomed Supervisor Larson to the Town Board.

2a. 2017-18 Class A Beer and Class A Liquor License for Kwik Trip at 4112 Milwaukee Street: Supervisor Young noted that Kwik Trip is buying out all of the PDQ stores, including the one located in the Town of Blooming Grove. Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Class A Beer and Class A Liquor License for Kwik Trip at 4112 Milwaukee Street. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2b. 2017-18 Cigarette License for Kwik Trip at 4112 Milwaukee Street: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Cigarette License for Kwik Trip at 4112 Milwaukee Street. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. 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 said there is a meeting at Salvation Army on September 28 regarding the proposal for construction on the City's portion of Webb Avenue. She said she is concerned about heavy equipment on Town roads.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:32pm.

Minutes written and submitted by
Supervisor Young

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2017

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

2a. Review/Revision of the 2018 Town Budget: The Town Board reviewed and made revisions to the draft of the 2018 Town budget provided by office staff.

2b. Closed Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(b) for the purpose of deliberating job performance and/or compensation for public employees. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Larson – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:57pm.

2c. Open Session: Supervisor Young made a motion to return to Open Session. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 7:11pm. The Town Board continued their review of the 2018 Town budget.

3. Adjournment: Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:24pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2017

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

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

2a. Town Road Projects in 2018: Supervisor Larson made a motion to authorize the Town to submit a TRI application for the resurfacing of the Highway 51 frontage road that runs from Allis Avenue to Buckeye Road. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the resurfacing of Millpond Road in 2018. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

Discussion ensued about a third road project for 2018, specifically a project in the Gallagher Plat neighborhood. Board members asked Cory Buske to get estimates on a project that would include Town roads east of N. Fair Oaks Avenue, and on a project that would include Furey Avenue to the west of N. Fair Oaks Avenue and roads that intersect with Furey Avenue one block to the north. These estimates will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

Cory Buske reported that any project done in the Gallagher Plat neighborhood would be coordinated with the City of Madison, as they now own the underground infrastructure for water and sanitary sewer. The Town wishes to minimize the chances of spending money to resurface a road, only to have the City then have to dig underneath it to repair or replace infrastructure.

2b. 2017-18 Operators Licenses: Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Operators Licenses for Shtara Ann Williams, Amber Nicole Orley, Taylor N. Gleason, and Elizabeth N. Harnack. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2c. Amending the 2017 Town Budget: Chair Johnson made a motion to amend the 2017 budget by moving \$5000 in cost savings from the Town Office expense account, and \$10,000 of cost savings from the Emergency Services expense account, into the Legal expense account. Supervisor Larson seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

2d. Amendment for Dane County Zoning Petition 11143: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the amendment for Dane County Zoning Petition 11143 (for the Van Daalwyk property) as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

2e. Tourism Promotion Agreement: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the Tourism Promotion Agreement between the Town of Blooming Grove Tourism Commission, the Town of Blooming Grove, and the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

2f. Town Representation on the Northeast Community Court: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to appoint Supervisor Larson to be the new Town representative on the Northeast Community Court. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0. Chair Johnson thanked Supervisor Linzmeier for her past 20+ years of service as the Town representative.

3a. Approval of September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0, with Supervisor Larson and Supervisor Linzmeier abstaining.

3b. Approval of September 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

3c. Approval of October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

3d. 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 suggested the Town change the locks on the Quonset hut at 3325 Thurber Avenue. Deborah also pointed out that the City of Madison is looking to build a new road just west of the Gallagher Plat neighborhood, and that this project should be coordinated with Town officials. Lastly, Deborah would like to see a Gallagher Plat resident be considered for appointment to the Plan Commission.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:50pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2017

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

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

2a. Adoption of Town Ordinance 7.06: Chair Johnson made a motion to adopt Town Resolution 7.06 as presented, which requires a construction bond to protect Town roads under specific conditions. Supervisor Larson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

2b. 2017-18 Operators Licenses: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Operators Licenses for Trevor J. Gerry. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

2c. Town Resolution 2017-04: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve Town Resolution 2017-04 as presented, which asks the state legislature to not pass bills that would further erode local authority, especially as it pertains to zoning and conditional use permits. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

3a. Approval of October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Supervisor Young abstained.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers reported that the tornado that went through the area two weeks ago just missed Blooming Grove. She said that trucks sent in to clean up the debris travelled on Town roads... and she is concerned that when a City of Madison road is newly built next year, their trucks will also travel on Town roads which could damage them.

2d. 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)(g). Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Larson – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye; Supervisor Young – aye. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:35pm.

2e. Open Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0 at 7:30pm.

5. Adjournment: Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 4-0 at 7:31pm.

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

**TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04**

To oppose State Senate Bill 387 and State Assembly Bill 479,
which would marginalize public input and minimize local control for
zoning and conditional use requests.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blooming Grove believes current state laws pertaining to zoning and conditional uses are adequate to protect the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blooming Grove believes that the most effective governing comes from those that are closest to their constituents, which is to say municipal government using input from local residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed state legislative bills (SB387 and AB479) erode the ability for local government to effectively make decisions about zoning and conditional uses by limiting the value of public input and by eliminating latitude the municipal governing body currently has as it pertains to zoning and conditional use requests.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Blooming Grove Town Board does hereby oppose State Senate Bill 387 and State Assembly Bill 479, and further directs the Town Clerk to communicate this opposition via a copy of this resolution to the Town's representatives in the State Senate and State Assembly, as well as provide a copy to the Wisconsin Towns Association.

This Resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting by the Town Board of the Town of Blooming Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, on October 25, 2017.

APPROVED:



Town Chair

10/25/17
Date

ATTESTED:



Town Clerk

10/25/2017
Date

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2017

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

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

2a. Appointment of new Plan Commission members: Supervisor Bristol reported that at the Plan Commission meeting earlier this evening, the Commission unanimously recommended Cheryl Larson, Amy Schroeder and Jeff Teuscher to be appointed to the Plan Commission.

Chair Johnson made a motion to appoint Cheryl Larson to the Plan Commission with a term to expire April 30, 2018, and to appoint Amy Schroeder to the Plan Commission with a term to expire April 30, 2019, and to appoint Jeff Teuscher to the Plan Commission with a term to expire April 30, 2019. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

2b. Appointment of Town parking enforcement officers: Chair Johnson made a motion to give authority to Mike Wolf, Cory Buske and Steve Kearney to issue alternate side parking tickets pursuant to Town Ordinance 4.01. Supervisor Larson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

3a. Approval of October 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Chair Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Supervisor Linzmeier abstained.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said she didn't see any money in the 2018 budget allocated for parks, and she has a concern about that.

Supervisor Larson reported that he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Dane County Library Service building (the former Blooming Grove fire station) last week. He said DCLS staff are very pleased with their new facilities.

2d. Closed Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e). Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Larson – aye; Supervisor Linzmeier – aye; Chair Johnson – aye; Supervisor Bristol – aye. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:35pm.

2e. Open Session: Chair Johnson made a motion to return to open session. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0 at 6:40pm.

5. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. The motion passed 4-0 at 6:41pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2017

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Larson, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske, and Town residents Vivian Bristol 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. Open Public Hearing on 2018 Town Budget: Chair Johnson made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2018 Town Budget. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 6:32pm.

Deborah Sellers asked several questions about the Town budget, and those questions were answered.

2b. Public Hearing Closed: Chair Johnson made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2018 Town Budget. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 at 6:55pm.

3. Recess: Chair Johnson made a motion to go into recess in order to hold the Town Elector Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bristol and passed 5-0 at 6:55pm.

4. Reconvene: Supervisor Young made a motion to reconvene the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0 at 6:58pm.

5. Adoption of the 2018 Town Budget: Supervisor Young made a motion to adopt the 2018 Town Budget as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

6. Adjournment: Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Chair Johnson. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:59pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Elector Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2017

Chair Johnson called the Town Elector meeting to order at 6:56pm. In attendance were Town electors Ron Bristol, Vivian Bristol, Dean Larson, Kathie Linzmeier, Deborah Sellers, and Dave Young. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf and Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske.

Mike Wolf acknowledged the meeting was properly posted.

2a. Approval of the 2017 Town Levy: Ron Bristol made a motion to adopt a levy of \$464,208.57. Dave Young seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, with 1 (Deborah Sellers) abstaining.

3. Adjournment: Dave Young made a motion to adjourn. Ron Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 7-0 at 6:57pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2017

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

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

2a. Driveway apron repair at Jerry's Place: Cory Buske and Mike Wolf explained that the apron is in very bad condition, and that because of that it is in danger of causing deterioration of the road itself... which is in very good condition as of now. The Board was in unanimous agreement that the apron needs to be repaired to protect the Town's road.

Chair Johnson made a motion to have the Town Clerk mail a letter to the owner of Jerry's Place as soon as possible, stating that the apron needs to be repaired to the Town's satisfaction no later than June 1, 2018 – and if the owner does not do that, the Town will have it repaired and the cost of such repair will be placed as a special charge on the owner's 2018 property tax bill. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

2b. Purchase of new plow truck: Cory Buske explained that a new plow truck would be the last one the Town should have to purchase. The new truck would replace a 2006 currently in use. Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the purchase of a Western Star plow truck at a cost of no more than \$180,000, as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Cory said the new truck will likely be delivered in late spring or summer of 2018, and after that the Town will begin the process of selling the old plow truck.

2c. Increase wages for election workers: Mike Wolf reported that wages for the Town's election workers haven't changed in over a decade, and he is advocating for an increase. Supervisor Young made a motion to increase the hourly wage of chief inspectors from \$10.00/hour to \$12.00/hour, and to increase the hourly wage of other election officials from \$9.00/hour to \$10.00/hour, effective January 1, 2018. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion and it passed 3-0, with Supervisor Larson and Chair Johnson abstaining.

2d. Change of Kwik Trip agent: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve Janice Buckingham as the official agent of the Kwik Trip located at 4112 Milwaukee Street in the Town of Blooming Grove. Supervisor Young seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

2e. Start time of next Town Board meeting: Mike Wolf suggested moving the starting time of the December 13 meeting back, to accommodate a longer-than-usual Plan Commission meeting that same night. Supervisor Bristol made a motion to move the starting time of the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, December 13 to 7:00pm. Supervisor Young seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of November 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0. Supervisor Young abstained.

3b. Approval of November 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Town Board meeting as presented. Supervisor Young 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: Deborah Sellers suggested placing sand barrels in her neighborhood, to allow folks to use the sand on sidewalks during the winter.

5. Adjournment: Supervisor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Bristol. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:50pm.

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2017

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Bristol, Supervisor Larson, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Young. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Plan Commission member Cheryl Larson, and Deborah Sellers.

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

2a. Appointment of Election Officials: Supervisor Young made a motion to appoint the following individuals to be election officials in the Town of Blooming Grove for the 2018-2019 election cycle per the recommendation of the Town Clerk: Karen Barry, Romey Carta, Kris Frater, Bonnie Gudmandsen, Jean Hodge, Liz Johnson, Michael LaForest, Dale Larkin, Cheryl Larson, Karen Maderich, Gail Phippen, Alyson Pohlman, Lynn Smith and Cheryle Wampole. Supervisor Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

2b. Acceptance of Debit and Credit Card Payments: Mike Wolf said that only about four or five people every year ask to pay via debit or credit cards, but that the future trend is towards these kind of payments as opposed to cash or checks. The application to be used won't cost the Town any money. The fees would be paid by the person submitting the payment. Procedurally, payments would be accepted starting March 1 by the Town for everything except taxes. After six months of using this system, Mike will do an analysis and come back to the Board so they can determine if any procedural changes should be made, and/or if taxes should be allowed to be paid via debit or credit cards next December.

Supervisor Larson made a motion to approve the Town Administrator's recommendation to begin accepting debit and credit card payments on March 1, 2018 for everything except taxes. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

2c. Setting the date/time for the next Town Board meeting: Supervisor Bristol made a motion to have the next Town Board meeting take place at 1:00pm on Friday, December 29. It was noted that this meeting will have only the approval of bills on the agenda. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3a. Approval of November 29, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Young made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the November 29, 2017 Town Board meeting. Chair Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers said City personnel have opened fire hydrants in her neighborhood, and also marked curb stops for replacement. She said she is concerned these things are happening without the knowledge of the Town.

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

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

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for December 29, 2017

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

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

2. Approval of Vouchers: Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Supervisor Larson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

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

4. Adjournment: Chair Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. The motion passed 3-0 at 1:01pm.

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

