

Town of Blooming Grove

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Fire Bay located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. **Order of Business**
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Remind Attendees to Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Meeting with Jim Campbell, Attorney Rich Nordeng, Town Board and Town Residents regarding boundary agreement discussion only.**
4. **Communication Items:**
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 8588 and 8585
6. **Approvals**
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for:
 - i. December 10, 2002 Meeting
 - ii. December 30, 2002 Meeting
 - b. Approve Vouchers
 - c. Approve Reallocating budget dollars
7. **Public Concern**
8. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted January 10, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

- 1 Rebecca Gilbertson
- 2 Roddy Redepenniny
- 3 James Montgomery
- 4 Dight Johnson
- 5 Daniel Ackmann
- 6 Dennis Doster
- 7 Karen Erickson
- 8 David Erickson
- 9 Gordon Hermanson
- 10 Ruth Hermanson
- 11 John Niska
- 12 Nancy Tycott
- 13 Arthur Wood
- 14 Sheri Kullvick
- 15 Brian Voet
- 16 W. McFarland
- 17 Bill Powers
- 18 Julie Kelley
- 19 Dean T. Guss
- 20 Jason & Anna Kopp
- 21 Joseph E. Rane
- 22 James Curley
- 23 James Rane
- 24 Joel Hase

- 25 Mark McLaughlin
- 26 Rick B. G. G.
- 27 Cory Breitenbach
- 28 Shave Driscoll
- 29 Sam & Sandra Lyck
- 30 Terry Brown
- 31 Dee Long
- 32 Lynn Smith
- 33 James J. Hase
- 34 Paul Vanderbeken
- 35 David A. Wood
- 36 Gary Heminger
- 37 Mary Heminger
- 38 Gary Hanson
- 39 Norma Hanson
- 40 Jo Swanson
- 41 Michael Sommers
- 42 Linda G. Guss
- 43 David Guss
- 44 Eric Dahl
- 45 Heather Flemming
- 46 James Guss
- 47 Jean Stuber
- 48 Ed Stuber

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| 49 | <u>Supv. Carol Mc Lure</u> | 73 | _____ |
| 50 | <u>Terry Rogers</u> | 74 | _____ |
| 51 | <u>DAVE SHOWERS</u> | 75 | _____ |
| 52 | <u>MITCH & JOY VESAAS</u> | 76 | _____ |
| 53 | <u>Stacie Dong</u> | 77 | _____ |
| 54 | <u>Mel "Butch" Powell</u> | 78 | _____ |
| 55 | <u>Mr. McCallister</u> | 79 | _____ |
| 56 | <u>Bob Ayler</u> | 80 | _____ |
| 57 | <u>Ramesh Shah</u> | 81 | _____ |
| 58 | <u>Lance Rodack</u> | 82 | _____ |
| 59 | <u>Mary Berg</u> | 83 | _____ |
| 60 | <u>Dorothy Dinsell</u> | 84 | _____ |
| 61 | <u>Lois Kolb</u> | 85 | _____ |
| 62 | <u>BARB Harett</u> | 86 | _____ |
| 63 | <u>TIM FRATER</u> | 87 | _____ |
| 64 | <u>Dave Taffel</u> | 88 | _____ |
| 65 | <u>Julie Minter</u> | 89 | _____ |
| 66 | <u>Richard Hoffman</u> | 90 | _____ |
| 67 | <u>Steve Schuster</u> | 91 | _____ |
| 68 | <u>Gail Underbakke</u> | 92 | _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board January 14, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chair Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM on January 14, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chair Anderson, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Mahnke, and Supervisor Anderson. Chair Anderson noted a full quorum.

Others in attendance were: Jim Campbell – Town of Madison Chairman, Attorney Rich Nordeng, Rebecca Gilbertson, Rocky Redepinning, Baines Montgomery, Dwight Johnson, Bonnie Schnurbusch, Louise Foster, Karen Erickson, David Erickson, Gordon Hermsdorf, Ruth Hermsdorf, John Nicka, Nancy Turcott, Arthur Voit, John McFarland, Bill Powell, Julie Kelley, Jason Kopp, Anna Kopp, Joseph Rane, Harold Curley, James Rane, Joel Hasse, Mark McLaughlin, Derick Babler, Don Breitenbach, Shane Driscoll, Jerry Brown, Mike Wolf, Dave Young, Lynn Smith, Nancy Hasse, Paul Vanderbloemen, David Wood, Joan Hemberger, Wayne Hemberger, Gary Hanson, Norma Hanson, Jo Swanston, Michael Schuster, Ruth Grady, Heather Flemming, Lewis Arms, Jean Stube, Ed Stube, Dane County Supervisor Carole McGuire, Terry Rogers, Dave Showers, Mitch & Judy Vesaas, Sophie Dong, Mel "Butch" Powell, Troy Jeske, Dustin Whitehorse, Mike Guerten, Glenn Linzmeier, William Mullarkey, Bob Oyler, Ramesh Shah, Mary Berg, Beverly Driscoll, Lorre Kolb, Barb Hockett, Jim Frater, Dave Taylor, Julie Ginter, Richard Hoffman, Steve Schuster, Gail Underbakke, Jeff Teuscher. It is estimated there were approximately 15 others in the room that didn't sign in, or whose signatures were unreadable.

Chair Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed.

Boundary Agreement Discussion:

Chair Anderson welcomed everyone to this meeting and introduced the following people: Dane County Supervisor Carole McGuire, owner of Harley-Davidson store Bob Oyler, owner of Wingate Inn Ramesh Shah, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Audrey Rue, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, and Public Works Lead Worker Derick Babler.

Chair Anderson explained that this meeting was occurring for informational purposes only. He then introduced the featured guests at the meeting. Jim Campbell is the Town of Madison Board Chair. Rich Nordeng is the attorney who represented the Town of Madison during the negotiations with the cities of Fitchburg and Madison that eventually led to an intergovernmental boundary agreement between the three municipalities. Chair Anderson stated that each of the two guests would give a brief presentation, and that after they were done there would be a question and answer session.

Jim Campbell, Town of Madison Board Chair: (This is a summary of his speech)

There has been animosity between the City of Madison and the Town of Madison dating back over 50 years. Annexations have occurred periodically over the years, and many legal battles have resulted. The Town has won some, and the City has won some.

Last year Therese Berceau introduced legislation that would allow a city to unilaterally annex town land under certain conditions. This legislation would have allowed the City of Madison to annex the Town of Madison without any input from Town residents. This legislation went nowhere in the normal process of making law.

However, Chuck Chvala put this legislation into the "Budget Repair Bill", thus making it part of the entire budget package that had to be negotiated and eventually passed and signed. This legislation became a bargaining chip in the complicated negotiations of passing the state budget. (In the end, Governor McCallum vetoed this, but we didn't know that was going to happen for sure at this point in time).

Meanwhile, Jim Campbell decided to approach the Mayor of Fitchburg, Mark Vivian, with a proposal: to have Fitchburg annex some or even most of the Town of Madison. Mayor Vivian got back to Jim Campbell about six weeks later and suggested that they have further discussions about the possibility.

Jim Campbell then decided to send out a press release stating the Town of Madison and the City of Fitchburg were discussing possible annexations. This got quite a bit of attention from the press and the City of Madison. Within a week, Mayor Bauman of the City of Madison called Jim Campbell, and suggested they meet.

By July of last year (2002), all three parties met to discuss long-term annexation issues. It was decided early on in the process that it would be best for the attorneys representing the municipalities to actually go through the arduous negotiation process. Politicians in an open forum have perceptions to be concerned about, especially with regard to the press. After 33 meetings, in October, an agreement was signed.

The Town of Madison had the following objectives heading into the negotiation process:

- Maintain Town government for as long as possible
- Maintain Town financial viability
- Avoid degradation of services to Town residents
- Protect job security of Town employees

The 20-year agreement that was signed was better than the alternative!

The Town of Madison was in constant conflict with the City of Madison, which led to legal expenses and an inability to properly plan (given the Town could never be certain when pieces of land would be annexed). It was believed the Town of

Madison might not last more than five to ten years down the road given the present circumstances. Large businesses, which provided a great deal of the Town's tax base, were threatening to leave the Town (or were being threatened by annexation from the City of Madison).

With the agreement, some property will be annexed right away... some to the City of Madison and some to the City of Fitchburg. But most of the Town of Madison will remain as such for 20 years, at which point in time it will be fully annexed. This allows for stability, less legal expenses fighting between municipalities, and cost savings realized by the ability to better plan for their future.

Attorney Rich Nordeng: (This is a summary of his speech)

First Attorney Nordeng gave a little background on himself. He works for the firm of Stafford & Rosenbaum in Madison. He has practiced law for 28 years, most of that representing governments and public utilities. And most of that governmental experience has been representing towns. He has been involved in intergovernment agreements with different municipalities around the state of Wisconsin. He has also been involved with litigation with border disputes, specifically regarding annexation, incorporation, etc.

Attorney Nordeng explained there are different types of boundary agreements. In his opinion the best type of boundary agreement is the "State-Approved Cooperative Boundary Plan". This is a time-consuming process... taking up to 9-12 months. However, by going through this process and using this type of agreement, all parties can be confident that the resulting agreement is enforceable and binding.

He then discussed the three keys to a successful boundary agreement.

1. Establish clear-cut objectives and goals of the Town. This should be done on the front end of the process, and should involve input from the public. The goals should be realistic, and negotiable. Everyone involved must understand that in negotiations, one party is not going to get everything it wants! This seems obvious, but often times some people forget this. Negotiations require give and take.
2. The Town should maximize its bargaining power. Discussion should occur as to how the Town of Blooming Grove can improve its bargaining power *vis-à-vis* the City of Madison.
3. The process itself is very important. The public needs to be involved on the front end, helping to establish the Town's goals. Then a strategy should be developed as it pertains to the negotiations. The negotiations themselves should occur in private. This is probably the most controversial issue, but he stated that anyone who believes these negotiations should occur in public is basically saying they don't want

an agreement. After the negotiations, the public must be involved in reviewing, possibly modifying, and finally approving the agreement.

Chair Anderson asked Rich Nordeng to discuss the different types of annexation. Supervisor Berg also asked Mr. Nordeng to touch on the Extraterritorial Plat Review.

Rich Nordeng: (Response)

There are two basic forms of annexation. Property owners themselves initiate one. They have the right to annex to an adjoining city or village by petitioning that municipality. If the city or village agrees, then it's a done deal.

The other type of annexation is when a group of property owners wish to annex. In this case, they must have signatures on a petition that represents 50% of the acreage in the proposed annexation area, OR signatures of 50% of the people living on that land. As you can see, in this case a large landowner could annex into a city and take adjoining land with him/her... possibly against the will of the small property owners. There is an exception to this: registered voters can require a referendum, where only the affected people would vote... and unless 50% of those people say "yes" to annexation, then it is defeated.

The extraterritorial plat review jurisdiction means that cities and villages have the right to approve (or not approve) land divisions within three miles of its borders. This means that all of the Town of Blooming Grove is subject to City of Madison approval! Cities can also "approve" certain land divisions with conditions attached to that approval.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question from Rich Hoffman in April Hill: McFarland and the City of Madison have an agreement along Siggelkow Road, whereby McFarland won't annex north of Siggelkow. Is this an abuse of extraterritorial plat review? Is this a boundary agreement?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: This is not an abuse; it's not about extraterritorial plat review. Instead this is an agreement that was made without using the "State-Approved" plan to which he earlier referred. Because it isn't state-approved, and because residents of the Town of Blooming Grove weren't involved in the process, there is a question of enforceability of that agreement.

Question from Mark McLaughlin who lives in Walbridge Condominiums: Does annexation into the city require sewer and water?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: Unless it is otherwise negotiated in a boundary agreement, the answer is yes. The timeframe may vary, but it will probably be sooner rather than later.

Mark then asked if this is negotiable and Attorney Nordeng said “yes” and explained some property owner negotiations.

Question from Mark McLaughlin (to Jim Campbell): Will the Town of Madison get new equipment in 15 years or so, knowing that it will be gone in 20 years?

Answer from Jim Campbell: Now we know what to plan for! Before the agreement, it was very difficult to know what equipment to buy because we didn't know how much land or how many people we would be serving 3 to 5 years from now. Better decisions can now be made. He added, “It's actually easier”.

Comment from Rich Nordeng: I was also integral to a boundary agreement between the Town of Middleton and the City of Madison within the last year. Every municipality is different! The Town of Madison is different from the Town of Middleton, which is different from the Town of Blooming Grove. In the Middleton agreement, there is some of the Town land that cannot be annexed for 60 years. He further explained other agreements the Town of Middleton and the City of Madison have that limit annexation to 40 years.

Question from Joseph Rane, small business owner on Libby Road: The Town of Madison allowed parts of Park Street to go to the City of Madison for TIF development. Did the property owners have a say in that?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: Tax Incremental Finance Districts (TIFs) aren't allowable in a Town, only in a City or Village. The agreement that was made did not require the approval of the property owners. That being said, many of them will benefit from the increased property value that comes with redevelopment.

Question from Paul Vanderbloemen of Rambling Acres: What did the City of Madison get in their boundary agreement with the Town of Middleton for the 60 years they gave Middleton?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: The City of Madison gets annexation rights up to Pioneer Road without Town opposition. Also, in 40 years Madison will automatically get all of the land east of Pioneer Road. As stated before, Madison (and the Town of Middleton) also receives the advantage of knowing what the future will bring, and can more effectively plan accordingly.

Question from Don Breitenbach who lives on Siggelkow Road: Has the Town Board (of Blooming Grove) decided to pursue a boundary agreement with the City of Madison?

Answer from Chair Anderson: “Absolutely Not”. This is an informational meeting only. No decision has been made on whether or not to proceed with negotiations with the City of Madison.

Comment from Don Breitenbach: In the “give-and-take” of negotiations, the “givers” will have a problem with giving.

Comment from Supervisor Berg: The Town may want to see this as an opportunity to be proactive instead of letting history (a steady series of annexations) continue to occur until the Town is no longer viable. Supervisor Berg added, "We should plan our own future".

Question from Dave Wood (a 7-year resident): The Land Use Plan that was done a few years ago, which he was involved with... how does that fit in to this discussion? He added he was forced to sign an annexation agreement with the City of Madison.

Answer from Chair Anderson: The Land Use Plan was done in response to city development (both Madison and McFarland). The Land Use Plan was revised about 3 years ago, as it was out of date. The Land Use Plan can be modified in the future, if needed.

Attorney Rich Nordeng added that some "forced arm" agreements have been found invalid. There was a legal decision made about 8 to 10 years ago against forced annexations. However, I can't comment specifically about your case without knowing all the details.

Question from Jeff Teuscher, an 8-year resident of Rambling Acres: Is the Madison/Fitchburg/Madison agreement binding regardless of the potential leadership change in the City of Madison?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: The agreement has been signed, but is still in the process of getting state approval. Until the state formally approves it, there is always the possibility that a new mayor could challenge it. However, some people believe that it's enforceable now, regardless of the leaders involved. It should be noted that in the agreement there is a clause that states if a municipality backs out, they must pay damages of at least \$250,000. It should also be noted that this agreement was passed unanimously by the City of Fitchburg city council, unanimously by the Town of Madison Board, and by a 17-3 vote on the City of Madison city council. Thus, politically, it would probably be difficult for a new municipal leader to undo this agreement.

Supervisor Rob Anderson left the meeting (8:02 PM)

Question from unidentified member of the audience: The Town of Dunn has used the purchase of development rights on town lands. Can the Town of Blooming Grove try this tactic?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: The Town of Dunn has indeed purchased development rights on land that is close to the City of Madison. This in effect makes annexation less desirable by the City. That isn't the only goal, though. The other is to preserve lands deemed environmentally sensitive. This plan was approved by a referendum of the whole Town, and everyone pays for it. In addition, the Town has been successful in finding financial partners to help them defer some of these costs. He added the Town of Dunn voters approved an increased mill rate in order to purchase these rights.

Chair Anderson responded "if you look at the boundaries with the City of Madison, on the Town of Blooming Grove, I think it is economically prohibited for us to use that sort of strategy to meet the needs that they've done".

Question from Dave Wood: Can a landowner stave off annexation by changing/restricting the use of his or her own land?

Answer from Rich Nordeng: Yes. Obviously they would have to live with the consequences, which might include the fact their property won't be worth as much if it is sold, but a landowner can do anything they desire in this area.

Question from Gail Underbakke who resides on Cottage Grove road: Is this a timing issue? Is it possible that the longer we wait, the worse our negotiation position becomes?

Answer from Chair Anderson: Good question. This is a good time to talk about this issue, but no decision has been made yet. He added it is better to discuss now than when our backs are against a wall.

Answer from Jim Campbell: Timing is important! We (the Town of Madison) had this opportunity, and some bargaining chips NOW. This agreement (with the City of Madison and Fitchburg) worked out for all parties.

Question from Jim Frater: Will we have less bargaining power when the City takes land for the Sprecher Road expansion?

Answer from Chair Anderson: We're not there yet; islands can't be created... even by road projects. Chair Anderson added the town has been able to keep the mill rate down and plan for the future.

Answer from Rich Nordeng: I would like to point out that annexation can only be done to land contiguous to the city or village. However, "consolidation" can be done with non-contiguous land. Attorney Nordeng added that bargaining power is not likely to get better.

Question from Ed Stube (to Jim Campbell): How did you know that the Town of Madison would be gone in five years? What were the guidelines and can we (Town of Blooming Grove) use those guidelines?

Answer from Jim Campbell: There was a major threat that large businesses, that provide many tax dollars, were going to be annexed. Without the tax base, the Town of Madison would become economically unviable. Keep in mind that there was also the ongoing threat of a change of state law pertaining to annexations.

Question from Ed Stube to Tom Anderson or Arnie Berg: How does the Town of Blooming Grove see this issue? Do these issues affect the Town of Blooming Grove?

Answer from Chair Anderson: The Town is economically viable. However, we don't have two suitors (cities) fighting over us (like the Town of Madison did). He added we need to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses. He added we would like to do some development in the town.

Answer from Rich Nordeng: One needs to be careful about what one says publicly. You can imagine that Jim Campbell wasn't stating publicly that the Town of Madison might be gone in 5 to 10 years prior to the negotiations with the City of Madison! For the purposes of maximizing your negotiating strengths, it's best not to "show your hand" by making public statements about the viability of the Town. And I wish to reiterate that there are huge benefits to all parties of a negotiated agreement: the changes are known, and thus all parties can plan more effectively which saves them money. Without an agreement, money may be spent on the ongoing bickering and annexation between municipalities. A Town can spend its money more effectively than on legal bills during annexation fights.

Supervisor Mahnke left the meeting at 8:28 PM

Bob Oyler of Capitol City Harley Davidson asked, "Can the Bingo hall petition Wingate and Capitol City Harley to annex with it?"

Attorney Nordeng responded "No, because the Bingo hall is already annexed to the City.

Chair Anderson asked how many of the residents and property owners present believe the Town of Blooming Grove should pursue a boundary agreement with the City of Madison (by show of hands). One hand went up.

When asked how many were happy with the way things are – many raised their hands.

Jim Campbell commented that now that their agreement has been signed, there has been tremendous cooperation between municipalities. He added the current City of Madison mayor is happy with the agreement.

Comment from Gail Underbakke to Chair Anderson: If you had asked if I want to "investigate" the possibility of a boundary agreement, instead of using the word "pursue", I would have said yes!

Chair Anderson then asked the residents and property owners present if they thought the Town should investigate the possibility of a boundary agreement, and the majority of hands went up.

Wayne Hemberger asked if we shouldn't look into ways to keep developers from wanting to annex us – basically compete with developers.

Question from Ruth Grady: What would we have to offer? We should find out what our bargaining power is before deciding to proceed with this process.

Answer from Rich Nordeng: About ten years ago, the Town of Blooming Grove and the City of Madison did have discussions about an agreement. After seven meetings, it became clear nothing would come of it. The City of Madison saw no reason to negotiate. That being said, the current climate may lend itself to a different result. It is fair to say that whatever the Town of Blooming Grove's bargaining power is now, it probably won't get better in the future.

Comment from Dane County Supervisor Carole McGuire: Being a former resident of the Town of Blooming Grove, and in county government for quite some time, I can tell you it really matters who the mayor of Madison is! You (talking to the Town residents) can make a difference by talking with your friends in the City of Madison and encouraging them to vote for a particular person in the upcoming mayoral race.

Tom Anderson noted that it was getting late, and thanked Attorney Rich Nordeng and Chairman Jim Campbell for their time, and thanked everyone for attending. He then stated there would be a five-minute break before the Board would reconvene for the remainder of the agenda.

Chair Anderson reconvened the meeting noting 2 Supervisors had left but there was still a quorum.

Public Works report: Audrey reported the old chipper had died and we had purchased a new one. The Board was asked how to pay for the chipper. It was requested the options be on the January 28th meeting agenda.

It was also reported that the plow truck was leaking diesel fuel and Dan Thelan had been called.

Fire Department report: Chief Linzmeier had nothing to report.

Town Board report: Chair Anderson reported he had attended a Dane County Board Committee meeting regarding purchase of Cattell property for Blooming Grove Drumlin Conservancy area. The County proposed Blooming Grove assist in getting funding to purchase the Drumlin. This idea passed and the Dane County Parks were given funding for the option to purchase.

Last Wednesday (January 8th), Chair Anderson had attended the Dane County Towns' Association meeting.

Chair Anderson also reported attending the Village of Maple Bluff meeting.

Supervisor Berg asked if someone had attended the Madison Sewer meeting. It was reported that Supervisor Rob Anderson had attended, but was absent – therefore no report.

Plan Commission report: Dwight Johnson reported that all ideas are in order for the Plan Commission Ordinance review. He added there would be a joint meeting of the Plan Commission and the Town Board on January 28, 2003.

Dave Young thanked Mike Wolf for his quick work on some map framing he had done. He asked permission to hang the maps in the meeting room. Chair Anderson told him to work with the office staff to hang the maps.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

Audrey reported she was having the first meeting with the Auditor tomorrow (January 15th) to begin year-end closure.

Also reported was that tax collections were going very well and that 45% of the taxes had been collected by December 31st. It was then explained how the payments must be made to all jurisdictions based on this 45%.

Audrey also suggested the Board check out the Blooming Grove page on the Dane County Towns Association website.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 8588 and 8585:

Motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve both these ordinance/resolution. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Minutes – December 10, 2002:

Motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve the minutes with the amendments noted. Chair Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Berg suggested putting on the 1/28/03 agenda the idea of raising funds for the purchase of the Drumlin, suggesting we look at partners to purchase or other means.

Minutes – December 30, 2002:

Motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve the minutes. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried. Chair Anderson abstained from voting, as he was not in attendance at this meeting.

Vouchers:

Motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve vouchers presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Reallocating Budget Dollars:

Motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve the reallocation of funds. Chair Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

Deborah Sellers asked about the Mansion Circle green space – were we going to pursue it as a park?

Audrey is to check with Attorney Chris Hughes on a status and put on the 2nd meeting in February. This would be a joint Plan Commission and Town Board meeting.

Deborah Sellers also asked about a Parks Commission. It was suggested maybe this could be in the Newsletter published prior to the Annual meeting and discussion could happen there.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Chair Anderson to adjourn at 9:40 PM. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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4. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Rob Phillips – Deputy City of Madison Engineer – to discuss Milwaukee St & Regas Rd cost share
 - b. Joint meeting of Plan Commission and Town Board to discuss/take action on Plan Commission Ordinance proposal/changes
 - c. Drumlin Property – Options to purchase
 - d. New Chipper – Options of Payment
6. Approvals
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Dated and Posted January 24, 2003

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Town Board & Plan Commission Meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 <u>Carol Loomis</u> | 25 _____ |
| 2 <u>Mark McLaughlin</u> | 26 _____ |
| 3 <u>Joel Hesse</u> | 27 _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board January 28, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chair Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM on January 28, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chair Anderson, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Mahnke, and Supervisor Anderson. Chair Anderson noted a full quorum.

Others in attendance were: Carol Loomis, Mark McLaughlin, Joel Hasse, Dave Young, Louise Foster, Glenn Linzmeier, Dwight Johnson, Christy Bachmann of the City of Madison and Attorney Chris Hughes.

Chair Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed.

Public Works report: Audrey reported the Public Works dept. has been slow and at times does not have enough work to keep them busy. A document had been prepared and distributed to the Board outlining a staffing comparison with other townships. This is an item that should be on a future agenda.

Town Board report: Supervisor Anderson reported he had attended a City of Madison Sewer meeting and the city is most interested in negotiations with the landowners of the property, specifically Louise Foster. The City did indicate they would not require the Foster's to annex in order to have access to the sewer and water. Supervisor Anderson encouraged the Fosters to get something in writing from the City. The easement through the Fosters' property will serve Rustic Heights.

Chair Anderson reported that on Wednesday (January 29, 2003), he would be meeting with County Executive Kathleen Falk to tour and do a Capital Times story on the Drumlin resource area. Chair Anderson proceeded to give an update on the proposed purchase of the Drumlin. It is hopeful to have the City of Madison participate in the purchase.

Plan Commission report: Dwight Johnson reported on the number of inquiries he's receiving on building and inquiries of water and sewer and the possibility of hooking up. Dwight stated he feels it's imperative we look into an Urban Service area.

Supervisor Berg inquired how the Plan Commission would get over the extra-territorial plat review.

There were discussions on the RPC (Regional Plan Commission) stand on the sewer/water issue.

Dwight encouraged the Board to look into Urban Service or run the risk of losing the land to the city.

Attorney Chris Hughes suggested looking at possible ways to partner with the City of Madison.

Mark McLaughlin asked if the Plan Commission should contact the City to talk about Urban Service area. Chair Anderson suggested they be invited to the next Plan Commission meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

Audrey reported that possibly Bob Oyler will be applying for a Liquor License to be in his name vs. Capital City Harley. This was informational for the Board.

Figures for year-end are still in need of an auditors' review – on the surface, it looks like we ended the year in the "black".

A "Profit/Loss – Budget vs. Actual" for January was distributed to the Board.

Audrey noted Deed Restriction research she and Mike had done. Atty. Hughes asked to have the names of the subdivisions e-mailed him and he would pursue a little further. No deed restrictions for April Hill, April Hill First Addition nor Rambling Acres could be found in the Register of Deeds office nor the Town office.

Audrey also noted the increased volume of phone calls the Front Office had received in regard to Waunona Sanitary District – most were not happy customers, mostly due to the recent rate increase.

Much discussion followed including:

Supervisor Berg explained that Waunona Sanitary District has not had a rate increase in years and is now trying to impose a large increase in order to build their surplus back up.

There were discussions on referendums and what that would mean to the town.

It was noted by Attorney Hughes that Waunona Sanitary District is a separate entity.

It was suggested the Front Office keep track of the calls received regarding Waunona Sanitary District going forward.

Many issues of the Waunona Sanitary District were shared.

Discussion led to which meeting to include Waunona Sanitary District discussion at. February 25th was suggested.

Dwight Johnson reminded Board that the Mansion Circle issue be on the February 25th agenda as a joint Plan Commission/Town Board meeting. At this point, Attorney Hughes noted there is no advantage to the Town making Mansion Circle green space into a park. He noted the town already has everything they need for this property. Attorney Hughes suggested we simply reaffirm what we own.

Chair Anderson made a motion to put Waunona Sanitary District to discuss complaints the town has received on the February 11, 2003 agenda. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Agenda: Chief Linzmeier reported the Annual Extrication Class would again be held in Blooming Grove on March 29th.

The 2nd Saturday in June, the Blooming Grove Fire Dept. will again host the joint competition with the Town of Madison.

Chief Linzmeier has received notice from the DNR that they'll be getting a 50/50 grant.

Chief Linzmeier gave an update on work they are doing with 911 Dispatch related to discrepancies with addresses.

City of Madison Street Dept: Christy Bachmann was present to discuss upcoming projects that are shared by the City of Madison and the Town of Blooming Grove.

First project scheduled for 2003 – Regas Road – this has continuing pavement failure. They are looking at under-cutting an additional foot or two and then resurfacing and also some curb and gutter. Estimated Town of Blooming Grove Town portion is \$19,500.00

Second project scheduled for 2004 – Milwaukee Street – Portion is between Fair Oaks and Walter Street. They are looking at grinding and resurfacing. Estimated Town of Blooming Grove's portion is \$36,000.00

Chair Anderson informed Ms. Bachmann that the letter from the City of Madison was received after our Town budget for 2003 was passed.

Discussion took place on how the Town of Blooming Grove could pay for this. Supervisor Berg commented that if the roads need repair, we need to make a commitment.

Note: Carol Loomis of the Plan Commission left the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Discussions took place on the issue, noting the total town cost would be \$55,500.00

Ms. Bachmann noted the City would be willing to bill the Town in 2004 vs. 2003.

Chair Anderson asked Dwight Johnson (as a pavement specialist) to review Regas Road and provide feedback to the Town.

Supervisor Berg suggested borrowing the money.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson to have Dwight Johnson (as a pavement specialist) verify the road areas are in the town, then to cost share its' portion of Regas Road, by borrowing the money and repaying over a 7-year period.

Glenn Linzmeier questioned where these roads ranked on the Paser system. He felt we should look at that first, do some fact-finding and then make a decision. He also suggested we wait to make this decision.

Supervisor Mahnke asked Ms. Bachmann of the time frame. Ms. Bachmann indicated they'd be putting out for bids in about a month.

At this point, Supervisor Berg seconded Chair Anderson's motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson asked Ms. Bachmann to re-appear in late fall in regard to next years' budget monies.

Joint Meeting of Plan Commission and Town Board re: Plan Commission Ordinance:

Supervisor Mahnke noted she liked the \$15.00/diem vs. \$20.00/diem. Supervisor Berg noted that was an error, as it's already \$20.00/diem.

Atty. Hughes explained some of the changes. He clarified; the 7th member of the Plan Commission is a Town Board member.

Attorney Hughes explained that this ordinance brings us in compliance with Smart Growth and puts us on board for it.

Supervisor Berg went through the ordinance with his comments. Atty. Hughes presented a clean copy, which addressed Bergs concerns.

Supervisor R. Anderson noted the Plan Commission worked hard on the new proposed ordinance and felt it would make the Plan Commission member's job much easier.

There was discussion on how to stagger the terms. Chair Anderson asked the Plan Commission to determine among themselves whose terms would be 1-year, 2-year and 3-year in order to begin staggering terms. The Plan Commission should bring a recommendation back to the Town Board.

There were comments and ideas shared on various issues within the new ordinance.

Louise Foster asked if a person had to be a resident of the Town to be a member of the Plan Commission. Ordinance/Statute says 'citizen', it is not clear what a citizen is.

Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Drumlin Property: Chair Anderson noted he had nothing more than he shared at the beginning of the meeting. He suggested he be allowed to report on this at a later date.

New Chipper – Options for Payment: Options shared were: 1) Money out of surplus, 2) Borrow the money or 3) Contact Bobcat Plus for a 0% interest – 5-year loan.

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson to borrow the money for 5 years from the State Trust Fund or get a 0% interest free loan from Bobcat Plus – at the discretion of Audrey. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Minutes – January 14, 2003: Motion made by Supervisor Berg to approve as amended. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Vouchers:

There were questions as to who Mr. Schneider and Mr. Ohm were, as these names appeared on the Stafford Rosenbaum billing. Audrey to inquire of Chris who these individuals are. Motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve vouchers presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Tax Overpayments:

A motion was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve the list of tax overpayment refunds. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

Supervisor Mahnke asked about the Railroad near Thurber – who is responsible for maintaining. Audrey noted several people have complained about the railroad. Chair Anderson suggested Audrey contact Wisconsin Central or Rodney Croonen (Commission of Railroads) in regard to repairing the tracks.

Supervisor Berg complimented Chair Anderson on the manner he handled the January 14th meeting. He noted 'Chair Anderson did a great job'.

Supervisor Berg complimented Audrey on letters she had recently sent to the City of Madison and on Personnel issues.

Supervisor Berg informed the Board of chance meeting with Madisons' alderperson Warren Onken who suggested a meeting between he and alderperson Judy Compton and himself. Berg replied the town chair would need to be included if such meeting occurred.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Chair Anderson to adjourn at 9:04 PM. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

*****Revised*****

1. **Order of Business**
 - a. **Call Meeting To Order – Remind Attendees to Sign In**
 - b. **Roll Call**
 - c. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Communication Items:**
 - a. **Public Works**
 - b. **Fire Department**
 - c. **Town Board**
 - d. **Plan Commission**
 - e. **Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator**
4. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. **William Finney – Parking on Rethke/Furey**
 - b. **Waunona Sanitary District – Concerns of Constituents**
 - c. **David Wood – Conditional Wording on CSM approval**
 - d. **Plan Commission Appointment**
5. **Approvals**
 - a. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: January 28, 2003 Meeting**
 - b. **Approve Vouchers**
6. **Public Concern**
7. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted February 7, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 11, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 <u>Mike Dopkins</u> | 25 _____ |
| 2 <u>Bill Finney</u> | 26 _____ |
| 3 <u>Bruce Knox</u> | 27 _____ |
| 4 <u>Melissa Gundlach</u> | 28 _____ |
| 5 <u>John Gundlach</u> | 29 _____ |
| 6 <u>Dwight Johnson</u> | 30 _____ |
| 7 <u>Harold Bohne</u> | 31 _____ |
| 8 <u>Ralph North</u> | 32 _____ |
| 9 <u>Wayne Winans</u> | 33 _____ |
| 10 <u>Terri Winans</u> | 34 _____ |
| 11 <u>Don Bakken</u> | 35 _____ |
| 12 <u>Mark McLaughlin</u> | 36 _____ |
| 13 <u>Joel Hesse</u> | 37 _____ |
| 14 <u>Ellen Banta</u> | 38 _____ |
| 15 <u>Glenn Jaeger</u> | 39 _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board February 11, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chair Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM on February 11, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chair Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Anderson. Supervisor Berg was excused as ill and Supervisor Mahnke had called to indicate she was unable to attend due to road conditions. Chair Anderson noted a quorum.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mike Dopkins, Bill Finney, Bruce Knox, Melissa Gundlach, John Gundlach, Dwight Johnson, Harold Bohne, Ralph North, Wayne Winans, Terri Winans, Don Bakken, Mark McLaughlin, Joel Hasse, Allen Renter, Aimee Jaeger, Glenn Linzmeier, Al Loomis, Dave Young and Attorney Chris Hughes.

Chair Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed.

Waunona Sanitary District: Chair Anderson noted that as a result of the towns' January 28th meeting whereas it had been reported that the office had received a number of complaints and also there had been incidents over the weekends with regard to the Sanitary District.

Chair Anderson noted that the town does not operate the Sanitary District and that the Sanitary District is a separate entity. He further noted that the Sanitary District complies with the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Chair Anderson explained the reason for this meeting is to work together with the Sanitary District to resolve the Town of Blooming Grove Residents' concerns.

Hal Bohne asked the Board what the concerns were. Chair Anderson asked Audrey to relay what types of calls were coming in. Audrey explained that the majority of the calls were regarding the rate increase and complaints about a rate increase. About three people had come into the office to ask when their taxes would decrease as a result of the rate increase and a couple calls were regarding no answer at the Waunona Sanitary District office. Audrey noted that Waunona Sanitary District does have an answering machine with other numbers for residents to call. She added that all inquiries were referred to the Sanitary District.

Ralph North shared a sewer back-up problem. He talked about the response time and problems he's experienced when his sewer backed up on Sunday.

Hal Bohne shared his response to Mr. North's complaint.

Mr. Bohne noted it was about a 2.5-hour response time on a Sunday morning. Mr. North said it was more like a 4-hour response time.

Chair Anderson asked if Waunona Sanitary District phone numbers could be given to the Fire Department and Public Works in a priority order.

Bruce Knox of 607 Rethke complained about the service when he calls the District.

Mr. Bohne noted they are now setting up an annual Rotor-Rooter cleaning.

Glenn Linzmeier asked that the Fire Department be notified whenever a hydrant is not working. Mr. Bohne noted the Fire Hydrants need to be replaced.

Chair Anderson asked that the City of Madison Fire Department also be notified when hydrants are not working.

Melissa Gundlach asked about the rate increase. Ami Jaeger of Virchow Krause explained the reason for the rate increase, how it came about and why the PSC insisted Waunona Sanitary District impose a rate increase. Waunona Sanitary District had been operating at a loss and they had no rate increase in 12 years.

Mr. North asked Ami Jaeger if Virchow Krause shouldn't have recommended a rate increase when doing the audit. Ms. Jaeger said they had made that recommendation.

Supervisor Anderson asked about the difference in 'water pumped' and 'water sold' on the 2001 report as it was at 23.5%.

Ms. Jaeger noted this year it's down to 8%.

Mr. Bohne shared the story of the water main break a few months ago.

Chair Anderson thanked Hal, Ami, Terri and Wayne for coming in.

Rethke/Furey Avenue issue: William Finney spoke on behalf of residents on Rethke Avenue and Furey Avenue. He noted the employees from the Department of Corrections are parking in the residential areas to avoid a charge for parking in the State ramps.

Chair Anderson asked if the Board could work with the City of Madison to get No Parking signs up. It was noted Rethke Avenue belongs to the City of Madison and Furey Avenue belongs to the Town of Blooming Grove.

Chair Anderson suggested we work with the city in the interest of the residents.

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to allow Deputy Veto to give a Blooming Grove ticket book to other Dane County officers for use when they are in Blooming Grove. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson directed Audrey to look into permits, Diggers Hotline, purchase of signs and work with the City on accommodating the residents.

The residents were told we'd try to have something in place by March 15, 2003. Bill Finney is to be the contact person for the residents.

David Wood – Conditional Wording on CSM Approval: David Wood noted he had signed an annexation agreement with the City of Madison. Attorney Hughes noted he had taken a cursory look at the situation and he feels it was illegal. Chair Anderson noted he felt the town could contribute some legal dollars to assist Mr. Wood in researching the overturn of the agreement.

Chair Anderson made a motion to approve up to 3 hours of Attorney Hughes' time to research the legality of David Woods' agreement. Supervisor Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Plan Commission Appointment: Chair Anderson updated the group on the new Plan Commission Ordinance. The concern was raised: "What if none of the 7 members were elected to the Town Board in the Spring – one would have to be removed in order to appoint a Town Board member, per ordinance".

Dwight explained that all six current positions are "up for grabs" this year. Two will be assigned for 1 year, two for 2 years and two for 3 years. One member of the Town Board will be assigned to make up the 7-member board.

It was also noted that if Dwight Johnson and Mark McLaughlin got on the board – one would need to be removed.

Attorney Hughes suggested the Plan Commission chair not be a Board member. The Plan Commission members in attendance agreed.

Dwight Johnson recommended Joel Hasse be appointed. Chair Anderson made a motion to appoint Joel Hasse as an interim member of the Plan Commission effective immediately until April 30, 2003. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Dwight Johnson suggested the Plan Commission members agree to a commitment if appointed. Attorney Hughes suggested this could be a condition, but a member can only be removed for just cause.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve payment of all the vouchers. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

January 28, 2003 Minutes: Audrey noted Supervisor Bergs' amendments. A motion was made by Chair Anderson to approve the minutes with the amendments. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Works Report: Chair Anderson suggested Audrey talk with Fred and Derick to assure there is coverage within the township at all times.

It was suggested a list of all phone numbers (Fire Department, Public Works, Office Staff, Board and Waunona Sanitary District) be shared with everyone within these areas.

Town Board Report: Chair Anderson gave a report on the Drumlin area and the story done with Kathleen Falk and the Capital Times.

Supervisor Anderson reported on a conversation he had with Deputy Veto as it relates to coverage in the town when other issues require his time. Chair Anderson asked Audrey to get details or have Deputy Veto contact Chair Anderson. Supervisor Anderson suggested communication from Dale possibly be considered for the agenda.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported that Wingate is now 11 days behind in paying their room tax. Board asked Audrey to wait until Friday (Feb 14th) and then call Wingate.

It was noted that Harley-Davidson's Grand Opening will be Saturday, May 10, 2003 – more details will follow.

Chair Anderson asked Audrey to get a plaque the Board could present to Bob Oyler thanking him for locating in Blooming Grove.

It was reported that Bob Oyler's liquor license revision has been received. It will be on the February 25th agenda.

Audrey noted the monthly report from Accurate Appraisal was put in the meeting packets for the Board.

Audrey reported she would be on vacation from February 24, 2003 through February 28, 2003. Mike Wolf will be in the office full time and will attend the meeting on February 25, 2003.

Plan Commission Report: David Young said the grant money would be going to the City of Edgerton and she will distribute. Donna of Pleasant Springs is scheduling a tentative meeting on February 28, 2003 for the group.

Chair Anderson shared information on a meeting last Friday with representatives from the City of Madison. They discussed intergovernmental agreements.

Dwight Johnson reported he had looked at Regas road. He felt the City should have a plan and if they do any grinding – the town should ask for it as we could use it for shouldering.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 8:48 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 5:00 PM in the Town Office of the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

A. Order of Business

Call Meeting To Order
Roll Call

B. Review Agenda

C. Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board will go into Closed Session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to consider compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

D. Reconvene to Open Session

E. Decision on Compensation Discussion

F. Adjourn

Dated and Posted February 17, 2003

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. Order of Business
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Remind Attendees to Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review Agenda
3. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Mansion Circle – Green Space – Maintenance of Town Property
 - b. Liquor/Beer License for Bob Oyler – Banquet Room, LLC – (Name Change Only)
 - c. Operator License for Nicholas James Robinson
 - d. Borrow \$20,241.00 from State Trust Fund at 4% to pay for new chipper
 - e. I-39 Corridor Meeting – who should attend
 - f. Proposed Personnel Manual
4. Communication Items:
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. Approvals
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: February 25, 2003 Meeting
 - b. Approve Personnel Committee Minutes for February 5, 2003 Meeting
 - c. Approve Vouchers
6. Public Concern
7. Adjourn

Dated and Posted February 21, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 Mark McLaughlin

2 Sean Stube

3 Dwight Johnson

4 John Linzmeier

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Town of Blooming Grove Board February 25, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chair Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM on February 25, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chair Anderson, Supervisor Anderson, and Supervisor Linzmeier. Supervisor Berg was excused as he was out of town. Supervisor Mahnke subsequently arrived at 6:33 PM. Chair Anderson noted a quorum.

Others in attendance were: Mike Wolf, Glenn Linzmeier, Jean Stube, Mark McLaughlin, Dwight Johnson, Deborah Sellers, and Attorney Chris Hughes.

Chair Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed, without modification.

Mansion Circle: Attorney Chris Hughes gave a brief history of this issue. The Town owns this land, but adjacent homeowners have been mowing it for quite some time. They have also put a backstop on it, as well as some small trees and shrubs. After a review based on the facts of this case, Attorney Hughes sees no adverse possession claim.

Attorney Hughes went on to say the Town has many options to choose from, but his recommendation is that a letter be sent to surrounding landowners. This letter should thank them for mowing and maintaining the land over the last several years, but that the Town will do that from now on. The land should remain as Town green space (not a "park"), and that it will be used for Fire Department training periodically as needed -- thus reasserting the fact that the Town owns the land.

A great deal of discussion then ensued with regard to this issue. Several points were brought up, including:

- whether the land should become a Town park
- whether the backstop is a liability issue, and if so how much of one
- the condition of the backstop, and whether it should come down
- what to do with trees and any other "improvements" that neighbors have made to that land
- concern about causing bad blood in the neighborhood by being heavy-handed
- what kind of communication should be sent, and to whom
- whether the use of this land should be a part of Smart Growth
- whether the use of this land should be a part of a Town Parks Commission (not established as of now)
- whether this issue should or could be written about in the next Town newsletter
- a letter that was sent last year from Rocky to the property owner who put up the backstop

After consideration of the above-stated points, Chair Anderson made a motion for Mike Wolf to draft a friendly letter to the adjacent landowners reasserting the Town's

ownership of the land, thanking them for their past efforts, and informing them that the Public Works department will now do the routine maintenance of it. Supervisor Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mike Wolf will draft the first version of this letter, and send it to Attorney Hughes for his review. That draft will then be given to Tom Anderson for final review and approval. The goal is to have this letter out within the next week.

The Board also asked that the Public Works department would check on the condition of the backstop. If the backstop is in good condition with regard to safety, it will remain. If not, a letter to the homeowner who put it there will be considered, asking him to remove it or the Town will do so on his behalf.

Liquor License for Bob Oyler: The original license was put in the name of "Harley-Davidson". However, Mr. Oyler realized after the fact that the name on the license should have read "Banquet Room, LLC & Bob Oyler". The paperwork to make this happen has already been done, and Mr. Oyler paid the necessary fee. Once the Board approves it, the office will mail Mr. Oyler the liquor license with the new name on it.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson to grant the liquor license to Banquet Room, LLC & Bob Oyler. Supervisor Mahnke seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Operator License for Nicholas Robinson: Mr. Robinson submitted an application for an operator's license. The clerk/treasurer/administrator did her customary background check. In doing so it was found that Mr. Robinson has conviction on his record for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

Attorney Hughes pointed out that this is not enough to deny Mr. Robinson the operator's license. State statutes are clear that the reason for denial must be directly related to the ability to carry out his duties. Having a conviction such as this isn't one of those reasons.

However, Mr. Robinson denied having any convictions on his application.

There was then a great deal of discussion whether or not lying -- or at the least completing an application inaccurately -- is enough to deny him the operator's license. Attorney Hughes pointed out that even if the Board denies him the license, there is nothing to prevent him from coming back and filling out another application accurately, at which point the Board would have no reason to deny him the license. Some other municipalities have ordinances, which state that if an application is denied, another can't be submitted for at least one year. But Blooming Grove has no such ordinance.

Supervisor Mahnke wondered if Mr. Robinson didn't lie, rather he just didn't understand the question or interpret it the same way that we are. She also wondered if he was arrested, but not convicted.

Supervisor Anderson was concerned that the Board issues a license to someone with a background such as this, especially considering the conviction occurred when he was a minor.

Chair Anderson made a motion to have the deputy clerk/treasurer call Mr. Robinson and explain to him that his license was put on hold because his application was not completed accurately. Mr. Robinson is also to be told of his options, including that he may re-apply. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded. Motion passed 3-1 (Supervisor Anderson voting against).

Borrowing for the Chipper: The clerk/treasurer/administrator needs to have formal Board approval for making a request for a State Trust Fund loan. The decision to borrow money for the chipper had already been made by the Board, but other options for paying for it were to be explored.

Audrey Rue found that we could pay 4.0% interest, and have annual payments, through the State Trust Fund. If we finance the cost of the chipper through its manufacturer, the interest is 4.8% and there are monthly payments.

Chair Anderson made a motion to borrow the full cost of the chipper (\$20,241.00) through the State Trust Fund at 4.0% over a period of five years. Supervisor Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

I-39 Corridor Meeting: The Town received notice that several meetings will be taking place with regard to the planning for the Interstate 39 corridor from the Illinois-Wisconsin border north. Every municipality that I-39 runs through has been asked to send a representative to these meetings.

After some discussion about who should represent the Town, it was decided that Dwight Johnson would call the person who sent the invitation (Marshall Quaid). If Mr. Johnson determines that it is appropriate, he will see to it that one of the members of the Town Planning Commission go to the first meeting in Edgerton on March 5. If not, he may suggest that either Audrey Rue or Mike Wolf attend.

Proposed Personnel Manual: The new Personnel Manual was approved by the Town's Personnel Committee, and is now before the Board for final review and approval.

Mike Wolf reported two changes that Supervisor Berg would like to see made. On page 11, include the verbiage "earned pro rata over the course of the calendar year" on the first line. His intention is to reinforce that vacation is earned on a pro rata basis. The Board agreed with this. On page 18, Supervisor Berg suggests that in the second paragraph it be made clear that employees have the choice of a health insurance plan *that the Town offers*. The Board also agreed with this.

Supervisor Mahnke brought up a concern about something that Audrey Rue had talked about at a previous meeting with regard to sending Public Works employees home and having them come back later to handle a potential snowstorm. Supervisor Mahnke was wondering if there should be some language in the Personnel Manual to insure that employees would be compensated properly when these situations occur. After some discussion about this issue, Chair Anderson asked Supervisor Mahnke -- and the rest of the Board -- if it would be all right to adopt the new manual, except for Supervisor Mahnke's concern which would be put on a future agenda for discussion. The Board agreed.

Chair Anderson then made a motion to approve the new Town Personnel Manual, with Supervisor Berg's amendments, but with the exception of the concern that Supervisor Mahnke brought up. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mike will see to it that Supervisor Mahnke's issue is an agenda item on the March 11, 2003 Town Board meeting.

Public Works: Mike Wolf reported that Derick and Fred have investigated the "No Parking" signs for Furey Avenue. Six signs will be needed, and they will cost about \$35 each. Mike also stated that the permits would cost a total of about \$70 to have done. There is a concern from the Public Works staff about meeting the March 15 target date (established at the last Board meeting). The ground is frozen, and it will be difficult to put the signs in at this time.

The Board realizes that it is more difficult to do, and indeed they may have to be reset into the ground later in the Spring. However, they want the March 15 date to be met... so the office staff and Public Works crew should proceed with meeting that deadline.

Fire Department: Chief Glenn Linzmeier reported that he had already kept the Board informed of the situation on 219 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. In an unrelated matter, Chief Linzmeier will be going to court because a Town resident who received a citation last year for burning hazardous material is fighting it. The Chief and the attorney are confident that the Town will prevail, but the follow-through requires time.

Supervisor Anderson asked if there were any more water line breaks in Gallagher Plat. Chief Linzmeier stated that there had been, but that they were notified promptly.

Town Board: No report.

Plan Commission: Dwight Johnson reported that at the last meeting the Plan Commission discussed the issues and concerns relating to the Urban Service Area. There is a meeting regarding this on March 18, and Town Board members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Johnson also mentioned that the deputy clerk/treasurer will hopefully be attending future Planning Commission meetings. One goal is to have better administrative support, and another goal is to have better coordination between the Planning Commission and town staff.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator: Mike Wolf reported that the annual audit was done last week, and that auditor Jim Block stated that things looked good. The first draft will be delivered next week.

The tax collection and tax settlements for 2002 are now completed.

The Town has received an additional \$1,201.38 from FEMA for the 2000 flood. Glenn Linzmeier stated that Audrey had found some paperwork that she thought could be filled out in order to get this money. She did, and the Town got the money.

Last week's Primary Election went well, with 131 Town residents voting. Chair Anderson asked what percent of the eligible voters this number represented, and Mike Wolf said between 10-15%.

Jason Zander did part-time snowplowing for the Town in the last pay period. The only records that Audrey Rue could find with regard to his rate of pay showed that he should be paid \$9.00/hour. So that is what he was paid. Mike Wolf stated that Jason was expecting more, and Fred Warren also thought he should have been paid more (based upon his recollection of previous decisions made by the Board and/or the Clerk/Treasurer). Mike Wolf asked the Board how much Jason, and any other part-time snowplowers, should be paid. Chief Linzmeier suggested it would be difficult to hire someone to drive a snowplow with a CDL for \$9.00/hour. A motion was made by Chair Anderson to pay Jason the additional \$4.00 (thus paying him a defacto \$10.00/hour). Supervisor Linzmeier seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bob Oyler came into the office yesterday, and informed the staff that his Grand Opening will be on Saturday, May 10, 2003. He expects a large crowd, and plans on having four bands there... including Steppenwolf. He asked if any permits were needed. Glenn Linzmeier stated that a permit would be required, and that the ordinance can be found in the Uniform Ordinances manual in the Town Office. The office staff will investigate.

Bob Oyler also wishes to invite Board members, Town employees, their spouses or significant others, etc. to a get-together at the new Harley-Davidson store sometime in March. He asked if the Board could give him a couple of dates to choose from. The Board came up with one suggestion: Friday, March 14. Mike Wolf will contact Mr. Oyler to see if this will work for him.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2003: Motion was made by Supervisor Anderson to approve minutes as is. Seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion passed 3-0 (Supervisor Mahnke abstained because she was not at that meeting).

Approval of Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2003: After some discussion, it was agreed that this task should be sent back to the Personnel Committee to be done.

Public Concerns: Deborah Sellers asked about the possibility of a forum of Town Board candidates, so that residents could learn more about them prior to the April 1 election.

Mike Wolf reported that another resident had stopped into the office a couple of weeks ago with the same request. This was investigated, and it was found that neither the Town Board, nor Town employees, should initiate this forum. Questions of partiality and impropriety could arise if done in this matter. Audrey Rue wrote a letter last week to the League of Women Voters to see if they would coordinate a forum for the Town. No response has yet been received.

It was also brought up that any Town resident could initiate and coordinate this event. Indeed, it could be held in the Town Hall. It was agreed upon that as soon as word comes back from the League of Women Voters, the office staff will contact Deborah Sellers and let her know what that organization's response was.

Mark McLaughlin brought up the issue about communication with the Waunona Sanitary District, specifically wondering if anything had been done since the last meeting about who is supposed to be called, and under what circumstances. Since the last Town Board meeting, phone numbers have been exchanged so that all parties know how to get a hold of one another, when that is necessary.

Supervisor Linzmeier asked about the status of Wingate's Room Tax. Mike Wolf reported that Wingate did not submit their Room Tax form or the money on time. A letter was sent asking when we could expect payment. Mr. Shah called back and stated that the money and form would be mailed by the end of that week. It was not. Audrey Rue then contacted Mr. Shah and asked him when we could expect the form and the payment. He stated that he couldn't pay it all at once, but that he could send \$5,000 and the form. Subsequently, the \$5,000 and the form have been received. There is an

outstanding balance, and we do not know when that money will be received. Chair Anderson asked that this be put on the March 11, 2003 meeting agenda.

Approval of Vouchers: Supervisor Mahnke brought up an issue related to a building permit (found in the vouchers). Specifically whether or not the building was meeting the set-backs and other restrictions on that property. Dwight Johnson indicated that this was the Building Inspector's role, to make certain that these issues were being considered.

Motion was made by Supervisor Anderson to approve the vouchers. Seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Chair Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Michael Wolf
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
February 26, 2003

Town of Blooming Grove

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. Order of Business
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Remind Attendees to Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review Agenda
3. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Re-Application of Operator License for Nicholas Robinson
 - b. Compensation for Public Works Dept in an Emergency Situation
 - c. Wingate Inn – Motel Tax
 - d. Large Assembly Permit Applications – Capital City Harley
 - e. Newsletter Approval to go to Print
4. Communication Items:
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. Approvals
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: February 25, 2003 Meeting
 - b. Approve Vouchers
6. Public Concern
7. Adjourn

Dated and Posted March 7, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 <u>Derrick B. Steyer</u> | 25 _____ |
| 2 <u>John F. Frazee</u> | 26 _____ |
| 3 <u>Mark McCaughlin</u> | 27 _____ |
| 4 <u>John Hassel</u> | 28 _____ |
| 5 <u>Bob Oyler</u> | 29 _____ |
| 6 <u>John Stuber</u> | 30 _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board March 11, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chair Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on March 11, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chair Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Anderson. Supervisor Berg was on vacation and excused. Chair Anderson noted a quorum.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mark McLaughlin, Joel Hasse, Glenn Linzmeier, Derick Babler, Bob Oyer and Jean Stube.

Chair Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed.

Large Assembly Permit applications for Capital City Harley were reviewed. Audrey explained the ordinance. Bob Oyer is asking for a permit for May 9-11 for his Open House and also for June 28, 2003 for a Charity Ride. Mr. Oyer explained the measures they have taken to cover all bases with regard to security, parking, etc. Glenn Linzmeier explained the safety measures the Fire Department would like to see. Glenn also asked if overnight accommodations were being offered to which Mr. Oyer responded that people would stay at Knights Inn and Wingate if necessary.

Derick Babler of the Public Works Dept. offered to mow lots if necessary.

Chair Anderson made a motion to approve both apps with the understanding the town would work with Capital City Harley if necessary. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Re-Application of Operator License Application for Nicholas Robinson was reviewed. Audrey explained how we've come to this point and also offered Attorney Hughes' letter of advice and recommendations on this issue.

Supervisor Anderson suggested we follow Attorney Hughes recommendation to turn the app down because of incomplete information.

It was also discussed that we could place the decision on 'hold' and ask him to complete the app correctly. It was also suggested we provide him with a copy of Attorney Hughes letter.

Supervisor Mahnke recommended we put the app on hold, send the applicant a registered letter and ask him to appear before the Board at our next regularly scheduled meeting.

Chair Anderson made a motion to put the app on hold, send a certified letter stating the reasons it's on hold and send a copy of Attorney Chris Hughes letter. We should also ask Mr. Robinson to attend our next meeting. Supervisor Mahnke seconded this motion. Motion Carried.

Compensation for Public Works Dept in an Emergency Situation: Compensation for the Public Works Dept. when they come in to work pending a snowstorm and then are sent home was discussed. The intent was to assure the Public Works Dept personnel get paid for 40 hours per week. A motion was made by Chair Anderson to have Supervisor Mahnke work with Audrey to come up with wording on the compensation for the personnel manual. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Wingate delinquent motel tax: It was noted the delinquent tax has now been paid. Supervisor Anderson noted the delinquencies seem to be habitual.

Newsletter: About three comments were made on items in the Newsletter and Audrey made a note of these editorials. A motion was then made by Supervisor Linzmeier to accept the Newsletter as written with noted corrections. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Works Report: Derick Babler reported the backstop in the Mansion Circle green space is rotten and creates a liability to the town. Chair Anderson suggested the backstop be taken down and the town put a new one up. Chair Anderson further suggested asking the residents if they'd want a new one. It was suggested Derick visit with the residents and get their feedback.

Supervisor Mahnke asked Derick why he was requesting clear bags in his article in the Newsletter. Derick explained the clear bags were necessary as people are attempting to discard many other kinds of garbage with the yard waste.

Derick also gave a sign update for Furey Avenue. New signs and permits will be ready to go by March 17, 2003.

Fire Department Report: Glenn noted he'd been attending many many meetings with Dane County Emergency Management and the Emergency Management teams' trailer would be coming soon.

Glenn noted the new radio system and the fact that it will cost all municipalities lots of money.

Glenn also noted he is working on the Federal FEMA grant for turn out gear and for an air compressor system inside the station. He is asking for around \$80,000.00.

Glenn also chaired that the down payment on the new truck is being made and we have received a down payment on the old truck from Larry Lawry.

Glenn then talked about a phone call he had received from someone in Kentucky who is interested in our Step Van and they'd like it within the next 60 days. Glenn asked the Board for their thoughts as giving the Van up before the new truck is here could create a gap in our service. Glenn would also have to hire drivers for Engine 2 if the Step Van were gone.

Chair Anderson felt we should try to hang on to the Van until the new truck was here.

Glenn noted the Extrication Competition is on June 7, 2003.

Glenn made a note of recent citations issued and the fact that he will be going to court with regard to one of tickets issued.

Town Board Report: Supervisor Anderson reported that he and Dave Young went to Pleasant Springs for the Smart Growth meeting – but there was no meeting.

Supervisor Mahnke raised questions on the Town donating money to private charities and non-profit organizations. Chair Anderson asked Audrey to contact the Wisconsin Towns' Association for further details and get back to the Board. There were questions like can we donate and how can we donate?

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported on the following meetings she's been/will be involved with:

March 10, 2003 – Wisconsin Dells – WTA Meeting on open records, open meetings, ordinance work and hiring/firing of employees.

March 5, 2003 and March 12, 2003 – State Elections Committee as a result of the position she holds with the Help America Vote Act 2002 Campaign

Audrey noted she is still working on a software decision for payroll. She also reported that the auditor has completed his audit and will be on the March 25th agenda to review with Board prior to Annual meeting.

Plan Commission Report: Supervisor Anderson reported that there was no quorum at the last meeting and that they are still working with the Smart Growth app group out of Pleasant Springs. It was also noted that the Plan Commission needs to continue to work with the Board on getting a rotating schedule in place after the election.

Mark McLaughlin asked for a phone number list for all Board members, Public Works people and Plan Commission members. Audrey told him she would provide this list to all Plan Commission members.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson to approve payment of all the vouchers. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

February 25, 2003 Minutes: There were no amendments. A motion was made by Chair Anderson to accept the minutes as presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern: Chair Anderson noted the January 14, 2003 boundary agreement meeting and updated the Board on the February meeting the City of Madison scheduled with Chair Anderson, Dwight Johnson and Audrey Rue. There was discussion around the boundary agreements and future issues of common concern and shared services.

Glenn Linzmeier asked about trash pickup – he noted there is more in the ditch than in the bin by the end of the day. Supervisor Mahnke comment on recent changes made

on the time of pickup. Audrey was asked to contact Green Valley asking why it's changed and report back to the Board.

Audrey was also asked to touch base with the Towns of Burke and Dunn to see what they're doing.

Mark McLaughlin complimented Audrey, Glenn, Mike, Derick and Fred on the handling of a tipped car situation in his neighborhood. He was appreciative of the response time in rectifying the problem.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 8:08 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. **Order of Business**
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Remind Attendees to Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. Re-Application of Operator License for Nicholas Robinson
 - b. Jim Block – Presentation of 2002 Audit
 - c. Compensation for Public Works Dept in an Emergency Situation - Proposal
 - d. Approval of Board to sign State Trust Fund Loan Papers for Chipper Purchase
 - e. Town Participation in County Road Tours
4. **Communication Items:**
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. **Approvals**
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: March 11, 2003 Meeting
 - b. Approve Vouchers
6. **Public Concern**
7. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted March 21, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 25, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 <u>Deick Kibler</u> | 25 _____ |
| 2 <u>Tom K Linzner</u> | 26 _____ |
| 3 <u>Nick Robinson</u> | 27 _____ |
| 4 <u>JOEL MASSE</u> | 28 _____ |
| 5 <u>MARK McLAUGHLIN</u> | 29 _____ |
| 6 <u>Jean Stube</u> | 30 _____ |
| 7 <u>Dwight Johnson</u> | 31 _____ |
| 8 <u>Glenn Linzner</u> | 32 _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board March 25, 2003 Meeting Minutes

In the absence of Chair Tom Anderson, Supervisor Berg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on March 25, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Anderson. Chair Anderson arrived at 6:32 PM. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mark McLaughlin, Joel Hasse, Glenn Linzmeier, Derick Babler, Jean Stube, Tom Klinzing, Nick Robinson and Dwight Johnson.

Supervisor Berg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed.

Re-Application of Operator License for Nicholas Robinson: Nicholas Robinson stated he is now aware of the importance to complete the operator's application.

Chairman Anderson asked Nicholas Robinson how he could assure the Board they wouldn't be having problems. Mr. Robinson noted he has changed his ways.

Supervisor Berg stated he is opposed to granting the license due to the number of offenses Mr. Robinson has on his record.

Supervisor Anderson agreed with Supervisor Berg saying he is opposed for the same reasons.

Supervisor Linzmeier stated she is opposed due to the irresponsibility shown.

Supervisor Mahnke stated that all operators' applications come up for renewal on July 1, 2003 and she asked if it would be a hardship to Mr. Robinson to wait until July. Mr. Robinson noted the employer asked him to get an operator's license as soon as possible.

Chair Anderson stated the Board's procedure when an app is received.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to decline to issue the Operator's License of Mr. Robinson at this time. Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Chair Anderson added that this is based on the information provided. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson thanked Mr. Robinson for coming.

Other Business: Tom Klinzing presented his situation to the Board. He owns property in the Town of Blooming Grove. The property adjoins the City of Madison. Mr. Klinzing will be developing the property and he needs to have sewer service to it. He is planning to build a 12 unit or larger. He prefers to stay in the Town of Blooming Grove if he can get an Urban Service Area.

Chair Anderson noted that an Urban Service Area needs to be granted by the Regional Plan Commission. Chair Anderson talked about a recent meeting with Tom Smiley discussing an Urban Service Area.

Mr. Klinzing asked if there is any kind of timeframe to which Chair Anderson shared the process the Town needs to go through. Mr. Klinzing shared a map of the area and noted he'd like to do what's best for Blooming Grove.

Dwight Johnson noted the first thing that would need to be done is to amend the land use plan to allow for the density of a multi-family building. Chair Anderson said we'd like to look into making a good faith effort to accommodate Mr. Klinzing. Chair Anderson asked Dwight Johnson, Joel Hasse and Mark McLaughlin to assist and keep the discussion going.

Chair Anderson suggested referring this back to the Plan Commission. Dwight Johnson observed there were two issues, zoning and on-site waste disposal. It was further suggested that Mr. Klinzing do a perk test to explore the possibility of septic system.

Audrey was asked to contact Jim Clark for attendance at the next Plan Commission meeting.

Jim Block of Johnson Block & Company – Report of 2002 Audit: Jim Block presented to the Board, the 2002 audit results. He noted the 2002 budget ended in the "black" and the town has money in CD's.

Chair Anderson asked how much should be in reserve i.e. what percentage. Jim Block replied that a minimum of 10% of the budget is good, but he suggested higher.

Jim Block explained the town is relatively healthy and still has a lot of borrowing power. He went on to explain the borrowing a payback schedule.

Jim Block explained that at the end of 2001 - \$47,255 in bills were outstanding. This was as a result of bills that had not been paid (some was 2000 property levies to other jurisdictions). He noted the books are in much better shape this year than last year.

He went on to explain the general government expenses. Mr. Block explained GASB 34 (Governmental Accounting Standards Board – Statement No. 34).

It is suggested a fixed asset list be put together. The discussions centered on the need of such a list.

Chair Anderson asked Jim Block if Blooming Grove had a bond rating. Jim Block replied 'No' – as the town would have to apply for one.

Chair Anderson made a motion to adopt the report as presented with the understanding that Supervisor Berg and Audrey Rue meet separately with Jim Block (if necessary) to discuss Supervisor Berg's questions. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Comp Time Wording in the Personnel Manual – this was discussed and the proposed wording worked on by Supervisor Carol Mahnke and Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Audrey Rue was presented. Supervisor Mahnke made a motion to approve the adoption of the wording. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

State Trust Fund Loan Withdrawal – A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to sign the papers approving withdrawal of \$20,214 for the Chipper. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Dane Co. Hwy Offer to Inspect Roads – Dwight Johnson suggested we decline the Dane County Highway Dept. offer and arrange to do our own road tour for purposes of evaluating the town roads.

Public Works Dept Report – Derick Babler gave an update on the roads. He shared the PaserWare report of the roads. Derick noted some roads in the township are very bad. Furey Avenue was noted as one of the worst, in Derick's opinion.

Derick also made a comment on the "No Parking" signs – they are now up on Furey Avenue.

Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier reported he had gone to court for recently issued citations on Lake Farm road. He noted the person did not show up but had called and contested.

Chair Anderson gave a brief history on the four municipalities that have gone together to form a court.

Chief Linzmeier went on to report on a pre-trial of a Fair Oaks paint operation payment plan being set up.

Chief Linzmeier then reported that he was voted onto the Dane County Fire Chief's Executive Board.

He stated he has received approval of his SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) from the Insurance Company.

Linzmeier went on to note that we are in a draught situation and did have a large grass fire this past weekend. He added that if it gets any worse, he might put a ban on burning in the township.

Supervisor Carol Mahnke was excused from the meeting at this point. It was 8:30 PM

Chief Linzmeier said he had heard from a reliable source that assembly person Therese Barceau might again sponsor legislation enabling Madison to annex town islands and peninsulas. Chair Anderson gave a recollection of Therese Barceau and her tactics in Budget Reconciliation Bill, July, 2002.

Chief Linzmeier then noted he; may again be running for the State Fire Chief Presidents position.

Chief Linzmeier concluded his report stating the North Farm Coop building may be rented out to Madison Kipp Organization.

Town Board Report: Supervisor Anderson noted he'd like to see us consider the Youth Conservation Group again this year. He felt we could use them for ditch cleaning in the flowage, playground cleanup, pruning and cleaning up along the fences and cleaning right of ways along roads.

Plan Commission Report: Dwight Johnson reported that Tom Smiley was at the Plan Commission's last meeting. He indicated they learned the steps that we need to go through for an Urban Service Area. Dwight touched on how he'd approach the idea of creating an Urban Service Area.

Supervisor Berg noted he had met with the Regional Plan Commission at one point and learned that at that time, there were not enough septic system problems in the Rambling Acres area to warrant a sanitary district.

Much discussion took place around the options of an Urban Service Area. Dwight noted that on April 15th, the Plan Commission would get a presentation on the Stoughton Road corridor. Dwight added that he had talked with Wisconsin Department of Transportation and a representative from the township is needed at the April 2nd meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported on her findings from Wisconsin Towns' Association in regard to donations. Basically the town should not donate money to anyone who is not another governmental agency or who does not provide a service to the town residents.

A follow up on the name and address lists for the Plan Commission members will be done.

Audrey had contacted Green Valley Disposal in regard to the pick up times in April Hill. She learned that they had changed their route to accommodate rush hour traffic on Fair Oaks Avenue. It was suggested this discussion take place at the Annual Meeting before we ask Green Valley to change their route back.

It was reported the Newsletters went out on March 20, 2003. It was also reported that Mike had been putting time into preparing for the 2004 budget. Audrey also reported costs that have decreased in the last year. Included was:

- Office Supplies down about \$225.00/month - \$2700.00/year
- Copy Costs down about \$13.00/month – 1500 less copies each month
- Cell Phone Usage – Cut in Half – Down about \$75.00/month
- Rugs in Town Hall – Changed Contract and saving around \$2500.00/year
- Total of these items is at about \$6200.00/year

It was also reported that the Form C Financial Report has been delivered to the Dept. of Revenue – 6 days before the first due date.

Vouchers: Supervisor Berg noted the legal fees for the Operator's License work is high at \$600 and questioned the need for legal service. A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson to approve payment of all the vouchers. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

March 11, 2003 Minutes: There were no amendments. A motion was made by Chair Anderson to accept the minutes as presented. Supervisor Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried. Supervisor Berg abstained as he was absent from March 11, 2003 meeting.

Public Concern: Supervisor Linzmeier noted the speeds on Siggelkow Road – felt the speed limit should be decreased. It was noted that Dane County had previously rejected lowering the speed limit after they did a study.

Chair Anderson noted he is asking the Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator to call a Special Closed Meeting for Thursday night at 5:30 PM.

Supervisor Anderson commented his neighborhood has had power outages. Supervisor Berg added he's also experienced one.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 9:33 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried with Supervisor Berg opposing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 5:30 PM in the Town Office located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

A. Order of Business

Call Meeting To Order
Roll Call

B. Review Agenda

C. Adjourn to Closed Session Per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) the Board will convene to Closed Session to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee.

D. Reconvene to Open Session

E. Discussion/Decision on subject of Closed Session

F. Adjournment

Dated and Posted March 26, 2003

Town of Blooming Grove

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Fire Bay located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. Order of Business
 - a. Call Meeting To Order by Chairman Anderson – Reminder: Attendees Sign In
 - b. Recognition of Military Personnel in our township
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of Town Officials (Board, Plan Commission Members, Staff, Fire Chief & Asst Chief)
3. Introduction of Firemen – by Glenn Linzmeier
4. Approval of 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes
5. Auditor's Report
6. Fire Department Report
7. Town Office/Public Works Report
8. Salaries – Plan Commission Chair
9. Update on January 14th Boundary Discussion Meeting
10. Update on State Shared Revenue for 2004
11. Town Indebtedness
12. Location, Date and Time of 2004 Annual Meeting
13. Citizens Comments/Concerns/Questions
14. Oath to Newly Elected Officers
15. Adjournment

Dated and Posted April 4, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board & Annual Meetings of Tuesday, April 8, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

✓ 1 JAY SALVO

25 _____

✓ 2 Derick Bubler

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✓ 3 Tom McKenna

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✓ 4 Dwight Johnson

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✓ 5 DAVE YOUNG

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✓ 6 Jean Stube

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✓ 7 Louise Jaton

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✓ 8 JOEL HASSE

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✓ 9 Terry Brauna

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**Town of Blooming Grove
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM -- April 8, 2003**

Chair Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Present: Chair Tom Anderson, Supervisor Carol Mahnke, Supervisor Rob Anderson, Supervisor Arnie Berg, Supervisor Kathleen Linzmeier, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Audrey Rue, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf, Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier, Assistant Fire Chief Jay Salvo, Derick Babler, Jim Block (Johnson, Block & Co), Shawna Lee (Stafford, Rosenbaum S.C.), Mike Guerten, Troy Coogan, Dwight Johnson, Louise Foster, Dave Young, Joel Hasse, Barb Hockett, Terri Winans, Wayne Winans, Deborah Sellers, Jean Stube, Tom McKenna, Jerry Brown, Mary Berg, and Ruth Grady.

Chair Anderson asked anyone in attendance if they knew of anyone who was currently serving in Operation Freedom in the Middle East that was from the Town. There was no response from anyone. He then proceeded to lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Anderson then introduced the Town Board, Town employees and representatives in attendance, the Town auditor (Jim Block), and the representative from the law firm the Town works with (Shawna Lee from Stafford Rosenbaum).

2002 Annual Meeting Minutes: Amendments were suggested to the 2002 Annual Meeting minutes including Atty. Hazelbakers' title, the correct year on the minutes and the wording related to Supervisor Carol Mahnke's election oath. A motion was made by Dwight Johnson to accept the minutes as amended. Glenn Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Financial Report, from Jim Block

All present had the opportunity to have their own copy of the Town's 2002 Financial Statement, which was prepared by the auditing firm of Johnson Block. Jim Block referenced this document in his presentation.

Specifically, he pointed out a few items in the report:

- There was a positive balance of \$34,677 at the end of the year. This was the difference between the amount of money spent by the Town, and that, which was collected.
- This balance increased the Town's balance sheet total from \$373,739 to \$408,416.
- Revenues were higher than expected, with some one-time moneys from overdue room taxes being the biggest reason for that.
- Expenses were also over budget, but the net was still positive due to the increase in revenue.
- The Town's balance of \$408,416 is adequate for a municipality this size. It's higher than the average Town's balance, but this may not be a bad thing considering the pressures of the metro Madison area upon the Town.
- Overall the Town is in very good financial condition.
- The office staff did a good job of organization, which led to a successful audit.

A question was raised about the paragraph on the first page, which talked about fixed assets not being included in the audit. Mr. Block stated that many townships don't report fixed assets. Cities and counties do this so that they can issue bonds... but townships can just go to the bank and secure a loan. There isn't any obvious material reason to begin reporting fixed assets in the future. That being said, the Board could make a decision to do this.

There were other questions related to the fund balance and the delinquent personal property taxes. Jim Block answered all questions that were asked.

Fire Department Report, from Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier

Chief Linzmeier touched on the following points during his presentation:

- The large number of hours put in by the volunteer firefighters, and how much this is appreciated by himself and the Town.
- The department's continued training and education, and how this improves both fire suppression and public safety in the Town. This includes classroom education, as well as hands-on training events -- like extrication competitions and practice on controlled house fires.
- The professionalism and hard work of the full-time firefighters, as well as the volunteers. Their dedication is what makes for a successful Fire Department.
- How the Blooming Grove Fire Department is one of only four in Dane County to be getting a Decon (tamination) trailer to be used in HAZMAT and terrorist incidents.
- The Department works closely with all Dane County Fire Departments and emergency personnel to be prepared for any kind of large emergency situations.
- Some new equipment has been purchased this last year (AED), and more is coming soon -- including a new fire truck.
- The Department now has a capital budget plan in place, and the money was approved in the 2003 budget. This will allow the Department to purchase needed equipment in the future -- like radios, vehicles, etc.
- The annual dance/dinner/fundraiser for the Fire Department will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2003.

Public Works/Town Office Report, from Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Audrey Rue

Audrey mentioned the following items during her presentation:

- She and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Mike Wolf have been working for the Town for almost a year now, and they have been through most all of a year's worth of events: a budget process, a tax season, four elections, a board of review, a summer of building permits, an annual audit, a winter of snow, and now an annual meeting.
- Copies of the budget were made available earlier than in years past, thus giving people more of an opportunity to review it prior to the actual budget meetings.
- The fire department now has a capital budget plan in place. The goal is to get one in place for Public Works and town roads for the 2004 budget.
- The tax collection process went very well. All money received was deposited in the bank on a daily basis, which added at least \$1,500 in interest to the Town's coffers.
- Four elections were held, with an average of 400 people voting in each election. Thank you to all the election workers, who make these events successful!
- Of those voting in the last April 1 election, 20.8% lived in April Hill; 25.5% lived in Rambling Acres; 25.8% lived in Gallagher Plat; 8.4% lived in Gallagher Garden; and 19.4% lived somewhere else in town.
- Of those voting in the last April 1 election, 51.5% were women; 48.5% were men.
- Audrey and Mike have helped the Board find ways to save the Town money. A new auditor was hired, a new assessor was hired, the Town's money was invested differently, office-operating expenses have been cut, and staffing costs are down. Overall these add up to an annual savings of about \$50,000.
- Significant projects and purchases were made last year. The Sprecher Road project was done, a new capital outlay plan was implemented for the Fire Department, and a new chipper was purchased.
- Future financial considerations for the Town include a long-term strategy for the Public Works department and for Town roads. Another issue is the amount of Town indebtedness, and how that will impact the Town's ability to spend money on future projects.
- Summary: The staff is continually looking for ways to provide quality services as effectively and efficiently as possible. While there has been some success, there are strategic issues in need of more funding. These issues will be discussed more at budget time.

Salary of Plan Commission Chair

Chair Anderson stated that upon further review of the ordinance, any change of salary for the position of Plan Commission Chair could be done by the Town Board. This will be considered at a Town Board meeting at a later date.

Update on January 14th Boundary Agreement Meeting

Chair Anderson gave a brief review of the January 14th meeting that occurred at the Town Hall: Almost 100 people were present to hear information about the possibility of a boundary agreement between the Town of Blooming Grove and the City of Madison. Rich Nordeng, legal counsel for the Town of Madison (as well as Blooming Grove), and Rich Campbell, Town of Madison Chairman, were both speakers at that meeting. In the end the townspeople indicated they would want the Board to investigate the possibility of a boundary agreement with the City of Madison.

On February 6 a meeting took place at the Town Hall between city representatives, Tom Anderson, Dwight Johnson, and Audrey Rue. Frank and open discussion took place at this meeting, but no decisions were made -- nor were future meetings scheduled. This was deemed to be prudent considering the possible change in Madison mayor. Now that the election is over, Chair Anderson will be contacting the new mayor to discuss options, including the possibility of sharing municipal services that could benefit both the City and the Town.

Chair Anderson stated he would like whatever process there is to include public input as much as possible.

Update on State Shared Revenue

Based upon the proposed state budget, the Town of Blooming Grove could lose up to \$35,000 in state aid. This number is subject to change, as the state budget is not yet finalized. Negotiations with the governor and the legislature may lead to a lower number. It is very likely, however, that the Town will see a decrease in state shared revenue for 2004.

Town's Indebtedness

The outstanding loan balances for the Town are:

- Lee South Court: \$7,548
- Sig Court: \$3,718
- Fire Truck: \$84,339
- Sprecher Road: @ \$285,000
- Chipper: @ \$24,000
- TOTAL: @ \$340,819*
- *This total does not include the retirement prior service debt that the Town is currently paying about \$12,000 per year for.

These debts are scheduled to be paid in full as such:

- Lee South Court: 2004
- Sig Court: 2004
- Fire Truck: 2008
- Sprecher Road: 2013
- Chipper: 2008
- Retirement prior service debt: 2018

The annual cost to taxpayers of these loans are:

- Lee South Court: \$0 (this is paid for only by residents on this road)
- Sig Court: \$0 (this is paid for only by residents on this road)
- Fire Truck: @ \$19,000 per year
- Sprecher Road: @ \$28,500 per year
- Chipper: @ \$4,500 per year
- Retirement prior service debt: average of \$14,500 per year over the course of the time it will take to pay it back

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

There was some discussion about the possibility of having the Town's annual meeting at the new Harley-Davidson facility on Millpond Road. However, it was determined that this would not be as convenient for many people in the Town.

It was decided that the next Town Annual Meeting would be held at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin on Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

This was finalized on motion by Glenn Linzmeier, Seconded by Deborah Sellers. Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments/Concerns/Questions

Deborah asked when the revaluation would start and she asked to be notified when the revaluation happens. It was explained that we are not yet sure exactly how Accurate Appraisal will approach the revaluation.

Ms. Sellers noted a fire hydrant on the corner of Gannon and Commercial. She asked if it could be maintained. Terri Winans noted it gets flushed every year.

Deborah Sellers also expressed a concern that no Board members live in Gallagher Plat. She would like to have a greater visibility of Town representatives in that area of the Town, so they may have a better understanding of people's concerns there.

Terri Winans commented that she is concerned about nuisances in the Gallagher Plat area.

Barb Hockett asked if Mark Hazelbaker was still working on the case dealing with the previous office staff, and if that issue has been resolved. Chair Anderson stated that the Town has submitted a claim to its insurance carrier in an attempt to recoup some of its moneys. By doing this, the issue is effectively in the hands of the Town's insurance company. Mark Hazelbaker is not doing any more work on this issue, or any other issue for the Town at this time. The Board has the right to retain Mr. Hazelbaker's services in the future if it believes there is a need to do so.

Terri Winans would like to know how much the transition of office staff last year cost the Town. She asked this at the annual meeting last year, and still hasn't been given an answer. After some discussion, she was told to work with Audrey Rue so that she can get the information she wants.

Terri Winans asked if anything had been done for Rocky. Chair Anderson responded that Rocky had been paid all his accrued benefits and he continues to do work in the cemetery for the Town. Terri commented she felt Rocky should have been given a plaque for his years of service.

Terri Winans raised a concern about Supervisor Linzmeier being the wife of Chief Linzmeier and also the fact that she sits on the Personnel Committee. Terri felt this created a conflict of interest. Chair Anderson commented that Supervisor Linzmeier abstains from voting anytime this issue addresses the Fire Dept. Terri indicated she also had a concern about Kathie Linzmeier attending meetings about the I-39 corridor on behalf

of the Town, since her property is adjacent to this highway. Dwight Johnson stated that the I-39 corridor study is a 30-year plan, and doesn't include any issues regarding new interchanges -- let alone any where the Linzmeier property is located. He also mentioned that this is a Planning Commission issue, and that Kathie was asked to attend one meeting because it fell on a night that the Planning Commission was meeting.

Legal Counsel Shawna Lee stated that there isn't any inherent conflict of interest here, but that each instance should be investigated individually. Chair Anderson asked Shawna Lee to do this, and then write a letter to the Board with her findings. A copy of this letter would then be sent to Terri Winans.

Supervisor Mahnke added that Kathie Linzmeier is appointed to sub committees by the Town Board. She commented that when her daughter applied for a job with the town --the question of nepotism was raised.

Deborah Sellers made a comment that being married should not matter.

Wayne Winans suggested a map on utility districts in an aid to help people determine where their district is.

Supervisor Anderson thanked the towns' people for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Oath of Newly Elected Officers

Audrey Rue administered the oath of office to the three individuals recently elected to the Town Board. First to Town Chair Tom Anderson, then to Town Supervisor Kathie Linzmeier, and then to Town Supervisor Jean Stube.

Chair Anderson publicly thanked Rob Anderson for serving.

Adjournment

Chair Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the Annual Meeting this year. He stated that it has been a tumultuous year, and he hopes that the Town can move forward together to meet the challenges ahead.

A motion was made by Dwight Johnson to adjourn at 9:29 PM. Dave Young seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue
Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove Board April 8, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on April 8, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Anderson. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mike Wolf, Joel Hasse, Glenn Linzmeier, Derick Babler, Jean Stube, Dwight Johnson, Jay Salvo, Tom McKenza, Dave Young, Louise Foster, Jerry Brown, Barb Hockett, Terri Winans, Wayne Winans, Jim Block (Johnson, Block & Co), Mary Berg, Ruth Grady and Shawna Lee (Stafford, Rosenbaum).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed.

Operator License Applications for Richard Pederson, Sheila Aliota and Nicole Bookout: These applications were reviewed by the Board. Audrey gave an update on the completion of Bartender Awareness classes for all three and also noted the place of employment for all three was Capital City Harley. Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve issuance of the three licenses. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Dane County Parks Youth Conservation Crew: The application for this program was reviewed. Supervisor Berg made a motion we approve the application to Dane County Parks. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Public Works Dept Report – Derick Babler had nothing to report.

Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Glenn Linzmeier reported the Extrication Class was held last Saturday and it was a big success.

Town Board Report: Chair Anderson reported on his and Supervisor Anderson's attendance at a Smart Growth meeting held last Friday in Pleasant Springs.

Supervisor Berg shared a letter regarding the empty lot across the street from his home. It is being developed. He indicated he and his neighbors initially objected but recent changes addressing their concerns have made them feel more comfortable with the decisions being made.

Supervisor Berg also shared dates of upcoming Wisconsin Towns Association training seminars.

Supervisor Linzmeier stated that she had attended a meeting in Stoughton regarding the I30 corridor. She received maps and information and offered to share both. She added the study is a 30-year plan.

Plan Commission Report: The Plan Commission is hosting a presentation on Hwy 51 corridor. This is to be presented by DOT (Department of Transportation) next Tuesday (April 15, 2003) at 6:30 PM.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey had nothing to report.

March 25, 2003 Minutes: Supervisor Berg made mention of a few amendments. Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried. Supervisor Mahnke abstained from voting, as she was not in attendance for the entire meeting.

Vouchers: Motion made by Supervisor Anderson to approve all vouchers. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern: Debra Sellers commented on a stop sign by Highway 30 & Commercial Avenue indicating it is steel not wood. She is concerned about safety if someone hits it. She added she would like a wood post. It was explained that this post and sign are not the Town of Blooming Grove's but rather it belongs to Dane County. Derick explained the history of the sign.

Debra Sellers also discussed the potholes on Furey between Fair Oaks and Rethke; asking if there is any money for repair. Derick Babler explained the Paser Program and the rating of Furey. Chair Anderson asked Derick to get some patch to the portion of the towns' road as soon as possible.

Wayne Winans asked who maintains Commercial Avenue. Dwight Johnson addressed which portions were Blooming Groves' and which portions were the County's'.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 7:05 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. **Order of Business**
 - a. **Call Meeting To Order – Reminder: Attendees Sign In**
 - b. **Roll Call**
 - c. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. **Pat Ampe – Dane County Towns Association**
 - b. **Port-A-John Approval for April Hill Park – April Hill Neighborhood Association**
 - c. **Plan Commission Appointments/Terms**
 - d. **Plan Commission Chair Salary**
 - e. **Plan Commission Manual Subcommittee**
 - f. **Ron Stites – Transient Merchants License**
 - g. **3442 Freedom Lane Trees – 3 pines at 33 feet from Centerline – blocking view**
 - h. **Daniel Ampe – 3-Way stop sign concerns (3327 Swinburne)**
 - i. **Thurber Park (and other parks) – Golf Playing Signs, Ordinance**
 - j. **Attorney for Fire Department Use**
4. **Communication Items:**
 - a. **Public Works**
 - **Follow up report on Furey, Commercial and Gallagher Plat**
 - b. **Fire Department**
 - c. **Town Board**
 - d. **Plan Commission**
 - e. **Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator**
5. **Approvals**
 - a. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: April 8, 2003 Meeting**
 - b. **Approve Vouchers**
6. **Public Concern**
7. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted April 18, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

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Town Board & Annual Meetings of Tuesday, April 22, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 Dwight Johnson

2 Derick Babler

3 Luisa Suter

4 Mark McLaughlin

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Town of Blooming Grove Board April 22, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on April 22, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Dwight Johnson, Derick Babler, Louise Foster, Mark McLaughlin, Glenn Linzmeier, Barb Hockett, Marquerite Sevde and David Young.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed.

Dane County Town's Association Rep – Pat Ampe: Ms. Ampe spoke about the upcoming training sessions. She noted the Annual Meeting of the DCTA will be May 14, 2003 and she encouraged people to attend some of the meetings.

Chair Anderson asked if Jerry Derr had spoke to Governor Doyle on Shared Revenue cuts. Pat responded 'No' and added there is no new news on this.

Supervisor Berg asked Pat about the Supreme Court decision of the Town of Burke and the City Annexation case (Wood v. City of Madison decided April 11, 2003), which recently had an article in the newspaper. Pat noted the decision made gives the city more authority. Pat went on to talk about Urban Service Areas. Supervisor Berg noted as a result of these recent happenings, maybe Blooming Grove should re-look at how the Smart Growth plans are going.

Pat Ampe responded to Supervisor Mahnke in the question on whether Town of Burke has done anything about Smart Growth – Pat said 'No, Nothing'.

Chair Anderson thanked Pat Ampe for coming to the town meeting.

Request for Port-A-Potty in April Hill Park – Barb Hockett representing the April Hill Neighborhood Association asked if a Port-A-John could again be brought to April Hill Park at a cost to the town. It was requested the port-a-john be in the park from Memorial Day through Halloween. A motion was made by Chair Anderson, Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve. Audrey to look into and let Barb Hockett know.

Marquerite Sevde – Thurber Park – Marquerite Sevde was present requesting signs prohibiting golf in Thurber Park. She also requested an ordinance prohibiting golf. Derick Babler was asked to check on signs. It was noted an ordinance might not be necessary. Chair Anderson made a motion to have Derick order 3 signs with the understanding that if this isn't effective, we will consider an ordinance. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried 4 to 1 with Supervisor Berg opposing.

Plan Commission Chair Salary – It was noted the Ordinance indicates only \$20.00 per diem, thus the ordinance would need to be updated if the Board made a change.

Supervisor Berg spoke in opposition suggesting we look at neighboring townships.

Supervisor Mahnke spoke in opposition, noting we should wait and see how much work is involved.

Supervisor Stube suggested now is not the time due to other budget cuts and the fact that the budget is set for this year.

Chair Anderson asked Audrey if she could do a survey of neighboring townships.

Louise Foster commented the additional \$40.00/meeting was added when two additional members were added. Louise felt comfortable leaving the salary at \$20.00.

Supervisor Mahnke felt we should not increase in all fairness to residents.

Mark McLaughlin agreed we should wait until budget time and spread the responsibilities of the Plan Commission.

There were comments made regarding the responsibility of the Plan Commission Chair.

Chair Anderson noted it is evident that the Board members are not in favor of a Plan Commission Chair Salary change at this time.

Plan Commission Appointments/Terms:

Chair Anderson noted the Board members have the current Plan Commission Ordinance in their packets and have had the opportunity to review it.

Chair Anderson also noted he had spent time and consideration on this issue and also noted he was sympathetic to the fact that on a number of times during the past year, business could not be conducted in the Plan Commission due to the lack of a quorum. He added one of the things he has done is noted the attendance at the Plan Commission meetings by members. He specifically noted he was concerned about one of the members due to absences and also the fact that the member has left meetings before their adjournment. He added he has taken this all into consideration in determining his appointments.

Chair Anderson made the motion to recommend Dwight Johnson and David Young to three-year terms to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion.

Supervisor Berg noted he is inclined to disagree. He stated the 2 most recent appointees to the Plan Commission would be more consistent with the staggering idea in that they would have the three-year term. He added that the longer served on that committee would have the one-year term. He added that Joel and Mark would be a 3-year, Louise and Carol Loomis would be a 1-year and Dwight and David would be a 2-year. He added that's the direction he would go.

Chair Anderson said you're aware right now that we have seven members on the Plan Commission and we do not have a Board member representative on the Plan Commission. He noted that Rob was the Board rep; he is not on the Board any more. He added that his recommending of Dwight and Dave is that they have been in attendance at almost all of the meetings. He also noted Dwight has been the Chair for a while and basically that's why he's recommending the 3-year terms.

Chair Anderson's next recommendation was Rob Anderson and Louise Foster be appointed to two year terms.

Chair Anderson recommended Mark McLaughlin and Joel Hasse be appointed to a one-year term because they are most recent.

He added he is not going to recommend that Carol Loomis be reappointed.

Dwight Johnson noted they had hashed this out in the Plan Commission and he got the impression it didn't matter to anyone what term they received. Dwight reminded people that after one-year terms, they could be reappointed to a 3-year term.

Louise Foster indicated she would be perfectly happy with a one-year term because of her age. She added it doesn't really matter much because you could always be re-appointed.

Mark McLaughlin noted they had discussed it to great lengths. Mark commented that the experience Dwight and David have should maybe be rotated separately. He also added that he and Joel might miss meetings over the one-year term and be under scrutiny. He also asked if there was any advertising for other interested towns' people.

Chair Anderson noted others had indicated interest in the past, but for various reasons decided not to pursue. Several names were mentioned.

There was much discussion on various terms for the various members. Several suggestions were thrown around.

Someone asked if Carol Loomis was assumed to be an afterthought to which Chair Anderson responded, "I'm going to be straight forward on this because of the unexcused absences and her lack of participation and leaving early at meetings – I'm not going to recommend her reappointment."

Supervisor Mahnke stated it's a brand new commission of seven individuals and quite an agenda ahead of them. She said she agreed with the ones who are there the shortest time, Mark and Joel, get the three-year term. And keep Carol – give her more responsibility, maybe that's what she needs – maybe she hasn't been encouraged. She suggested Louise and Carol be one year, Dwight and Dave, two years and Mark and Joel – three years.

Supervisor Mahnke went through her recommendations of the Plan Commission appointments including her recommended terms.

Dwight Johnson explained why he recommended Dave Young and Rob Anderson as he did – based on experience is split out between all terms. Supervisor Mahnke responded Rob is not on the Plan Commission adding his term expired. Dwight Johnson responded he is being reappointed tonight. Supervisor Mahnke said only if the Board approves it.

Supervisor Mahnke shared her recommendations and again stated that “Carol should be given more responsibilities – maybe encourage her - maybe she hasn’t had that.”

There was discussion between Chair Anderson and Supervisor Mahnke on how Rob Anderson could/couldn’t be a Plan Commission member when he’s off the Board. It was explained that Rob Anderson was on the Plan Commission before he was on the Board.

Supervisor Stube stated she agreed with Supervisor Mahnke’s thought process.

Chair Anderson stated there have been no members of the current Plan Commission that have offered to resign. He then assumed there are seven interested people.

Supervisor Berg suggested Chair Anderson go through the current members one at a time.

At this time, Chair Anderson withdrew the original motion made. Supervisor Linzmeier withdrew her second.

Chair Anderson made a motion Louise Foster be appointed to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson made a motion to not appoint Carol Loomis to the Plan Commission due to her unexcused absences and leaving meetings early. Supervisors’ Mahnke, Berg and Stube voted to reappoint Carol Loomis. Chair Anderson voted in opposition and Supervisor Linzmeier abstained.

Chair Anderson made a motion Dwight Johnson be re-appointed to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson made a motion Dave Young be re-appointed to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson made a motion Rob Anderson be re-appointed to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Chair Anderson and Supervisor Linzmeier voted in favor. Supervisors’ Berg, Mahnke and Stube voted in opposition. Chair Anderson noted Rob Anderson is not reappointed.

Chair Anderson made a motion Mark McLaughlin be reappointed to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson made a motion Joel Hasse be reappointed to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson noted that now the Terms of Appointment needs to be dealt with.

He noted there were recommendations. He also noted Dwight and Louise had agreed to one-year terms.

Dwight Johnson made some recommendations. Supervisor Mahnke noted her way. Supervisor Mahnke asked Louise Foster if she's consider a 2-year term vs. a one-year term. Louise noted it doesn't matter, as anyone can be re-appointed.

Supervisor Mahnke gave her recommendations. Chair Anderson made a recommendation to appoint Mark McLaughlin and Joel Hasse to three-year terms for the Plan Commission. Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson made a motion to appoint Louise Foster and Dave Young to two-year terms on the Plan Commission. Motion Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Chair Anderson made a motion to appoint Dwight Johnson and Carol Loomis to a one-year term on the Plan Commission. Motion Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Board Member Appointment – Chair Anderson noted a number of Board members currently serve on other things. He went on to say he already serves on the Maple Bluff/Blooming Grove EMS commission, Supervisor Mahnke represents the Town on the McFarland EMS, Supervisor Linzmeier represents the Town on the Municipal Court and Supervisor Berg represents the Town on the area across from him and also on some of the City issues with Alders Onken and Compton. Supervisor Mahnke stated, "That's not really a commission plan, is it?" Chair Anderson responded, "He's been to a number of meetings there". Supervisor Mahnke disagreed with Chair Anderson, adding that being a part of a community doesn't sound like he's on any commission, except the Personnel Committee. Chair Anderson noted there are three Board members on the Personnel Committee.

Chair Anderson then noted he was going to ask if Supervisor Stube would be conducive to serving the Board as a Rep on the Plan Commission. Supervisor Stube stated she would just as soon decline. She added she does not have time at this point, with everything else she has to learn.

Chair Anderson asked if there were any Board members interested in serving on the Plan Commission. Supervisor Berg stated he might be willing to.

It was noted the term of office for a Board member is the duration of his term.

Chair Anderson made a recommendation that Arnold Berg be appointed as a Board Representative on the Plan Commission. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Plan Commission Chair - Chair Anderson asked Dwight Johnson if he'd be willing to continue as Plan Commission Chair. Dwight Johnson responded 'Yes'. Chair Anderson asked if there were any other Plan Commission members who would like to serve as Chair. There were none.

Chair Anderson made a motion to appoint Dwight Johnson to Plan Commission Chair. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Other Plan Commission Comments – Louise Foster recommended members must notify the Chair by 5:00 PM on the night of the meeting if they will be unable to be at the meeting. Chair Anderson noted he thought at one time, there was a policy. Dwight Johnson stated this would be incorporated in the Plan Commission manual.

Dwight Johnson asked the Board to support a Plan Commission Manual Subcommittee. Chair Anderson asked the topic be deferred until next meeting allowing new Plan Commission the opportunity to discuss.

Ron Stites – Transient Merchant License – Louise Foster commented the Stites buildings are inadequate and Stites has land-locked property with easements. Dwight gave an update on the need for a variance. Chair Anderson made a motion this be deferred until it's confirmed the variance was granted by Dane County. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried. Audrey was asked to repost when notification of the variance is received.

Louise questioned inspections of the buildings. It was suggested the Fire Dept and Building Inspector be informed of the need for this.

Trees at Freedom Lane – Derick reported the trees that need cutting down at 3443 Freedom Lane. They are on the corner of Cottontail and Sprecher. Chair Anderson suggested the Public Works dept. talk with the residents first. If they are in agreement, go ahead and cut the trees. If not, Derick should let Audrey know.

There was also discussion on trees that needed trimming. Derick will pursue in the same manner as above.

Stop Signs on Sprecher Road – Audrey was asked to contact John Norwell to find out if the Town has legal authority to post stop signs on residential streets (Sprecher Road).

Attorney for Fire Dept. Use – Chief Glenn Linzmeier noted he had heard Attorney Mark Hazelbaker would not be used without Board consensus. Glenn wondered who should be used for Fire Department issues going forward. Glenn asked the Board to suggest someone he could use, should the need arise.

Supervisor Mahnke noted she favors using one law firm. Supervisor Berg noted he is adamant about never using Hazelbaker again.

Supervisor Berg suggested we look at reviewing law firms.

Chair Anderson made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to investigate other law firms for someone that meets his needs. He is to bring recommendations back to the Board. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Mahnke suggested Board members contact Audrey prior to contacting an attorney.

Public Works Report – Derick reported Furey, Commercial and Gallagher Plat updates. Only issue is Furey and Public Works is patching. Derick is gathering quotes for residing the records building. He will bring quotes to the next meeting.

Also, recent reports of vandalism in Severson Park and the nearby neighborhood were shared. These included lawn thefts and 'egging'. Dale Veto has been notified.

Fire Department Report – Glenn reported he had attended the Pipeline meeting today. Dane County is getting \$363,000.00 and Glenn is sitting on the committee to assist with the distribution of the funds.

Glenn reported he would be attending the McFarland EMS meeting on Thursday.

Glenn reported there were three 11-year olds breaking windows on the vehicles in the lot. Glenn chose to prosecute the kids.

Glenn reported that North Fair Oaks Paint Shop has submitted plans for paint booths, but he has seen no money yet.

It was reported the Dane County Emergency Management Flooding is hold a meeting. Chair Anderson thought maybe Derick could attend.

Glenn reported that Knights Inn Hotel is possibly a place where Dept. of Corrections is placing people. There were conversations relating to this and Audrey indicated she had talked with Dep. Veto on this and he knew very little. The Board asked Audrey to put Deputy Veto on the May 13th agenda and ask him to do some investigating beforehand.

Town Board Report - Chair Anderson reported he had attended the Maple Bluff EMS Meeting and we'll be getting a bill soon.

Supervisor Berg reported he and Supervisor Stube would be attending a WTA Training session tomorrow.

Supervisor Berg questioned if Supervisor Stube's babysitting fees could be paid while she attended training sessions for the town. It was suggested possibly WTA could help and Audrey was asked to poll other clerks for an opinion.

Supervisor Berg suggested an item for future agenda might be to do a critical review of the 2002 financials. Chair Anderson suggested this could be put on the next agenda, allowing only 15-20 minutes for it).

Plan Commission Report – Dwight Johnson reported that last Thursday he had met with Tom Klinzing, Jim Clark, Dean Eppler and Louise Foster to discuss Klinzing's development. Jim Clark suggested that Klinzing install a private interceptor line hooked up to Madison Metro. Dwight will keep the Board informed on this.

Dwight informed the Board that the City is working with RPC to extend the city water to Lyle Siggelkow's property. Dwight will also keep the Board up to date on this issue.

Clerk/Treasurer Report – Audrey stated she has a State Elections Board meeting at the State Capitol on Thursday.

Audrey also suggested that in an effort to save on legal expenses, edits to ordinances be done by her and passed by an attorney for review. Also, new ordinances could be initially drafted by her and then run by an attorney. She added it is very costly to pay an attorney to write an ordinance from scratch.

Minutes – Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the April 8, 2003 meeting minutes with Supervisor Bergs' amendments. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Other Issues – Audrey was asked to check on Stafford Rosenbaum's bill for Nicholas Robinson. It appears we were double billed.

Audrey was also asked to check on the attorney bill for David Woods; check into the minutes to see what limit was approved by the Board.

Vouchers – A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve payment of the vouchers. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concerns – Glenn noted he had talked to Sgt. Mahoney regarding Capitol City Harley's Open House. Glenn Suggested the plans are going well.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 9:40 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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1. **Order of Business**
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Reminder: Attendees Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. American Transmission Company (ATC) Involvement with Town
 - b. Plan Commission Appointments (and possible change to appointments) and Legal Issues
4. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted April 25, 2003

Dated and Re-Posted April 28, 2003 – by 12:00 Noon

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Town Board Meeting of Monday, April 28, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

- 1 Carol Loomis
- ✓ 2 MARK McLAUGHLIN
- ✓ 3 Rob Anderson
- ✓ 4 Sheridan Glen
- ✓ 5 Dwight Johnson
- 6 Dee
- ✓ 7 Kevin Oster
- ✓ 8 Bob Hollett
- ✓ 9 Victor Hollett
- 10 Devi Widans
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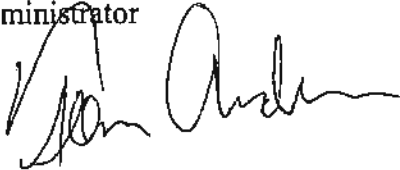
April 29, 2003

To: Audrey Rue

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

From: Tom Anderson

Town Chair



Subject: Town Chair Filing a copy of an Order with the Town Clerk RE: Arnold Berg and Blooming Grove Plan Commission

Section 17.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that removals at pleasure be made by filing a copy of the order with the town clerk. Based on last night's board meeting is my understanding that Arnold Berg has no right to his appointment because the proper procedure under section 62.23 (1)(a) was not followed.

In the event that Arnold Berg feels that he was appointed, pursuant to section 17.13 of the statutes, I am removing him from the appointment. To comply with section 17.16, I am filing this order with you. Please call me if you have questions or would like copies of the relevant statutes. Thanks.

CC: Attorney Chris Hughes

Notarized by Audrey Rue

*My Commission
Expires
8/31/2003*



Audrey Rue

From: "Christopher Hughes" <CHUGHES@staffordlaw.com>
To: <bgadmin@blmgrove.com>
Cc: <andertn@dhfs.state.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 11:45 AM
Subject: Re: Removal

Audrey -- As I recall, Arnie was notified at Monday's board meeting. When the minutes of the board meeting are done, keep the order with a copy of the minutes.

Tom -- You should sign the order, and if Audrey is a notary public, you should have her notarize it as well.

Christopher B. Hughes
 Stafford Rosenbaum LLP
 608-259-2616
 608-259-2600 (fax)

Use or disclosure of this confidential communication by anyone other than the addressee is prohibited. Please call us collect if you receive this in error. Thank you.

>>> "Audrey Rue" <bgadmin@blmgrove.com> 05/01/03 11:32AM >>>
 Chris: Do I, as town clerk, need to do anything with this? Or do I just file it. Does Arnie need to be notified?

Audrey
 ----- Original Message -----
From: "Thomas Anderson" <andertn@dhfs.state.wi.us>
To: <bgadmin@blmgrove.com>; <CHUGHES@staffordlaw.com>
Cc: <board1@blmgrove.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 11:17 AM
Subject: Re: Removal

> I have attached the order you recommended and copied Audrey to comply.
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 > >>> "Christopher Hughes" <CHUGHES@staffordlaw.com> 04/29/03 05:18PM
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 > Section 17.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that removals at
 > pleasure be made by filing a copy of the order with the town clerk.
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 > pursuant to section 17.13 of the statutes, you are removing him from the
 > appointment. To comply with section 17.16, I suggest you file an order
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Town of Blooming Grove Special Board Meeting – April 28, 2003

A special meeting of the Blooming Grove Town Board was held on Monday, April 28, 2003. Supervisor Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Clerk Audrey Rue took the Roll Call. In attendance were Chair Anderson, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Stube and Supervisor Mahnke.

Others in attendance included: Audrey Rue, Mark McLaughlin, Dwight Johnson, Robert Anderson, Glenn Linzmeier, Attorney Chris Hughes, Barbara Hockett, Victor Hockett, Sheridan Glenn representing American Transmission Company, Louise Foster, Ruth Grady, Carol Loomis, Dave Young, Terri Winans and Liz Johnson.

Chair Anderson noted there was an entire quorum. He asked people to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Anderson asked the Board to review the agenda.

Supervisor Mahnke made a motion that item # 3a be “tabled” until the regular meeting on the 13th of May. Supervisor Berg seconded the motion. Voting in favor of tabling the item was: Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. Voting against tabling the item was: Supervisor Linzmeier and Chair Anderson.

Plan Commission Appointments (and possible change to appointments) and Legal Issues:

Chair Anderson started by stating that at the meeting held last week on April 22nd, one of the agenda items were the Plan Commission appointments. He went on to say that he, as Town Chair, read literally from the Ordinance, which had been adopted by the Towns’ Legal Counsel and approved in January. He noted the Board proceeded on that with the interpretation of some of the wording there, that he found himself later on to be in error of. He went on to say that he asked Attorney Chris Hughes to be here tonight to discuss the Ordinance that we used. He noted he subsequently learned, later on, that the interpretation that the Board had used was contrary to State Statutes. Chair Anderson then asked Attorney Hughes to make some comments on that.

Attorney Hughes noted the issue is the role of the Town Board and the appointment to the Plan Commission members; he noted the Ordinance specifically states that the Town Chair person shall appoint with Town Board approval, the members of the Plan Commission. The Statute, under 62.23, from which the Town derives its authority to form a Plan Commission, states that all members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor who shall also choose a presiding officer.

Attorney Hughes went on to say that “your ordinance needs to be read with the Statutory Mandate in mind.” He said that means the Town Board approval is simply advisory. Attorney Hughes noted that subsequent to the meeting, Attorney Carol Nawrocki of the Wisconsin Towns Association indicated to the town that this was her reading and Attorney Hughes stated he agrees with her reading.

Chair Anderson noted the current terms of the Plan Commission expire April 30th. He added we have learned that the appointment to the Plan Commission was not carried out according to State Statute. He added he believes the appointments were improper and that that's the opinion of two attorneys and at this point in time we should proceed.

He stated Rob Anderson has been working with ATC. He went on to say that he'd like Rob Anderson to be allowed to continue as the representative from Blooming Grove to work with ATC. He went on to say he would allow Carol (Loomis) to be appointed to the Plan. The terms he is recommending are the same as what was agreed to at the previous meeting.

He went on to say that he recommends that he (Tom Anderson) be the Board rep on the Plan Commission.

Supervisor Berg then made the following motion:

Whereas, the Town Board Chair on April 22, 2003 appointed town residents to the Town's Plan Commission

Whereas, the town board approved six of the appointees, the requisite number on the commission

Whereas, this action was taken in accordance with the town plan commission ordinance 2.01.03 adopted by the board and signed into law by town board chair on January 28, 2003

Now Therefore, I, Arnold Berg, make a motion that I be authorized by the town board to secure another attorney's opinion on this proposed action, which runs contrary to the will of the majority of the town board, for an amount not to exceed \$250

Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion.

Voting in favor were Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube
Voting against were Supervisor Linzmeier and Chair Anderson.

Motion Carried 3-2

Chair Anderson said: "I, Tom Anderson, being duly elected Town Chair of the Town of Blooming Grove utilizing authority granted within the State of Wisconsin Statutes 62.23 (1) (a) hereby make the following appointments to the Plan Commission.

I recommend the appointment of Dwight Johnson and Carol Loomis for a one-year period, Dave Young and Louise Foster for a two-year period, and Mark McLaughlin and Joe Hasse for 3 years. I subsequently appoint Dwight Johnson as Plan Commission Chair and as the Board member, I appoint myself to serve as a member of the Plan Commission.

Attorney Hughes said a point of officers serve at the pleasure of the appointing body. So Tom is the appointing body so he can remove someone from the appointed office. He went on to say that Chair Anderson's actions were confirming the authority he had before and the prior appointments were not proper because of the town board action.

Supervisor Berg asked that the record show, that when he gets the other attorney's opinion, if it comes down to the position that the ordinance is appropriate consistently, that whatever appointments you're making today will have no effect.

Chair Anderson said he disagreed as we already have two attorney's opinions.

Chair Anderson made as motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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1. Order of Business
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Reminder: Attendees Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review Agenda
3. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Knights Inn Housing Status – Deputy Dale Veto
 - b. Wingate Inn – Delinquent Room Tax
 - c. 3-Way Stop Signs at Intersection of Cottontail/Sprecher & Freedom Lane/Sprecher
 - d. Daniel Ampe – 3-Way Stop Sign Concerns (3327 Swinburne)
 - e. Lynn Gonzalez – Board Consent for Alcohol at Thurber Park Event
 - f. Wisconsin Retirement Discussion – Mike Wolf
 - g. Plan Commission Manual – Louise Foster, Vice-Chair of Plan Commission
 - h. Plan Commission Appointment Process Review
 - i. Seating Arrangement of Town Board – Arnie Berg
 - j. Grant Writing for Plan Commission
 - k. Permission for Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator to attend UW Green Bay in July and Annual Clerks Conference in August
 - l. Review of 2002 Budget (10 to 15 minutes)
4. Communication Items:
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. Approvals
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: April 22, 2003 Meeting and April 28, 2003 Special Meeting
 - b. Approve Vouchers
6. Public Concern
7. Adjourn

Dated and Posted May 9, 2003

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 <u>Kevin Foster</u> | 25 _____ |
| 2 <u>Roddy Redepennig</u> | 26 _____ |
| 3 <u>MICHAEL WOLF</u> | 27 _____ |
| 4 <u>Dale Veto - DCSO</u> | 28 _____ |
| 5 <u>Mark McLaughlin</u> | 29 _____ |
| 6 <u>Joe Kasse</u> | 30 _____ |
| 7 <u>John</u> | 31 _____ |
| 8 <u>Michael Johnson</u> | 32 _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board May 13, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on May 13, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Dwight Johnson, Louise Foster, Rocky Redepenning, Michael Wolf, Dale Veto (DCSO), Mark McLaughlin, Joel Hasse, David Young, Glenn Linzmeier, Carol Loomis, Liz Johnson and Mitch Zimmerman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed.

Knights Inn Housing Status: Deputy Sheriff Dale Veto presented letter from Dept. of Corrections indicating they do not have any current contract for housing at Knights Inn.

Denise Symdon from Dept. of Corrections sent her business card if anyone had further questions.

Wingate Inn Delinquent Room Tax: Attorney Hughes will draw up a letter addressing delinquency, interest and penalty. The letter will be reviewed by Supervisor Berg and then mailed by the office.

3-Way Stop Sign at Cottontail/Sprecher & Freedom/Sprecher: Petition received requesting three way stop signs at these intersections. It was noted the petition signatures were dated January 2002.

Clerk Rue referred to Mike Wolf's memo of April 28th whereas John Norwell of Dane County Highway Dept expresses reservations about stop signs which may not conform to Uniform Traffic Control Manual and Deputy Veto and former Public Works employee Redepenning spoke in opposition to installing stop signs.

Chair Anderson made a motion to send a survey to the people who signed the petition to determine current status and also that this subject is deferred to the first meeting in June. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Daniel Ampe – 3-way stop sign concerns: Dan Ampe was represented by Mitch Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman was requesting something be done about people not stopping at stop sign near 3327 Swinburne.

Motion by Chair Anderson to send survey to residents of April Hill asking residents for ideas and opinions and then place on a future agenda in June. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Lynn Gonzalez – Alcohol in park: Motion was made by Chair Anderson to obtain evidence of insurability from Ms. Gonzalez after which town would provide approval. Motion seconded by Supervisor Berg. Motion Carried.

Wisconsin Retirement Discussion: Mike Wolf's analysis had been distributed to the Board. Motion by Supervisor Berg to defer this subject to the June 24, 2003 meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Plan Commission Manual: Joel Hasse, Mark McLaughlin and Dave Young have volunteered to do this. Motion by Chair Anderson to approve Louise Foster's request to do a Plan Commission manual. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Plan Commission Appointment Process Review: It was noted Wisconsin Towns Association is seeking the opinion of the Attorney General. Chair Anderson again offered the Board rep position to Supervisor Stube, she again declined.

Seating Arrangement of Town Board: Supervisor Berg made motion of seating the Board members for Town Board meeting purposes with the four Supervisors on side tables, Chairman in front with Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator at his right side. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. On roll call vote: Linzmeier, Mahnke, Berg and Stube voted in favor with Chair Anderson abstaining. Motion Carried.

Grant Writing for Plan Commission: Plan Commission Vice-Chair Louise Foster introduced possible grants. It was suggested office staff assist Plan Commission with grant submissions.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Education Sessions: Chair Anderson made motion to allow Audrey to attend education sessions at the UW Green Bay from July 23-25 and to attend the Annual Clerk's Conference from August 13-15. The Town of Brigham with the exception of mileage is paying all expenses to Green Bay – Blooming Grove will pay mileage. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

2002 Financial Report Discussion: Supervisor Berg shared observations he had of the 2002 Financial Report.

Public Works Report: Mowing in Mansion Circle discussed. All Board members felt Mansion Circle should be mowed and trimmed like a park – not mowed with tractor mower.

Yard Waste will be picked up through the end of this week.

Fire Dept. Report: Chief Linzmeier reported on recent car wash, Sauk meeting of Fire Chiefs, Letters of support from Feingold and Tammy Baldwin for FEMA grant, Intergovernmental Relationship meeting and ideas for Communication items on agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Mahnke to move communication items to top of agenda. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

Town Board Report: Supervisor Berg shared info on Maywick Estates and suggestions for the Dane County Park project. Supervisor Mahnke updated Board on

McFarland Ambulance meeting. Supervisor Stube shared education items she learned at recent WTA seminar.

Chair Anderson noted he will be attending the Dane County Towns' Association meeting tomorrow night and that he had sent Mayor Cieslewicz an e-mail on intergovernmental issues and requested a meeting.

Chair Anderson also reported on the reduction of the Stewardship Fund and indicated it may effect obtaining the Wade Cattell property. Audrey was asked to contact either Ken LaPine or Jan Zimmerman for a current status.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported the liquor renewals have been mailed, there is an election on June 3rd and the revaluation will begin approx. June 2nd. Also, the Board of Review dates were discussed and a current budget status was distributed. She also informed the Board that the Circus scheduled for the Voit property has been cancelled due to zoning.

Supervisor Berg asked that the budget discussion as well as Form C discussion be on future agendas.

Minutes: Supervisor Berg made a motion to accept the April 22nd minutes as amended and defers the April 28th minute approval to next meeting. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Linzmeier suggested minutes be shortened per WTA suggestion. Supervisor Berg agreed minutes are getting too long.

Vouchers: Motion made by Chair Anderson to approve vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Public Concern: Chair Anderson shared concerns regarding posting rules in park. Signs should address Alcohol, Hours and Dogs. Derick is to get sign prices on all info fitting on sign.

It was suggested by Supervisor Linzmeier that Audrey follow up with Pam Dumphy of Dane Co. Hwy on the Siggelkow Road center lines.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 10:02 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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 - a. **Call Meeting To Order -- Reminder: Attendees Sign In**
 - b. **Roll Call**
 - c. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Approval of Meeting Notice/Posting**
4. **Communication Items:**
 - a. **Public Works**
 - b. **Fire Department**
 - c. **Town Board**
 - d. **Plan Commission**
 - e. **Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator**
 1. **Budget Status**
 2. **Financial Condition**
5. **Discussion/Action Items**

No items as of posting date
6. **Approvals**
 - a. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: April 28, 2003 Special Meeting and May 13, 2003 Regular Meeting**
 - b. **Approve Vouchers**
7. **Public Concern**
8. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted May 23, 2003

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Town of Blooming Grove Board May 27, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on May 27, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue and Glenn Linzmeier
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Supervisor Berg asked that the May 13th minutes be reviewed prior to the April 28th minutes.

Public Works Report: Audrey reported on the following:

Derick has reached his 6-month anniversary and Audrey will be doing a review of his performance. She will then ask that he be released from probation.

Dane County Youth Conservation Crew finished their work on the flowage project and then spent a day picking up trash along Town roads.

Derick had spent a day with Dwight Johnson touring the town roads and discussing road issues.

The Public Works dept. has finished yard waste pickup until fall.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Linzmeier reported on the following:

The Harley Festival went well. The ambulance crew and the Fire Department were there all day.

The car body shop on Fair Oaks Avenue (that Chief Linzmeier had previously shut down) is working toward proper approvals.

The Extrication Competition is next weekend and as a result, cars are accumulating in the parking lot.

Dane Co. Fire Chief's met last week in Sauk City.

Dustin Whitehorse's 6-month review is coming up. Chief Linzmeier will be proposing the 6-month probation be lifted.

Chief Linzmeier suggested he wants to make recommendations to be implemented by the 1st of next year in regard to banning burning in certain areas. Supervisor Berg suggested the recommendation notice be in a newsletter, a special note be sent to those holding burning permits and this be put as an action item on the next agenda.

Chief Linzmeier suggested the Public Works Dept. and the Office staff be trained in AED/CPR. If training were done in house, the cost would be very minimal.

Town Board Report:

Supervisor Berg gave an update on the Maywick Estate development south of Cottage Grove road between Severson and Sprecher. He noted the upcoming meetings.

Supervisor Berg made note of the storage units on Underdahl Road. He had recently inquired on building permits, etc and shared the information. It appears the storage units are in compliance with all permits.

Supervisor Berg asked for an update on the Stafford Rosenbaum bill of David Wood's CSM/Annexation issue. Audrey indicated she has the letter ready to mail and it will go out tomorrow.

Supervisor Berg shared a document he found noting 2000-2003 road projects. Audrey to check with Derick on the status in Paser.

Chair Anderson reported he had attended the Dane Co. Town's Association meeting and he shared info he had gained at this meeting. He had also attended a training session on running meetings and the open meeting law.

Chair Anderson noted he has a one-on-one meeting with the Mayor of Madison on July 17, 2003 and will discuss annexation issues and the Drumlin purchase.

Supervisor Mahnke read a statement she had written in response to a recent letter she received from Chair Anderson. Chair Anderson asked for a copy of the letter.

Supervisor Stube asked about the status of the painting of the centerline on Siggelkow road. Audrey to check on status. It was noted Blooming Grove's share is now down to about 5/8 of a mile.

Supervisor Stube asked about Rob Anderson's appointment on the ATC project. She felt it should be an action item, as it seems to be unfinished. It was noted it would be on the June 10th agenda.

Plan Commission Report:

Chair Anderson reported the committee working on a Plan Commission Manual. He also reported the plan commission will be working on grants.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report:

Audrey reported:

Audrey is working on a fence ordinance to present to the Board.

She also asked about an idea of a web site for the township. She has a contact person who may do a website for about \$600.00. It was suggested this be an action item on a future agenda. The Town and Fire Dept. will split the cost.

Minutes:

Supervisor Berg moved the May 13, 2003 minutes be approved as amended. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Berg moved the April 28, 2003 minutes be condensed and the 3 attachments be removed. He further moved the paragraph on page 7 referring to a discussion between Supervisor Mahnke and Chair Anderson be removed.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube.

Supervisors Stube, Berg and Mahnke voted in favor. Chair Anderson and Supervisor Linzmeier voted against. Motion carried 3-2.

Vouchers:

Motion by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve payment of vouchers presented. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern: There were no citizens in attendance.

Supervisor Stube questioned the total legal fees regarding the liquor license review of Nick Robinson. Audrey will look into this and respond to Jean.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 8:25 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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2003 Board of Review Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the meeting is to call the 2003 session of the Board of Review to order. It is anticipated the Board of Review will be postponed to September 15, 2003 as the Assessment Roll is not ready.

Dated and Posted June 6, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

***Town of Blooming Grove
Board of Review Adjourned Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2003 – 6:30 PM***

Call To Order: Chairman Anderson called this meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was taken. Board Members in attendance included: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Linzmeier.

Supervisor Linzmeier made a motion to postpone the 2003 Town of Blooming Grove Board of Review to September 15, 2003 as the Assessment Roll is not yet completed. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk
Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 10, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 JOEL HASSE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at 6:35 PM in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. Order of Business
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Reminder: Attendees Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Notice/Posting
4. Communication Items:
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Stop Signs on Sprecher Road
 - b. Stop Signs in April Hill
 - c. Sprecher Road Remedial Work
 - d. Burning Permit Ban – Chief Linzmeier
 - e. Appointment to ATC Project
 - f. Smart Growth Update – Dave Young
6. Approvals
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for: May 27, 2003 and Special Meeting April 28, 2003.
 - b. Approve Vouchers
7. Public Concern
8. Adjourn to Closed Session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (f) to consider disciplinary data of specific persons.
9. Reconvene to Open Session
10. Adjourn

Dated and Posted June 6, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

Town of Blooming Grove Board June 10, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM on June 10, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Glenn Linzmeier, Joel Hasse, Mark McLaughlin, Harold Curley, David Young and Daniel Ampe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was reviewed.

Chair Anderson asked Harold Curley if he was present for a specific item. Mr. Curley stated he was present to file a complaint about the railroad tracks on North Fair Oaks by Thurber Avenue. They are very rough. Audrey stated the Railroad Company has been contacted three times and nothing has been done. The Board asked Audrey to send a certified letter to the Railroad Company asking them when the road would be repaired.

Public Works Report: Nothing to Report

Fire Department Report: Chief Linzmeier reported:

- ❑ Extrication Competition was successful. Blooming Grove placed 5th out of 10 teams.
- ❑ Training in the parks throughout the summer. The Fire Dept will try to get to all the parks.
- ❑ Chief Linzmeier is attending D-Con meetings and the D-Con trailer is now in the Blooming Grove Fire Dept. Bay.
- ❑ Chief Linzmeier will be attending the Fire Chief Convention next Thursday, Friday and Saturday in LaCrosse.
- ❑ There was a fire on Alvarez last Friday. It is still under investigation.

Town Board Report:

- ❑ Supervisor Berg gave an update on the Maywick Estate development. Supervisor Berg had attended the Plan Commission hearing and explained the continuing process. Supervisor Berg noted he feels the Maywick Estate Plans was a done deal.
- ❑ Supervisor Berg distributed a memo asking Stafford Rosenbaum an Attorney Chris Hughes be replaced. Supervisor Berg asked to have this item on the June 24th agenda.
- ❑ Supervisor Berg asked about Seelinger Street and the attorney bills incurred. Audrey reported that Mr. Butler was billed \$1236.00 today and was sent a copy of minutes where he indicated he would pay the attorney bills.
- ❑ Chair Anderson reported he had attended a R.P.C. meeting regarding DeJope Bingo Hall and gaming compacts. Chair Anderson stated there would be a referendum regarding this in early February for Dane County.
- ❑ Chair Anderson noted that Jim Voss had asked if the Town would be willing to enter into an agreement with the City of Madison on extraterritorial zoning on this issue.

- ❑ Chair Anderson reported on the Tatoo booth that has asked to set up at Harley Davidson for the 100th Anniversary. Audrey was asked to contact the Dept. of Health in regards to licenses and permits needed.
- ❑ Supervisor Berg asked about the memo regarding Bob Oyler contacting Rich Nordeng. There was much discussion on the process that should be used when consulting with town attorneys. Audrey was asked to write up a proposed process and present to the Board for approval.

Plan Commission Report:

- ❑ Mark McLaughlin reported that Dave Young, Joel Hasse and himself have met to work on the Plan Commission Manual. Mark asked that the Board, the Chair or the Clerk develop a Mission Statement to be included in the Manual. Target date for completion of manual is the end of July.
- ❑ He also reported that the Plan Commission is attending workshops and they are going well.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported:

- ❑ Derick is now off probation and his 6-month review has been completed.
- ❑ The centerline on Siggelkow Road has been painted.
- ❑ Wingate's Motel Tax is now current.
- ❑ The building that houses the town records is in need of repair. Audrey to have Derick get bids on repair and replacement.
- ❑ The nitrate levels in April Hill were reported high. The town office now has brochures for interested parties.
- ❑ The proposed resolution concept to the Republican's Plan to Freeze Spending was shared. Audrey to do more homework, talk with auditor and share info with Board.
- ❑ Audrey will be on vacation all next week (June 14th through June 22nd).

Stop Signs on Sprecher Road: Motion by Supervisor Berg to not place stop signs on Sprecher Road at Freedom/Cottontail. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Stop Signs in April Hill: It was noted 61% surveyed favored removing stop signs and 65% surveyed were not in favor of installing speed bumps. Dan Ampe spoke on the issue. Board felt the stop signs should be left as is. The Board asked Audrey to ask Deputy Veto if he could be available a couple weekends (Friday and Saturday nights) to monitor the situation. Mr. Ampe was also going to do some work on this issue. The Board decided to wait one month and re-visit the situation.

Sprecher Road Remedial Work: Supervisor Berg reported on a complaint he had received regarding the landscaping and ditching along Sprecher Road. Also Wayne Hemberger had complained about dirt that had been pushed into his yard from the additional work done on Freedom Lane. Supervisor Berg noted the water is not flowing as it should be and there is a large depression in the road by Cottontail.

Chair Anderson asked to have Scott Hasburgh of S.E.H. at either the June 24th meeting or the end of July meeting.

Excused Absences: It was noted that Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Linzmeier would be excused from the July 8th Board meeting.

Burning Permit Proposal: Chief Linzmeier requested that no burning permits be issued to anyone in the town that lives on an island and he added this would include all of Rambling Acres. Motion by Supervisor Berg to allow the Fire Chief to amend the fire ban in designated areas. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

It was asked that this be put in the next Newsletter and that anyone affected that currently holds a permit – be sent a letter.

Appointment to ATC Project: Chair Anderson had previously recommended Rob Anderson continue on the ATC project until year-end. There was discussion on the necessity of this.

The Board concluded that ATC should be told to contact the office when they needed a Blooming Grove rep at any meeting. At that time, the Board will decide, based on the subject, who would be the best person to attend such meeting.

Smart Growth Update: Dave Young gave an update on the process of hiring a facilitator. He noted the Smart Growth group is in the process of hiring a planner for the Town of Blooming Grove. Five townships are hiring a planner together. The whole project will take about 30 months and public meetings will be held. He added that bills will begin coming – the first one will be about \$1000.00.

There was discussion on whether the costs are being split based on population or split 8 ways. Audrey was asked to find the contract and verify.

Minutes:

Supervisor Berg moved the May 27, 2003 minutes be approved as amended. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Berg moved the April 28, 2003 minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube.

Supervisors Stube, Berg, Linzmeier and Mahnke voted in favor. Chair Anderson voted against, stating he wanted the original minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-1.

Vouchers:

Motion by Supervisor Berg to approve payment of vouchers presented. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern:

Mark McLaughlin asked to make three points.

- ❑ Complimented Fire Dept and Glenn Linzmeier on the handling of the fire at 4002 Alvarez.
- ❑ Extended compliments to Derick on keeping the ditch clean by McDonald's.
- ❑ Garbage left by Walbridge condo's – west side – near 'Welcome to Town of Blooming Grove' sign. – Asked to have Public Works look into.

Closed Session: Motion made by Chair Anderson to go into Closed Session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) to consider disciplinary data of specific persons. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. On roll call vote – all in favor to go into Closed Session.

Motion by Chair Anderson to reconvene to open session. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. On roll call vote – all in favor.

Closed Session was summarized by Chair Anderson as discussion on disciplinary action of an ex-employee in a confidential matter.

The Board asked Audrey to inform Fred and Derick that garage doors must be closed at all times when they are not on the premises.

The Board also asked Audrey to change all locks on outside buildings and the code on the Fire Dept. doors.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 9:06 PM to adjourn. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Blooming Grove Board will meet on **Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at 6:30 PM** in the Town Hall located at 1880 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

1. **Order of Business**
 - a. Call Meeting To Order – Reminder: Attendees Sign In
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Approval of Meeting Notice/Posting**
4. **Communication Items**
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Town Board
 - d. Plan Commission
 - e. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
5. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. Signs for Town Parks
 - b. Tree Removal at 226 Powers Avenue
 - c. Town Attorney
 - d. Old Meier Road - to Vacate or Not
 - e. Dane Co. Ordinance Amendments #3 & #4 - Regarding contracting businesses in the LC-1 limited commercial district (including subsection 1)
 - f. Fence Ordinance
 - g. Liquor License and Operators License Renewals:
 - Jerry's Place
 - Wingate Inn
 - Capital City Harley-Davidson
 - h. Restaurant Permit Renewals:
 - McDonalds
 - Country Kitchen
 - Wingate Inn
 - i. Cigarette License Renewal:
 - Jerry's Place
 - j. Town Options in Case of State Limiting Local Spending
 - k. Wisconsin Retirement Debt
 - l. Proposed Procedure for using Town Attorney
 - m. Town of Blooming Grove Webpage
 - n. Personnel Manual Changes
6. **Approvals**
 - a. Board Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2003
 - b. Board of Review Adjourned Minutes of June 10, 2003
 - c. Vouchers
7. **Public Concern**
8. **Adjourn**

Dated and Posted June 20, 2003

Please Note: A quorum of the Blooming Grove Plan Commission may be in attendance to gather information relevant to their responsibilities. No matter shall be considered, nor shall Plan Commission members take any action, at this meeting.

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 24, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 Superintendent

2 Alan Fargnoli

3 Dan Babler

4 Kenneth Hart

5 MICHAEL WOLF

6 EFFIE HYATT

7 Dick Riddle

8 Nancy Tuncott

9 John Koop

10 Mary Swenson

11 MARK McLaughlin

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Town of Blooming Grove Board June 24, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM on June 24, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Glenn Linzmeier, Joel Hasse, Mark McLaughlin, Louise Foster, Derick Babler, Kenneth Norton, Michael Wolf, Effie Hyatt, Dick Riddle, Nancy Tourcott, T. Knoop, Mary Swenson, Ramesh Shah of Wingate, Larry Lawry, Kristine Arsenault, Bill Blatterman, Dave Young, Bob Oyler, Art Voit, Al Loomis and Liz Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was reviewed.

The Agenda item for Tree Removal at 226 Powers Avenue was deferred because the tree may not be in the town right-of-way. Effie Hyatt indicated her survey shows the tree is in the right of way. She is to bring her survey in and work with the office staff and Derick Babler on a resolution. If no resolution, this should be on the July 8th agenda.

Town Attorney: Supervisor Berg explained the memos he had written to the Town Board on June 10, 2003 and on June 18, 2003 and the reasons he had for placing this item on the agenda.

Supervisor Berg moved that the town replace Stafford Rosenbaum and Attorney Chris Hughes as the town's attorneys. Supervisor Mahnke seconded the motion. Chair Anderson opened the floor for discussion.

Supervisor Mahnke made comments regarding the Plan Commission ordinance and her views on the town attorney replacement motion. Supervisor Linzmeier noted she was not in favor of eliminating the entire law firm as Stafford Rosenbaum has skills we may need in the future. Supervisor Stube stated she had a problem with the Plan Commission ordinance work. Supervisor Berg made additional comments regarding the procedure surrounding cities/villages are using in putting members on the Plan Commission.

Attorney Rich Nordeng and Attorney Chris Hughes, both of Stafford, Rosenbaum made a few remarks related to: 1) Their firm and the work they do 2) Recent concerns pertaining to the Plan Commission 3) Underlying background on why the Plan Commission rules are as they are 4) How the firm determines charges and he then addressed questions/concerns raised by Supervisors.

Chair Anderson talked a bit about boundary agreements and the involvement of Stafford Rosenbaum in those potential agreements.

Several residents in attendance spoke on this issue – all of them favoring retaining the Stafford, Rosenbaum firm. Chair Anderson read a letter submitted by John & Kathy Swenson favoring retaining Stafford Rosenbaum.

After much discussion, Supervisor Berg withdrew his motion to replace Stafford Rosenbaum and Attorney Chris Hughes as the town's attorneys. Supervisor Mahnke withdrew her second to the motion.

Chair Anderson made a motion to retain Stafford Rosenbaum as the Town Attorneys. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Stube – Yes, Supervisor Mahnke – Yes, Chair Anderson – Yes, Supervisor Linzmeier – Yes, Supervisor Berg – Yes.

Old Meier Road Vacating: Alice Blatterman, Bill Blatterman and Kris Arsenault asked the Town to vacate Old Meier Road and they would assume responsibility of it. It was noted a portion of Old Meier Road is in the City of Madison. Bill Blatterman noted he will be talking to the City of Madison and he added that 100% of the residents are in agreement to have the town vacate the road.

Supervisor Mahnke made a motion to move this item to the July 8th agenda. We will gather info on easements, legal fees and procedures prior to that. Chair Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern: Larry Lawry, Nancy Tourcott and Louise Foster came before the Board stating the City of Madison is bringing sewer lines through their property and paying them a price. They said if the dollar were not accepted, the land would be condemned. It was suggested Larry Lawry work with the office staff to resolve.

Public Works Report: Nothing to Report

Fire Department Report: Chief Linzmeier reported:

- He had to put money into the truck that we will be selling.
- He is working with ISO on a better fire rating
- The Dept. has been training in the parks
- Call are up considerably this year
- The Chief's Conference last week was very successful

Town Board Report: Chair Anderson reported he would be attending a meeting with cities, villages and towns working collectively on collaboration and cooperation.

Plan Commission Report: Dave Young reported:

- A current landowner is looking to put in a form of art studio
- A potential buyer is looking at land to purchase and develop to a park/ball park.
- There is a Smart Growth meeting on Friday
- The Plan Commission Manual should be done for the first draft by the end of July

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported:

- The Revaluation is going well – the office has received no complaints
- Fred Warren submitted another Worker's Comp claim due to a recent back injury

Signs For Town Parks: The Board requested the Uniform codes be checked. The Fire Chief also suggested "No Burning" is added to the sign. The Board suggested the word "Dog" be changed to "Animal or Pet". It was also suggested we remove "Golfing" as there are already golf signs in the appropriate parks.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson to allow the office staff to research the above and order the signs. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Dane County Ordinance Amendments 3 & 4: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to oppose Amendments 3 & 4 as written. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Fence Ordinance: Motion made by Chair Anderson to adopt the fence ordinance presented. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Liquor License Renewals: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve renewal of the liquor license for Jerry's Place. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve renewal of the liquor license for Banquet Room, LLC. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve renewal of the liquor license for Wingate Inn contingent upon obtaining clarification of #7 and legal entity. Motion Carried.

Operator License Renewals: A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve the Operator's License for Jeffrey Kuske contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve the Operator's License for Kenneth Jick contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve the new liquor license application for Nicholas Robinson. Chair Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Stube and Supervisor Linzmeier voted in favor of. Supervisor Berg opposed. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve the Operator's License for Dennis McCaslin . Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve the Operator's License for Judith Hoffer contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mahnke, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve the Operator's License for Vicki Bailey contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve the Operator's License for Sheila Aliota contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve the Operator's License for Nicole Bookout. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve the Operator's License for Richard Pedersen contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve the Operator's License for Bonnie Quinn contingent upon complete answers of all questions. Motion Carried.

Cigarette License Renewal: Motion made by Supervisor Mahnke, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to renew the Cigarette license for Jerry's Place. Motion Carried.

Restaurant License Renewals: A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Stube to approve the restaurant license renewal for Madison Hotel, Inc. (Wingate Inn) Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve the restaurant license renewal for CK Restaurants, Inc. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to approve the restaurant license renewal for Missoula Mac McDonalds Motion Carried.

The Board asked Audrey to look into the necessity of Bob Oyler having a restaurant license.

Town Options in Case of State Limiting Local Spending: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to authorize the Town Board to borrow up to \$250,000.00 for Capitol Project Improvements during 2004-2006. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried unanimously.

Wisconsin Retirement Debt: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to defer the Wisconsin Retirement Debt discussion to an August meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Proposed Procedure for using Town Attorney: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to defer this discussion to an August meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Webpage: A motion was made by Supervisor Stube to obtain three bids to do a Web Site. Bids are to be brought back to the Board for decision. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Personnel Manual Changes: Amended pages referring to "at will" employees were presented. A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier to adopt. Motion Carried.

June 10, 2003 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

June 10, 2003 Board of Review Agenda: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve payment of vouchers. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Chair Anderson at 10:20 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator


June 24, 2003

To the Town of Blooming Grove:

We have been residents in the town of Blooming Grove for the past five years. There have been a couple of occasions where we have had the opportunity to work with the town on property issues. In dealing with the town's legal counsel, Stafford Rosenbaum LLC, we worked through the issues in an honest, ethical and straightforward manner. As difficult as it was to spend time and money correcting the issue at hand, we believe the town was fairly represented while, at the same time, we were listened to and treated with respect.

We support Blooming Grove's choice to retain Stafford Rosenbaum LLC as the town's legal counsel both now and in the future.

Sincerely,


John and Kathy Swenson
3465 Cottontail Trail
221-9642

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 8, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 Kris Arsenault

2 Dein Blotterman

3 R. R. Ball

4 Dein Butler

5 Jim Butler

6 Mark McLaughlin

7 Joel Hase

8 Jenda Hallman

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Town of Blooming Grove Board July 8, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM on July 8, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. It was noted Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Linzmeier were excused. A quorum was noted. Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Joel Hasse, Mark McLaughlin, Deborah Sellers, Kris Arsenault, Alice Blatterman, Bill Blatterman, Diana Butler, Jim Butler, Attorney Chris Hughes and Linda Hallman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was reviewed.

Old Meier Road Vacating Issue: Alice Blatterman, Bill Blatterman and Kris Arsenault all residents of Old Meier road noted they were all in favor of vacating this road. It was noted the Fire Chief had previously indicated this was no problem as far as the Fire Dept. was concerned.

Attorney Hughes explained the vacating process. Audrey noted she had spoke with Larry Nelson, Chief Engineer with the City of Madison. Mr. Nelson indicated he remembered the City and the Town shutting down Old Meier Road a couple years ago and he doesn't see a problem with vacating it now. He added the landowners would need to approach the City for official process of vacating their section of Old Meier Road.

Chair Anderson made a motion that the Town of Blooming Grove support vacating Old Meier Road so that the residents may improve it. Supervisor Stube seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Northwood Christmas Tree Farm: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to approve the transient merchant license application for Northwood Christmas Tree Sales on the Blooming Grove lot for 2003. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Seeliger Road Vacating Issue: Supervisor Mahnke shared her understanding of the road noting she believed it is town property. Much discussion took place on what has happened and what could happen in regards to this road.

Attorney Hughes suggested he would look into the questions raised by Supervisor Mahnke in regard to ownership of the road. Attorney Hughes will then work with Audrey on this issue. Audrey will contact the landowners for a joint meeting of all parties. Attorney Hughes will assist Audrey with proper steps that should be followed.

Chair Anderson made a motion the town move forward based on the discussion. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Complaints of 4288 Severson: Supervisor Mahnke noted she thought there might be additional ordinances violated. It was suggested Audrey and Mike review ordinances for additional violations.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson to have the Town office staff send a letter with attachments of ordinances and complaint letter indicating if the problem is not reconciled, the Resident will be referred to municipal court. It was further suggested they respond or appear at a Board meeting. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Speed Limit on Lake Farm Road: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to defer this item to the July 22nd agenda allowing the office staff to gather maps and more details on this road issue. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Communication Items

Public Works – Nothing to report

Fire Department – Nothing to report

Town Board – Chair Anderson reported his scheduled meeting with the Mayor of Madison has been rescheduled to a different date/time.

Chair Anderson noted Blooming Grove is hosting the joint municipality meeting on August 27th.

Supervisor Mahnke noted the McFarland EMS is looking at purchasing equipment. She felt someone from the McFarland EMS should attend a Blooming Grove meeting to talk about future plans. Audrey to make contact with McFarland to arrange a meeting before budget time.

Supervisor Stube asked about the status of the Records Building repair. Audrey to have Derick submit all estimates to be on July 22nd agenda.

Supervisor Stube asked about following up on the railroad issue. Audrey indicated this issue is on a follow up.

Supervisor Stube asked for clarification of the annexation agreement. It was also suggested Audrey discuss the part of the agreement that talks about the town encouraging opposition to annexation with Rich Nordeng.

Plan Commission: Joel Hasse reported that Roxy Stillman was the only item on their last agenda. Roxy has indicated she would like to turn her land into a miniature golf course, camping, cross-country skiing, etc. She had indicated to the Plan Commission that everything was a possibility and no decision had been made. She did add that regardless there would be no alcohol and no drugs. Also no water or sewer.

The office staff was asked to look for samples of mission statements for the Plan Commission manual.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator: Audrey reported:

- The tree on Power Avenue will stay as is. Owner decided it's not clear who's it is and it can stay up
- Town Website bids are in – this will be on the next meeting agenda
- Dane County Sheriff Contract has been received. The contract is between Burke and the Dane County Sheriff. There is no written contract between Burke and Blooming Grove.
- It was noted Capital City Harley should have a Restaurant License. Audrey to Follow Up
- Audrey noted the insurance company rejected the claim due to Verlene stating the Town Board adopted a different interpretation of the policies after she was gone. Also the timeliness of filing the claim was a factor. Audrey suggested the issue be dropped.
- Audrey noted she would be absent from the July 22nd meeting. She will be attending a training session in Green Bay. Mike will be at the July 22nd meeting.

Minutes: Motion by Chair Anderson to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: Supervisor Mahnke asked Audrey to check on the difference between a Single and a Double Room for the Motel Bill of Glenn Linzmeier and Jay Salvo. Motion made by Chair Anderson to approve payment of bills with respect to Supervisor Mahnke's question. Supervisor Mahnke seconded chair Anderson's motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concerns: Deborah Sellers questioned the mowing along roads near her place. Audrey to check with Derick. If not ours, Audrey will notify Dane County.

Adjournment: Motion made by Chair Anderson, Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to adjourn at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

- 1 Louise Foster
- 2 Dwight Johnson
- 3 James Truett
- 4 Joel Wase
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Town of Blooming Grove Board July 22, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on July 22, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Stube, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier, and Supervisor Berg. A quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Chris Hughes, Glenn Linzmeier, Mike Wolf (Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator), Dwight Johnson, Joel Hasse, Louise Foster, Nancy Turcott, and Deborah Sellers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was acknowledged that the meeting agenda was posted on a timely basis at all five posting sites in the Town. The agenda was reviewed, and no changes were made to it.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Public Works - Nothing reported.

Fire Department - Chief Glenn Linzmeier reported that the Fire Department received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$75,000. Of that, the Town and/or Fire Department must pay \$7,500, and the Federal Government will pay \$67,500. The grant will pay for up-to-date safety gear, an extractor for cleaning the gear, a Cascade breathable air system, and other safety equipment. He noted that it was a team effort which allowed the Department to successfully land this grant. This is the third year that the attempt was made, and the first time it was successful. Both Chief Linzmeier and Chairman Anderson noted the Office Staff's support in this effort.

Chief Linzmeier also reported that Department calls are up about 30 over last year at this time.

Town Board - Chairman Anderson reported on his meeting with the City of Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, and his chief of staff Janet Piraino. He stated that it lasted 45 minutes, and was very positive. There was discussion about a potential boundary agreement, and the Mayor referred this to City of Madison Planning Director Brad Murphy, and City Attorney Jim Voss. The Mayor was thankful the Town was involved in Smart Growth planning. Other issues touched on included the sharing of Rethke Avenue (deferred to Larry Nelson), and the potential of sharing services. The Mayor said he would check to see if firefighting cooperation would be hindered by the union. There were further discussions about the potential for development on the Art Voit property, an urban environmental corridor, and the drumlin park. Overall Chairman Anderson stated that it was a good first step, but no specific timetable was set for the boundary agreement issue.

Plan Commission - Dwight Johnson reported that he and Dave Young had attended the July 17 meeting for hiring a consultant to write the Smart Growth plan for the five municipalities who had agreed to work together to get this done. Vierbicher was hired at that meeting to do the Smart Growth plan.

Arnie asked if there was any further movement on the rezone for Roxie Stillman's land, and Dwight said that there had not been.

Dwight also reported that a church is considering locating its building on land on Highway AB, across from Roxie Stillman's land.

Tom Anderson pointed out that three of the Plan Commission members attended all four Plan Commission training sessions that were put on by the Dane County Towns Association, and therefore received their Plan Commission certifications. They were Mark McLaughlin, Joel Hasse, and Dave Young. All other Plan Commission members attended at least some of those sessions as well.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator - Mike reported that the railroad company called and said that the railroad crossing on North Fair Oaks will be "temporarily repaired" in the upcoming week, and "fixed" next year.

Mike reminded those in attendance of the two revaluation training sessions coming up at the Town Hall. They are taking place on July 29 and August 7. He went on to say that the office has been taking phone call appointments for the revaluation walk-throughs, and 250 appointments have been made in the last 7 business days.

The Board then reviewed and discussed the 2004 budget timetable that was given to them last week. After some discussion, the only change that will be made is to make certain that the budget is reviewed early enough to allow for the mandatory two-week posting time before the final budget meeting (where the budget is formally passed).

The Board of Review Certification Memo was then discussed. Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Berg, and Supervisor Mahnke expressed some interest in getting certified. It was decided that the Office Staff should provide more information to Board members (besides Kathie Linzmeier who is already certified) about how they can become certified.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Plan Commission Ordinance - Supervisor Berg made a motion to accept the resolution he had written in the form of a resolution, regarding the appointment of Plan Commission members (see attached). Supervisor Mahnke seconded. After a great deal of discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Stube voted yes; Supervisor Mahnke voted yes; Chairman Anderson voted no; Supervisor Linzmeier voted no; Supervisor Berg voted yes. Motion passed 3-2.

Supervisor Berg stated he would like the removal process for Plan Commission members on a future agenda. After some discussion, it was agreed upon by all that the Plan Commission manual will include criteria for removal of its members. The Board will review that along with the rest of the Plan Commission manual when it is done.

Transient Merchant License for Bryan Stone - Several supervisors expressed concerns about whether residents would want door-to-door sales in the Town. Supervisor Mahnke also pointed out there was missing information on the application. Chairman Anderson made a motion to deny the transient merchant license; Supervisor Stube seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Repair of Public Records Building - Discussion ensued about the three options that Derick has presented in his memo to the Board. In the end it was decided that Derick should provide the Board more specific information about the option of having Public Works staff and "volunteers" repair the current building. This should be provided to the Board in time for their next meeting... and this should be on that meeting agenda.

Speed Limit on Lake Farm Road - Several supervisors noted that Audrey Rue's recommendation is in line with the speed limit recommended by the County Sheriff, and that which is recommended by the Town of Dunn clerk. In addition, the speed limit is already 45 miles per hour... it just isn't posted. Supervisor Berg made a motion to post 45 mile per hour signs on the Town portion of Lake Farm Road; Supervisor Mahnke seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Website - The Board reviewed the three bids that were presented to them. Mike Wolf reported that the reason that Kerin Zimpel's bid is considerably lower is because she is just starting out in the business and has lower overhead costs. Concerns were brought up about the cost of maintaining the site, but Mike stated the Office Staff would be able to do most if not all of that once it is up and running. Chairman Anderson made a motion to accept Kerin Zimpel's proposal to create the Town of Blooming Grove website; Supervisor Linzmeier seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Resolution to Borrow Balance for Fire Truck - It was reported that this was part of the capital outlay plan that was a part of last year's budget. When that plan was done it was thought that \$50,000 would have to be borrowed to purchase this new Squad. However, due to an increase in Cost Recovery money, only \$45,000 is needed. It was noted that this decision had already been made, this is a formality. Supervisor Berg made a motion to borrow \$45,000 from the State to help pay for the new truck; Supervisor Mahnke seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVALS

Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2003 - Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Stube noted that Deborah Sellers should be listed as being in attendance at that meeting. Chairman Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2003 -- with the addition of Deborah Seller's name; Supervisor Stube seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Supervisors Linzmeier and Berg abstained.

Vouchers - Chairman Anderson made a motion to approve vouchers; Supervisor Linzmeier seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Mahnke asked why there was a bill from Mead & Hunt from 2002. Mike said he would find out from Audrey.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Roads - Supervisor Berg noted that the City of Madison had upgraded the road, curbing, and sewer grates on Walbridge Avenue in anticipation of further development in that area. He asked exactly what part of Walbridge is in the Town of Blooming Grove vs. the City of Madison. Mike said he would find out.

Supervisor Berg also pointed out that Regas Road had been repaired. There was some question as to whether or not this Board had approved money to share in the cost of that repair.

Supervisor Berg stated he had some questions and concerns about vacating Old Meier Road: Who owns the road -- the City and/or the Town? What about the address of the dwellings? What about mail delivery? What about garbage pickup? What happens when the current owners sell the land, or die? Is an easement needed between the two properties that are adjacent to Old Meier Road? Attorney Hughes stated that Mr. Blatterman is going to the City for their review and approval. It was decided that if Mr. Blatterman gets that approval, that Supervisor Berg's concerns should be addressed.

Attorney Hughes reported that there is a meeting scheduled for July 30 with all concerned parties, with regard to Seeliger Street potentially being vacated.

Drumlin - Deborah Sellers asked if we had paid money for the Drumlin Park. Chairman Anderson stated that the money was approved in principle, but has not yet been paid out. That is because the State Budget hasn't passed yet, which is part of the financing the County is counting on.

Waunona Sanitary District - Deborah Sellers asked why the fire hydrant hasn't been flushed in seven years. Mike reported that Fire Chief Linzmeier sent a letter to the Waunona Sanitary District requesting information about the maintenance of their system. That was about six weeks ago, and no response has been received. Supervisor Mahnke recommended another letter be sent, asking again for the information and stating this will be on the next Board agenda.

Town Sheriff - Deborah Sellers asked what Dale Veto's hours are, and noted that perhaps it would be better if he was on duty 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Chairman Anderson suggested this be made a part of the larger analysis of providing police protection for the Town. This analysis will be done in upcoming months.

ADJOURN

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM; seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion passed 5-0.

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 12, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

- 1 MARK McLAUGHLIN
- 2 Jim COVERS
- 3 HAROLD CURLEY
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Town of Blooming Grove Board August 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on August 12, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Stube. It was noted Supervisor Berg was excused. A quorum was noted. Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mark McLaughlin, Deborah Sellers, Jim Covers (Bobcat of Madison), Harold Curley, Bob Oyler, Derick Babler, David Young, Art Voit, Terri and Wayne Winans, Glenn Linzmeier and Mike Guerten.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed. Glenn Linzmeier asked that item 5d (Waunona Sanitary District – Maintenance Records) be removed as a letter had been received.

Also, Supervisor Mahnke asked that items 5g (State Trust Fund Loan Resolution) and 5h (Approval of Bobcat of Madison to use Sprecher Road for 8 ton vehicles) be switched.

Public Works: Derick Babler noted he will discuss under Action Items.

Fire Department: Chief Linzmeier indicated that a request for a Liquor License would be on the next meeting agenda. He also noted that the 1977 Engine will be leaving this week and the New Fire Truck is ready for the pre-paint inspection within the next two weeks.

Town Board: Chair Anderson indicated he had attended a meeting with the City of Madison and Dane County regarding the DeJope Casino. He also indicated he had attended the Smart Growth meeting in Pleasant Springs.

Plan Commission: David Young commented on the Smart Growth Meeting held last Friday. He said that Tom Anderson, Dwight Johnson and himself had attended. He noted the “work is about to begin”.

David Young also reported that the work on the Plan Commission manual continues to move forward. Mark McLaughlin expressed “Thanks” to the Office Staff for all their help.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator: Audrey asked what the Boards’ wishes were on the delinquent attorney bills previously billed to the Butlers and David Woods. Supervisor Mahnke suggested the landowners benefiting from the vacation of Seeliger Road should pay the recording fees.

Supervisor Mahnke suggested 2nd letters be sent to both parties. If the Butlers don’t pay, we’ll drop the vacating process. If David Woods doesn’t pay, it can be added to his tax bill.

Audrey asked for the Board’s support on Garbage/Recycling bids. The Board all agreed we should look into it.

Chair Anderson moved and Supervisor Linzmeier seconded to send Audrey to the WTA Convention and the town paying registration, travel, meals and lodging and that she provides all board members with a report upon her return. Motion carried unanimously.

Audrey informed the Board that the insurance policy was missing coverage on three buildings and she is working on putting coverage on them.

Capital City Harley Davidson Restaurant License: A motion was made by Chair Anderson that Bob Oyler did not need a restaurant license because he does not cook food on the premises, the food is catered in by licensed caterers, it is not sold to the public and it is for special events only. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried unanimously. A document signed by the board is on file in the office.

Capital City Harley Davidson Large Assembly Permit: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to approve this permit for Bob Oyler for the event beginning on August 26th. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Seeliger Street Vacating: It was noted the "Pendency of Application" has been mailed to the Register of Deeds. Chair Anderson introduced the Resolution. Chair Anderson made a motion to move forward with the resolution with the noted amendments (Change to April Hill and Charge to Constituents for Legal/Filing Fees). Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried. The Public Hearing Date was set for September 23, 2003.

Waunona Sanitary District – Lights in Thurber Park: It was recently discovered by Waunona Sanitary District that for the past nine years, they have been paying the utility on two power poles that belong to the Town of Blooming Grove. They are asking for reimbursement of \$2541.03. The Statute of Limitations was shared (893.43 indicates 6 years and 893.80 indicates 120 days).

It was suggested the Annual reports be reviewed to determine if this cost has been passed onto the customers. Chair Anderson also suggested David Prohaska of the PSC be contacted. This will be put on the next agenda.

Motion by Chair Anderson to change the billings of the two lights to Blooming Grove effective immediately. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion.

Art Voit: Mr. Voit came before the Board to share the following comments:

- Issue with Dane County Zoning regarding mining of non-metallic materials and the zoning required per recent letters. Tom Anderson suggested the zoning official (Daniel Everson) come to the Town Office and work with the Office Staff and Art Voit to file the proper forms.
- Mr. Voit talked about his property and the efforts of the City of Madison to purchase/annex it. He indicated he wants to stay in the Town of Blooming Grove and asked if the Town would help him fight necessary battles.
- Mr. Voit indicated he is not happy with the Board as a whole adding they need to work together for the betterment of the Town of Blooming Grove.

Jim Covers – Bobcat of Madison: Asking for Board permission to use a part of Sprecher Road for deliveries over 8 ton. Chair Anderson suggested Derick contact S.E.H., RG Huston and Dane County Highway to determine weight limit handling and ability of this road. Chair Anderson noted he would then contact Mr. Covers.

State Trust Fund Loan – Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion Carried. The Board signed the Resolution.

Records Garage Repair: The estimated cost is \$2000.00 Chair Anderson made a motion to appropriate the funds to approve the repairs at \$2000.00. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Works Updates: Derick Babler reported on the following:

- Underdahl Road and Hermsdorf Road are beyond repair. Derick suggested a few options of repair. The Board instructed Derick to get bids and return to the Board.
- It was noted that Regas Road has had no repairs as previously reported.

2004 Budget Strategic Initiatives: The Board discussed all the options listed as possibilities. Chair Anderson made a motion to have the Office Staff research further the initiatives of: Assets/Liabilities Management, Association Dues, Garbage/Recycling Pickup, Police Protection and Room Tax Increase. Supervisor Mahnke seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. It was noted there would not be enough time to research any more than this for the 2004 budget.

Appointment to Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Citizen Advisory Committee: Motion made by Chair Anderson, Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to post this notice in our posting places, thereby allowing a resident to volunteer for this committee. This will be on our August 26th agenda – if we have no volunteers, Deborah Sellers has agreed to take on this responsibility.

Minutes: Motion made by Chair Anderson to accept the minutes as modified. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: Motion made by Supervisor Linzmeier, Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to pay the vouchers. Motion Carried.

Public Concerns: Deborah Sellers suggested the meeting minutes/tapes be referred to with regard to legal fees being paid by Butlers.

Mark McLaughlin suggested the Town might have had a Class Action Suit case with regard to siding rotting.

Mark McLaughlin suggested the excess office supplies could go to McFarland School or a Charity Group.

Terri Winans raised concerns about garbage in Gallagher Plat not picked up.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson, Seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 26, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

✓ 1 Deirdre Butler

2 James Turcott

3 Scott H. S. Burch

4 Lois K. Kooch

5 Paul H. H. H. H.

6 Jim K. K. K.

✓ 7 Mark McCaughy

8 James & Jean Hamburger

9 Rory Redman

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Town of Blooming Grove Board August 26, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on August 26, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube. It was noted Supervisor Mahnke was excused. A quorum was noted. Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mark McLaughlin, Deborah Sellers, Derick Babler, Glenn Linzmeier, Mike Wolf, Nancy Turcott, Jeff Dostalek, Scott Hasburgh (S.E.H. Engineering), Tom Knoop, Barb Hockett, Vic Hockett, Wayne & Joan Hemberger and Rocky Redepinning.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

Scott Hasburgh and Concerns of Sprecher Road: Residents (Wayne & Joan Hemberger, Tom Knoop) spoke about concerns they had on Sprecher Road. Issues noted were: drainage concern, hazardous berm, sinking issues, inclines problems and "humps" in the road. Scott Hasburgh agreed to meet with the residents and Derick Babler to discuss the issues. He indicated if the complaints are made within one year of the last payment to R.G. Huston, then a warranty should apply to the settling. He added the dip on the corner of Cottontail/Sprecher did not appear to be of concern, but he will take another look at it. The remaining items will be discussed with the property owners and Derick Babler.

Public Works: Barb and Victor Hockett asked about mowing a right-of way near a wooded lot in their area. Public Works had not been mowing it because someone else wanted it left unmowed. Public Works will mow this lot from now on.

Underdahl Road has been crushed and double sealed. Public Works and Audrey made the decision to do this as the County was putting their equipment away last week. Bids were obtained and the County was the cheapest at about \$2500.00.

The 8-ton limit on Sprecher Road was discussed. Scott Hasburgh suggested to Derick that if we allow bigger trucks, we regulate it to certain times of the year. Chair Anderson recommended we keep the road allowance to 8-Ton. Seconded by Supervisor Berg. Motion Carried. Derick was instructed to inform Jim Covers from Bobcat of Madison.

Baseball Team wants a pitchers mound and bases in Severson Park. It was suggested that a small mound of clay be put up at 60' and no bases be installed.

Derick reported the Records Garage re-siding project was completed in a shorter timeframe than expected and at less costs than anticipated. Project was handled by Derick Babler, Fred Warren and Mark McLaughlin.

It was reported the ditch line in the Gallagher Plat is filled in. Derick recommended the ditch line be dug out and the pipe extended. Derick was instructed by the Board to get bids and to include town resident Tom Klinzing in the bids.

McFarland EMS Discussion – Jeff Dostalek: Mr. Dostalek presented the anticipated budget numbers for the next couple of years. He briefly touched on the EMS annual report.

Town Board Communication Item: Chair Anderson reported that the Intergovernmental meeting would be held on August 27th in Blooming Grove. Kathy Krusiec of Dane County Emergency Management will be the guest speaker.

Chair Anderson added he had no further info on DeJope and he had received no words back from the Mayor of Madison on the meeting he previously had with him.

Plan Commission: Mark McLaughlin reported the manual continues to be worked on. Smart Growth is moving along. An Episcopal Church has visited the Plan Commission regarding building across the road from Roxanne Stillman. Supervisor Berg clarified that a church is tax-free and removes values from the tax base.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator: Audrey noted that a budget update as well as financial report would be included in the next meeting packet. Audrey also commented that the revaluation has raised a lot of confusion and brought a lot of phone calls and visits to the Town Office. There are about 70 appointments for Open Book.

Maywick Estates – Approval to move forward: Plans of improvement for development were discussed. Chair Anderson made a motion to allow the City of Madison to proceed with road improvements on Severson and Sprecher. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Town Police Protection in 2004: Discussion on pros and cons of having a town officer. It was suggested the town police protection be deferred to a budget meeting, allowing the Office Staff to gather more information.

Room Tax Percentage for Town in 2004: Chair Anderson made a motion to keep the room tax as is, at 5% for 2004. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Strategic Decisions on Assets/Liabilities: Supervisor Stube moved to have the Town reserve fund level be at 25% to 30% of the annual budget. Chair Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

GASB 34 in the Town of Blooming Grove: Mike Wolf shared info on GASB 34 (an accounting principle). Based on the Town of Blooming Grove's size and borrowing capacity, Mike recommended the Town not adopt GASB 34 at this time. Supervisor Berg made a motion to not adopt GASB 34 at this time; Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Wisconsin Retirement Fund Debt: Chair Anderson made a motion to borrow money from the State Trust Fund and pay off the retirement debt – spreading payments over 15 years. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion carried with Supervisor Berg abstaining as he felt he wasn't prepared to vote either way.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Position: Chair Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Stube all spoke favorably on the responsibilities that Mike Wolf has and continues to take on. Chair Anderson made a motion to retain and keep the full time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator position. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Attorney Usage Policy: the Board members discussed several amendments to this policy. It was decided to defer this decision until a corrected copy of the policy can be provided.

Lights in Thurber Park – costs for past 9 years: Motion made by Supervisor Berg to reimburse Waunona Sanitary District for the light charges over the past 9 years. Motion was amended by Chair Anderson to include the reimbursement be contingent upon the Sanitary

District providing the Town Board with proof that the reimbursement is shared with Sanitary District constituents. Supervisor Berg approved amendment. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Appointment to Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Citizen Advisory Committee: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to appoint Derick Babler to the Advisory Committee with alternates being Deborah Sellers and Mark McLaughlin. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Temporary Liquor License: Chief Linzmeier noted the Fire Department does have insurance. Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Firemen's Dance. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

August 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Chair Anderson to approve the minutes. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried with Supervisor Berg abstaining as he was absent from August 12th meeting.

Vouchers: Motion made by Supervisor Linzmeier to approve payment of all vouchers. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern:

- Deborah Sellers questioned if the draft for RFP on Garbage Pick Up was done yet. Audrey noted it would be mailed out within the next two weeks.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Stube to adjourn at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 <u>Simon Widstrand</u> | 25 _____ |
| 2 <u>City of Madison Parks</u> | 26 _____ |
| 3 <u>KEN NORTON</u> | 27 _____ |
| 4 <u>Ricky Redepennig</u> | 28 _____ |
| 5 <u>Dale Veto-DCSO</u> | 29 _____ |
| 6 <u>DAVE YOUNG</u> | 30 _____ |
| 7 <u>Del Underbakke</u> | 31 _____ |
| 8 <u>STEVE GILMORE</u> | 32 _____ |
| 9 <u>James Foster</u> | 33 _____ |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board September 9, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on September 9, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. A quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Simon Widstrand (City of Madison Parks), Ken Norton, Rocky Redepenning, Dale Veto (Dane County Sheriff Office), Dave Young, Del Underbakke, Steve Gilmore, Louise Foster, Jan Zimmerman (Dane County Parks), Larry Lawry and James Frater.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the 9/11 incidents.

Jan Zimmerman – Dane County Parks re: Discussion of Blooming Grove Drumlin/Cattell Acquisition: Jan Zimmerman and Si Wistrand (City of Madison) presented the project summary.

The sale price is \$550,000.

There is a high chance of a State Stewardship Grant of \$235,000.

The balance after the Stewardship Grant would be \$315,000.

The anticipated County Share is \$150,000.

This leaves a balance due from other sources of \$165,000

The City of Madison Parks is recommending to the Mayor that the City match the Town on this purchase. This would mean \$82,500 for the Town of Blooming Grove.

Supervisor Berg asked about the County providing an interest free loan. Jan Zimmerman said she would have to look into this. Supervisor Berg stated that by the Town's participation in purchasing the Cattell property, the town could share in the determination of what happens to the land. Supervisor Stube stated she was in favor of the purchase. Supervisor Mahnke added she too, was in favor if the cost is spread over a period of time.

It was suggested the office staff contact the two quarry companies (Wingra Stone and Yahara Sand & Gravel) to see if there is an interest in cost sharing the Towns' share in the property purchase.

Chair Anderson read the December 10, 2002 minutes whereas it was stated that the town of Blooming Grove's name be incorporated in some way.

Chair Anderson made a motion that the Town of Blooming Grove partner with the City and the County with an anticipated share being \$82,500. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

In addition to Cattell property, the City and County are exploring acquisition of 85 acres Fisher property in order to re-route Sprecher Road. Chair Anderson suggested an informational meeting (regarding Sprecher Road re-route) for town residents to ask questions. This would be with Brad Murphy. Residents will be notified.

Police Protection: Mike Wolf's memo summarizing a meeting between the Town of Burke and Sheriff Deputy Steve Gilmore was distributed. Deputy Steve Gilmore noted Mike's memo was accurate. Deputy Gilmore noted that the Town of Burke receives about 60% of the Sheriff coverage services. It was noted Blooming Grove pays for 50% of the services. He did add that Blooming Grove does have more parking tickets and citations than Burke.

Deputy Gilmore summarized three options: 1) Status quo 2) Pull out completely or 3) Re-Negotiate the percentage.

Deputy Gilmore said that citations couldn't be processed without law enforcement.

Dale Veto basically works a Monday-Friday job, which was originally intended so that he was available during office hours.

Hours could be flexible if the needs met the Union Contract.

Supervisor Mahnke felt we should look into options, thereby postponing the decision for two weeks.

The Board will work with Audrey and Mike on getting concerns documented.

The Costs associated with Burke were discussed. This includes telephone and court costs.

The Meeting Notice was acknowledged.

Public Works – Nothing to report.

Fire Department – Chief Linzmeier reported the old fire truck is gone. The new truck will be here in two weeks. He said the Department has been busy working on the dance, the mass mailing is done and donations are coming in.

Chief Linzmeier also said they are doing maintenance on the trucks.

The Department currently has 33 volunteers and they should be at 35 by the end of the month. Chair Anderson gave \$100 to Chief Linzmeier and challenged other Board members to do the same.

Town Board – Chair Anderson will be attending the Dane County Towns Association meeting on September 10th.

There have been a number of planning meetings for Centennial State Park. They are looking for a rep to sit on this committee. Chair Anderson asked the Board and Plan Commission for a volunteer. Louise Foster took the information to review. There may be two representatives from the Plan Commission.

Supervisor Stube noted she might be missing a couple meetings in the future due to her sister's surgery.

Plan Commission – Louise Foster reported that Grace Episcopal Church exploring purchase of Hoover property has notified the Plan Commission of a buried landfill. They will be dropping off a copy of the Environmental Study.

Louise also informed the Board of the Public Participation resolution for Smart Growth.

Louise reported that the Plan Commission had passed the resolution for vacating Seeliger Street.

A Smart Growth survey will be mailed to all town residents from Vierbacher & Associates.

The next Smart Growth meeting is September 23, 2003.

Jeff Vanylwk and Roxann Stillmann have been dropped from the Plan Commission agendas due to no response.

Plan Commission Manual is close to done.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report - Audrey gave an update on Maywick Estates. The project may be delayed until next year. It was noted Board of Review is next week. A financial report had been distributed.

Urban Service Area for Rambling Acres – Chair Anderson noted the because the city is moving Urban Service into Maywick Estates, the town was offered services for about 5 parcels. Chair Anderson added that if RPC is willing to provide sewer and water without someone being a city resident, we might be interested.

Resolution Adopting a Public Participation Plan – Smart Growth Requirement – Chair Anderson made a motion to adopt the resolution, changing the word "some residents" to "all residents". Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Board of Review Confidentiality Ordinance – Motion made by Chair Anderson to adopt the confidentiality Ordinance 1.02 for Board of Review. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Alternate Member(s) to Board of Review – Supervisor Berg moved that Dwight Johnson be appointed as an alternate Board of Review member. Subsequent list in order, if Dwight is not interested will be: Louise Foster, Dave Young, and Mark McLaughlin. Chair Anderson seconded motion. Motion Carried.

August 26, 2003 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Chair Anderson to approve the minute as amended. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried with Supervisor Mahnke abstaining, as she was absent from August 26th meeting.

Vouchers: Motion made by Supervisor Berg to approve payment of all vouchers. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Concern:

Deborah Sellers questioned what the progress was on the I-39 Corridor meeting and also on the status of the ISO rating.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Mahnke to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 23, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 | Christi Daveler | 25 |
| 2 | Michael Daveler | 26 |
| 3 | Susan Anderson | 27 |
| 4 | Rob Anderson / Sprecher | 28 |
| 5 | Gail Underbakke | 29 |
| 6 | Kenney Kinneman / Sprecher | 30 |
| 7 | Jane Turcott | 31 |
| 8 | Joan / Ken Norton | 32 |
| 9 | JIM FRATEL | 33 |
| 10 | Jim & DE Butler | 34 |
| 11 | John Knoop | 35 |
| 12 | Jack Hase | 36 |
| 13 | Rocky Redpenning | 37 |
| 14 | Steve Gilmore | 38 |
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| 16 | Dale Veto | 40 |
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**Town of Blooming Grove Board
September 23, 2003 Public Hearing
Vacation of Seeliger Road**

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on September 23, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Berg. Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube were excused. A quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Chris Daveler, Michael Daveler, Susan Anderson, Rob Anderson, Gail Underbakke, Renee Ninnemann, Nancy Turcott, Joan and Ken Norton, Jim Frater, Jim and Diana Butler, Tom Knoop, Joel Hasse, Rocky Redepenning, Lt. Steve Gilmore, Steve Gohde (City of Madison Engineering), Deputy Dale Veto, Don Foster, Louise Foster, Larry Lawry, Mitch Vesaas and Deborah Sellers.

Chair Anderson read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.

Chair Anderson asked for pros and cons to vacating Seeliger Road. There were none.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to adopt the resolution vacating Seeliger Road. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson to close the Public Hearing meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion seconded by Supervisor Berg. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove Board September 23, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM on September 23, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Berg. Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube were excused. A quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Chris Daveler, Michael Daveler, Susan Anderson, Rob Anderson, Gail Underbakke, Renee Ninnemann, Nancy Turcott, Joan and Ken Norton, Jim Frater, Jim and Diana Butler, Tom Knoop, Joel Hasse, Rocky Redepenning, Lt. Steve Gilmore, Steve Gohde (City of Madison Engineering), Deputy Dale Veto, Don Foster, Louise Foster, Larry Lawry, Mitch Vesaas and Deborah Sellers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

Re-Routing of Sprecher Road – Steve Gohde, City of Madison Engineer Dept: Steve Gohde of the City of Madison Engineering Dept. was present to talk about the re-routing of Sprecher Road. He indicated the new road starts North of Cottage Grove Road and goes to Buckeye Road/AB. He said re-routing Sprecher Road would create a major corridor with minimal residential access.

Mr. Gohde presented a map, which laid out the plan. The Roadway will be 4-lane and will impact some right-of-ways. Citizens present raised concerns about the length of the road project, timeline for construction (which they were told there is none at this point) and waterways (which will go under the road). They were also told there would be 6-lanes from Milwaukee Street under the Interstate to TT. Chair Anderson asked for copies of Mr. Gohde's maps. He will attempt to get some to the Town. He concluded the road will be designed for a speed limit of 35 MPH and the "best guess" timeline will be 2007 – probably farther out than that. It was noted the speed limit on the remaining Sprecher Road in the Town would be a Town of Blooming Grove decision.

Mr. Gohde continued discussions with residents in the Hallway.

Moving of House to 613 Rethke Avenue: The Daveler's gave the Board an update on moving a house to 613 Rethke Avenue. They presented pictures as well as copies of permits already received. They also have permission from the neighbor to move a house in. They explained the process to the Board.

Chairman Anderson made a motion that the Town of Blooming Grove Town Board allow the movement of the property to the stated address (613 Rethke Avenue) subject to the conditions in the Model and Mechanical Building Code received from Independent Inspections pending a \$5000 security deposit so the roads are left in "before house movement" condition. Motion seconded by Supervisor Berg. Motion Carried.

2004 Town of Blooming Grove Police Protection: Chair Anderson noted Lt. Steve Gilmore and Deputy Dale Veto were in attendance for this subject. Chair Anderson explained the history of the police protection concern, pointing out we are looking for budget cuts. It was noted the Town of Blooming Grove has not received the service it has paid for. The Town has paid 50% of the contract fee, but received less than 50% of a deputy's time.

There was discussion on the pros and cons and also on alternatives.

Chair Anderson made a motion to terminate the current arrangement with the Town of Burke whereby the Town is paying for 50% of the costs but receiving about 40% of the services, effective January 1, 2004. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Office Staff is to look into alternatives for 2004 for Police Protection.

Drainage Project: Nancy Turcott, at this point, informed the Board that the Drainage Project has been put on hold, due to 2nd appraisals received.

Public Works Report: Nothing to report

Fire Department Report: On behalf of Chief Linzmeier, Audrey reported Chief Linzmeier had left at noon this day, for South Dakota to pick up the new Fire Truck, which should be in service within one week. The old squad will be sold either verbally or it will be set by the road.

The dance is this upcoming Saturday evening – donations are down. Again, Chair Anderson challenged other board members to match his donation.

The Fire Dept has been training with the City over the past week.

Town Board Report: It was noted that Supervisor Mahnke has provided the McFarland EMS budget to the Board.

Plan Commission Report: Joel Hasse reported the Public Hearing date is set for the 3449 Freedom Lane (Jim Voxman) rezone.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported the Web Site is near completion and she found someone to host it for \$19.95/month.

The office had a gentleman come in to “clean up” the computer software.

Audrey will be attending the Wisconsin Town’s Association Convention October 5, 7 and 8th.

September 9, 2003 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

Budget Meeting Date(s): The board determined October 16th as the budget working meeting of the Board. October 22nd will also be reserved in the event it is needed. The Public Hearing date will be November 10, 2003.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to pay all vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 8:50 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove Board October 14, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM on October 14, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Nancy Turcott, Joel Hasse, Dwight Johnson, Glenn Linzmeier, Wayne Hemberger, Joan Hemberger, Jim Voxman, Mark McLaughlin and Deborah Sellers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

Jim Voxman Rezone at 3449 Freedom Lane: Joel Hasse presented the Plan Commission's recommendation. The request is to change the zoning from RH1 to RH2 for the purpose of adding on a sunroom. The Plan Commission recommended a restriction be put on the rezone request stating that only a single-family residence can be at this location.

Wayne Hemberger, a close neighbor stated his concerns about water run-off. Mr. Voxman agreed to run the water out to the point where water run-off should not be an issue. Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the rezone as presented. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Public Works Report: Report of tires being dumped within the township. Deputy Dale Veto has been notified.

Fire Department Report:

- Chief Linzmeier reported the fundraiser was a success.
- He also reported the new squad is here and driving practice is being held. The old squad will be sold.
- The department has done quite a bit of training with the City of Madison.
- Chief Linzmeier is chairing the Dane Co. Mass DeCon Hazmat Committee
- Burning Permits in Residential Areas – Glenn shared info & concerns. Supervisor Berg suggested this be an action item on the next agenda.

Town Board Report:

- Chair Anderson had attended the Annual Budget Meeting for Burke, Maple Bluff and Blooming Grove EMS.
- Supervisor Linzmeier, Chair Anderson and Clerk/Treasurer Rue had attended a NorthEast Community Court meeting. This meeting was called because the Court is allegedly in financial trouble. It was noted the Town needs to give a 1-year notice if we plan to withdraw from this court system. It was suggested this be an action item on the next agenda. Audrey and Supervisor Linzmeier are to work on a "draft" letter.
- Supervisor Berg noted he would be unable to attend the November 10th budget meeting.
- Supervisor Stube noted she would be unable to attend the December 9th Board meeting.
- Supervisor Mahnke noted she had attended an ATC meeting on October 9, 2003. She distributed a report on that meeting.

Plan Commission Report:

- o Mark McLaughlin reported that the Plan Commission Manual is nearly done and the Plan Commission will meet with the Town of Pleasant Springs on Smart Growth on October 28th.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Report: Audrey reported

- o The status of David Wood's Legal Bill. The Board all felt Mr. Wood should pay and they suggested Audrey pursue collection of this bill.
- o The office will need to close at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 in order for Audrey and Mike to attend Tax Collection training.
- o Audrey distributed a report on her attendance at the WTA convention last week, (October 5-8, 2003).
- o The Newsletter deadline is Friday, October 17, 2003 – Newsletter will go to printer
- o Website is up

At this point, Supervisor Berg suggested a "Thank You" letter be sent to Accurate Appraisal commending them on the professional job they did with the Town's Revaluation. Supervisor Berg will work with Audrey to accomplish this.

Utilization of Town Attorney Procedure: Chair Anderson made a motion to adopt Draft 3.1 (of Procedure # 32) of the Town Attorney Usage Procedure. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Garbage/Recycling contract for 2004: Motion by Chair Anderson to sign 5-Year contract with Green Valley and to work on the situation of maintaining consistent hours and the issue of garbage & recycling falling out of garbage truck. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Unallocated Funds Decision: Motion by Chair Anderson to follow recommendation of using \$7500 toward 10% of Grant Monies for Fire Dept. and \$40,000 be set aside for Road Improvement Outlay. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Police Protection in 2004: Office Staff had worked with Dane County Sheriff on using police hours on an "on call" basis. Dane County Sheriff was willing to work with us on this. Motion by Chair Anderson to appropriate \$10,000 to be used for Dane County Police Services in 2004. Motion Seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

September 23, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried. Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube abstained, as they were not in attendance at the meeting.

September 23, 2003 Seeliger Road Vacation Public Hearing Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried. Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube abstained, as they were not in attendance at the meeting.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to pay all vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Public Concerns: Deborah Sellers raised a concern regarding Rick's Marina parking a truck and boat in front of Waunonia Sanitary District's office. Audrey is to call Terri Winans to see if this is a problem and/or if a sign is needed.

Deborah also questioned if anything can be done about people running a stop sign by Hwy 30. She also questioned if the house had been moved to 613 Rethke Avenue yet.

Chief Linzmeier asked about the tickets Dale Veto writes in November and December and who goes to court on our behalf. Will we need to pay some one? Audrey to check into.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to adjourn to Closed Session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employee performance evaluation.

Roll Call Vote taken – Unanimous.

Motion by Chair Anderson to convene to Open Session. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Roll Call Vote Taken – Unanimous.

Board unanimously agreed to support Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator in efforts to address personnel issues discussed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg at 8:53 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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**Town of Blooming Grove Board October 16, 2003 Meeting Minutes
Working Budget Meeting of the Board**

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on October 16, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue and Deborah Sellers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

Audrey Rue went through the budget line by line with the Board.

Supervisor Berg made a motion to discontinue Longevity Pay. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. On a roll call vote: Supervisor Stube voted YES, Supervisor Mahnke voted YES, Supervisor Linzmeier voted YES, Supervisor Berg voted YES and Chair Anderson voted NO. Motion Carried.

The Board directed Audrey to update the Personnel Manual.

There was discussion on eliminating one Paid Holiday for employees during 2004. This item is to be on the next meeting agenda.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to Adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employee performance evaluation Roll Call Vote taken – Unanimous.

Motion by Chair Anderson to convene to Open Session. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Roll Call Vote Taken – Unanimous.

In addition to proposed wage adjustments per the proposed budget, the Board asked that Mike Wolf be given an increase of \$1000.00 per year. This increases his wages to \$33,000.00 annually.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 10:31 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 28, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 John Garvin

2 Sheridan Aiken

✓ 3 Nancy Turcott

✓ 4 DAVID DUNN

5 Larry Lawry

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Town of Blooming Grove Board October 28, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on October 28, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Nancy Turcott, Glenn Linzmeier, Deborah Sellers, John Garvin of ATC, Sheridan Glen of ATC, David Wood and Larry Lawry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

ATC – John Garvin and Sheridan Glen: Mr. Garvin initially distributed a folder on a current project ATC was involved in. He invited people to an Open House to be held on November 5th. He went on to explain the company is relatively new and he talked about the type of work they do and what they are about. There was a brief question/answer period.

David Wood – Request to Waive Attorney Fees of \$137.50: David Wood explained the attorney fee charged was a situation he had no control over. Chair Anderson explained it was his understanding that the Board had authorized up to three hours and he felt Mr. Wood was responsible for any amount beyond that. Mr. Wood indicated he disagreed. Supervisor Mahnke made a motion that Mr. Wood be responsible for the \$137.50. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried with Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Linzmeier and Chair Anderson voting in favor of. Supervisor Stube was opposed.

Burning Permits – Limiting the Use of them/Cost of Permits in 2004: Chair Anderson recognized the letters and phone calls received in opposition of changing the policy. Larry Lawry spoke in favor of keeping the current policy. Nancy Turcotte spoke in favor of burning.

There was discussion on this issue – various ways to handle the policy and the costs. Chief Linzmeier noted the Town Ordinance would need to back whatever decision is made.

Supervisor Berg made a motion that effective January 1, 2005, the Town of Blooming Grove go with Option 2 with a \$25.00 fee vs. \$50.00. Things stay as is for 2004. (Option 2 was to have the areas of the Town where burning is prohibited be expanded to include any and all locations near residential or business development.) Supervisor Linzmeier seconded the motion. Supervisor Berg and Supervisor Linzmeier voted in favor of with Chair Anderson, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube voting against. Motion Failed.

Motion by Chair Anderson to not issue any new permits. There was no second to this motion.

Motion by Supervisor Stube to go with Option 1 in 2004 letting people know that burning will eventually be banned at the discretion of the Board. (Option 1 is leaving the way things are right now, but increasing the fee from \$10 to \$50 effective January 1, 2004). Supervisor Mahnke seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Audrey was asked to diary the burning permit issue for next October 2004 to again review the policy. It was also suggested that something be put in the newsletter warning people of what is to come and why.

NorthEast Community Court: Supervisor Linzmeier gave an update on the status of the financial report of the NorthEast Community Court. There will be another meeting of the commission on November 5, 2003.

Paid Holiday for Town Employees in 2004 and beyond: Motion by Supervisor Berg to reduce the number of paid holidays from 10 to 9 for Town employees. The day to be removed is New Year's Eve Day. This will be effective in 2004. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Public Works Report: Nothing to report

Fire Dept. Report: Chief Linzmeier reported the new truck is in service. He also reported he had received notice today (October 28, 2003) notification of receiving a DNR grant of approximately \$2000. This is a matching funds grant.

Town Board Report: Supervisor Berg asked the Town to look into "Friends of Starkweather Creek" municipal membership.

Chair Anderson reported he had attended an intergovernmental meeting hosted by the City of Madison on October 22, 2003. There were only 5 people in attendance. Future meetings will only be held as needed.

Plan Commission: No Report as all members were in attendance at the Smart Growth meeting in Pleasant Springs.

Clerk/Treasurer: Audrey reported on the following:

- o The DCTA Education Committee will meet on October 30th at 6:30 at Blooming Grove
- o The State Trust Fund Loan has been approved for 20-year loans
- o Yahara Materials has received a warning on obtaining an Erosion Control Permit
- o The Art Voit Gravel Pit situation update was given. Basically Mr. Voit still needs to sign something saying there is no activity going on in his pit.

The Board asked Audrey to contact Dale Veto on responses to the tires being dumped on town roads.

October 14, 2003 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor Berg to accept the October 14, 2003 minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

October 16, 2003 Budget Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor Berg to accept the October 16, 2003 minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to accept the vouchers as presented for payment. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Deborah Sellers asked the board to support Senate Bill 89 and she asked to have a protest sheet left in the town office.

Jean Stube asked that the flags taped to the post in front of the building, be taken down.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 8:44 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Budget Meeting of Monday, November 10, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 HAROLD CURLEY
2 DAVE YOUNG
3 Deborah Kay Sellers
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**Town of Blooming Grove Public Hearing on 2004 Proposed Budget
November 10, 2003 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Anderson called the Annual Budget meeting to order at 6:30 PM on November 10, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Stube. Supervisor Berg had been excused. A quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Mike Wolf, Harold Curley, Dave Young and Deborah Sellers.

The Budget Meeting was noted as properly posted for 15 consecutive days. There had also been a hard copy budget available for the electorate for 15 days prior to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Anderson asked Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Rue to present an overview of the budget. During this process, some questions were asked.

A motion was made by David Young to adopt the 2004 proposed levy of \$558,356. Deborah Sellers seconded motion. Upon a vote of the electorates and the Board – motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 7:13 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 11, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

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| 1 | Roth Grady | 25 | |
| 2 | Mike Grady | 26 | |
| 3 | Eric | 27 | |
| 4 | Eric Hackett | 28 | |
| 5 | JERRY BAYUK | 29 | |
| 6 | Roddy Redpenning | 30 | |
| 7 | Victor Hackett | 31 | |
| 8 | Denna Dillman | 32 | |
| 9 | Brian Dillman | 33 | |
| 10 | Jerry Blevins | 34 | |
| 11 | MIKE PFEFFERLE | 35 | |
| 12 | Eric Howland | 36 | |
| 13 | MARK McLAUGHLIN | 37 | |
| 14 | DAVE YOUNG | 38 | |
| 15 | BOB ARSENEAU | 39 | |
| 16 | Bill Briesman - Vice President | 40 | |
| 17 | Alida G | 41 | |
| 18 | JoAnn Swanson | 42 | |
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Town of Blooming Grove Board November 11, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM on November 11, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Stube and Supervisor Berg. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Ruth Grady, Mike Grady, Glenn Linzmeier, Barb Hockett, Jerry Bayuk, Rocky Redepenning, Victor Hockett, Donna Dillman, Brian Dillman, Jerry Blevins, Mike Pfefferle, Eric Hovland, Mark McLaughlin, Dave Young, Bob Arseneau, Bill Biesmann of Vierbicher & Associates, Deborah Sellers, Jo Swanston, Shari Segner and about 8 others who had not signed in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was noted in honor of Veteran's Day.

It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed. It was acknowledged that Terri Winans cannot attend this meeting and therefore, the stop sign issue will be postponed until the November 25th meeting.

April Hill Neighborhood Association: Barb Hockett spoke on behalf of the April Hill Neighborhood Association indicating that this Association is disbanding. She noted they have around \$900 in their account. The \$900 will be divided up as follows:

- o \$100 to Historic Blooming Grove/Dean House
- o \$100 to Blooming Grove Fire Department
- o \$50 will be saved for the Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring (Donna Dillman)
- o \$700 will be saved and applied to Park beautification. Barb Hockett indicated she would approach the Board in the spring for additional funds for this purpose.

Barb asked if the Porta John could be an annual thing in the park. Board saw this as no problem.

Barb then gave neighborhood literature and an extra ream of paper to the Town.

Bob Arseneau – City of Madison Engineer: Mr. Arseneau explained the development of "Secret Places". He noted that if the Town would like to have certain roads in April Hill run through to the new subdivision, now is the time to do it, as the developer would be paying for everything. He noted benefits to doing this as: adjacent parks, ponds, trails, etc.

Barb Hockett suggested the City consider bike trails vs. traffic routes.

Mr. Arseneau added he understands the residents being reluctant to doing this.

Mr. Arseneau then asked for permission to construct a tapered intersection near 3569 Rankin Road. It would take out a garden that is in the town right-of-way. The taper would not go on any private property, only on town right-of-way. He added this taper would be installed as a safety issue.

April Hill residents, by a show of hands, indicated no one wanted the dead end streets opened up.

With regard to the taper, Ruth Grady suggested the Board review the area before making a decision. There was much concern over the volume of traffic.

Supervisor Mahnke made a motion to deny the request for a taper. She added the issue could be reviewed again in a year or two. Supervisor Stube seconded the motion.

There was discussion on alternatives as many residents were not in favor of this intersection existing at all.

Supervisor Stube asked residents if the intersection is going to be there, wouldn't it be safer to have it tapered.

On a vote of the Board, Mahnke, Stube, Anderson and Linzmeier voted against the taper. Supervisor Berg voted in favor of it. Motion carried 4 to 1.

There was a motion by Chair Anderson that the Board not change from its current position on dead end roads in April Hill. He added the dead end roads should be left as is. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Bob Arseneau indicated the plans would move forward without the taper.

Grace Evangelical Church CUP: A representative of the church presented the building plans and location of the church. He noted the ingress placement of the driveway met Dane County Highway codes.

The church will be built on 16.9 acres of land – a triangle shaped lot.

Mark McLaughlin explained how the Plan Commission meetings went with regard to landscaping, road issues and Public Hearings.

Mike Pfefferle spoke on notification to neighbors. He said he felt more neighbors should have been notified. It was noted the 300 ft notification per County ordinances was followed.

Supervisor Berg noted the church does fall under the Towns land use plan.

Chair Anderson asked for opposition. No one spoke in opposition.

Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the CUP for Grace Evangelical Church with the understanding that Church representatives and officials will keep communication open with neighbors. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Public Concern: Ruth Grady asked if April Hill could have the posting site moved to allow people to read notices from their cars. Audrey is to have Derick look at situation.

Public Works: Audrey reported that Derick and Fred had picked up approx. 1500 bags of leaves over the past 2 days. Public Works dept has asked Board to look into purchasing a leaf-picking machine for spring. Supervisor Berg noted it is not in the budget.

Fire Department: On behalf of Chief Linzmeier, Audrey reported the burning ordinance is near completion and will be on the November 25th agenda.

Town Board: Chair Anderson reported on the meeting held on Thursday, November 6, 2003 for the Smart Growth survey. 5 other municipalities attended the meeting.

Plan Commission: Dave Young reported on all steps followed by Grace Evangelical Church. He also touched on the Smart Growth survey meeting. He added the Plan Commission would be putting a stuffer in the tax bills reminding residents to return the survey.

Clerk/Treasurer: Audrey reported on the following:

- Office is awaiting final data needed to calculate mill rates
- She is sitting on a panel of 5 people who are a Pilot group testing WISLR
- Terri Winans indicated snow flags have never been put on fire hydrants
- There is a call into the Railroad Company regarding repairs
- Phone Call received regarding another church across the road from where Grace Evangelical Church is proposing a building.

Resolution on Petitions: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to approve Resolution 2003.05 allowing petitions of government nature to be supported by Town Board. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Senate Bill 87: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to support SB87. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried. Senate Bill 87 would force Cities/Villages to stay within their County and also follow natural boundaries when annexing town property.

Northeast Community Court Update: Supervisor Linzmeier gave an update on the Court. There is now a 2004 budget in place. Chair Anderson and Supervisor Linzmeier indicated they were satisfied with data and info provided to them by the Commission. Board asked Audrey to contact Amy Volkmann to determine when 2nd and 3rd quarter revenues would be sent.

October 28, 2003 Minutes: Motion made by Chair Anderson to accept the October 28, 2003 minutes with noted amendments and changes. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Linzmeier to pay all vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Public Concerns: Deborah Sellers raised the following issues:

- Meeting dates in December
- Dirt running into street on Rethke. This is from 614 Rethke building site. Audrey to have Derick look into. If necessary, building inspector will be informed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 8:30 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 25, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

1 Karen Tuncott

2 Debra Eubler

3 Tim Winans

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Town of Blooming Grove Board November 25, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM on November 25, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Mahnke, Supervisor Stube and Supervisor Berg. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Nancy Tourcott, Derick Babler and Terri Winans.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

Public Works: Derick reported on the following:

- He had attended a Natural Mitigation meeting this past week. The committee is in the process of data collection.
- The bulletin board in April Hill is cemented in, but it can be moved. Board left it up to Derick to determine when to move it.
- The dirt on Rethke had been looked into. The silt fence was improperly installed. The situation has now been corrected.

There was discussion on the memo to the public works employee regarding smoking in the town vehicles. The board indicated they would support Audrey on any decision made with regard to this issue.

Fire Department: Audrey reported the new compressor had been delivered today.

Town Board: Nothing to report

Plan Commission: Chair Anderson noted the Plan Commission may be proposing residents greater distance than 300 feet be considered when rezone issues are addressed.

Clerk/Treasurer: Audrey reported on the following:

- Thank You letter to April Hill Neighborhood Association was presented, signed and will be mailed on November 26, 2003.
- No response has been received from Amy of Northeast Community Court in regard to revenues for 2nd and 3rd quarter. Instead, Amy has asked for Blooming Grove's \$2000.
- Audrey noted a phone call from Eric Hovland regarding 3560 Beegs Road. Audrey has contacted Dane Co. Zoning and they will be inspecting within the week.
- Discussion on comments Dale Veto made to Eric Hovland regarding Deputy Vetos "interest" in issuing tickets in Blooming Grove during November & December 2003. Board was made aware of e-mail sent to Mr. Hovland for more specific information. Deputy Steve Gilmore will be contacted.

Stop Sign on Corner of Jacobson and Furey: Terri Winans was present to request stop signs be considered for the corner of Jacobson and Furey streets. After some discussion with Derick Babler, Terri Winans and the Board – it was determined additional stops signs are needed for safety reasons.

A motion was made by Chair Anderson to install stop signs on the corners of Jacobson, Furey and Christianson.

Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

“No Parking” sign on corner of Carncross and Swinburne: Supervisor Mahnke shared her concern of safety on this corner. After discussion with Derick Babler and the Board, the general feeling was that “No Parking Here To Corner” signs should be placed by 3327 and 3328 Swinburne (directly across from each other).

Supervisor Mahnke made a motion to place “No Parking From Here To Corner” signed on both sides of the street on the corner of Carncross and Swinburne leaving the distance to corner up to the discretion of Derick Babler. Supervisor Stube seconded this motion. Motion Carried.

Resolution to borrow money to pay off Debt Retirement Loan: Motion was made by Chair Anderson to sign the resolution to borrow money for purposes of paying off the State Retirement Prior Service Loan. Supervisor Stube seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2003: A motion was made Supervisor Linzmeier to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried. Supervisor Berg abstained, as he was not in attendance at the November 10th meeting.

Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2003: A motion was made Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to pay all vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Future Meeting Attendance: Supervisor Mahnke made mention that she will not be in attendance at the December 9th Board meeting. Supervisor Stube reminded the Board she will also not be in attendance. There will still be a quorum to hold a meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 7:38 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2003

In attendance (please print your name):

- 1 Timothy Ryan
- 2 Emily Schmol
- 3 Peg Schmol
- 4 Sue Mamm
- 5 Deborah Sellers
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Town of Blooming Grove Board December 9, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on December 9, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier and Supervisor Berg. Supervisor Stube and Supervisor Mahnke were excused. A quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue, Cory & Emily Schmoll, Dan Ampe, Deborah Sellers and Sue Maund.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

“No Parking” Signs on corner of Carncross & Swinburne – Discussion Only: Dan Ampe, Cory and Emily Schmoll were present to discuss the “No Parking” signs recently installed. They are willing to compromise with one side of the street having “No Parking” signs but do not want signs on both sides of street.

Supervisor Berg shared his views as a result of visiting the intersection in question. Dan Ampe had measured the road and found it to be 21 feet wide in all areas.

The Board members asked the Clerk/Treasurer to put this item back on the January 13, 2004 agenda.

Public Works: Nothing to Report

Fire Department: Chief Linzmeier reported the squad had been sold but no money was given, therefore the squad is back out by the road.

Chief Linzmeier also reported the Association has discussed revamping the dance. They are looking at a different date, changing the name and looking at a different raffle. Linzmeier threw out the idea of raffling firearms.

Chief Linzmeier noted the number of cars running stop signs in April Hill.

Town Board: Nothing to report

Plan Commission: Chair Anderson noted the Plan Commission has signs up reminding residents of the Smart Growth Residents Survey.

Clerk/Treasurer: Audrey reported she will be attending WISLR training and also that the tax bills have been mailed.

Supervisor Berg asked about Deputy Veto’s hours. Chair Anderson reported on his conversation with Lt. Gilmore.

Revised Burning Permit Ordinance: Supervisor Berg moved adoption of this ordinance. Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Dane County Ordinance Amendment 22 – Residences in the Exclusive Ag Zoning Area:

Motion made by Chair Anderson to vote against the passing of Ordinance Amendment #22.

Supervisor Linzmeier seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Resolution to borrow money for the Cattell/Drumlin Purchase: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to pass the resolution to allow borrowing money for the purchase of the Cattell/Drumlin property. Supervisor Berg seconded motion. Motion Carried.

Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2003: A motion was made Supervisor Berg to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Linzmeier. Motion Carried.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to pay all vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

Tax Refunds: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to approve the payment of all tax refunds presented. Motion seconded by Chair Anderson. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Deborah Sellers questioning stop signs recently installed in the Plat. Also questioning of timeline for moving house onto Rethke.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chair Anderson at 7:33 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Berg. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Town of Blooming Grove Board December 23, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM on December 23, 2003. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Anderson, Supervisor Linzmeier, Supervisor Stube, Supervisor Mahnke and Supervisor Berg. A full quorum was noted.

Others in attendance were: Audrey Rue and Mike Wolf.

It was noted the Meeting Notice and Agenda had been properly posted. The agenda was reviewed.

Vouchers: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg to pay all vouchers presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stube. Motion Carried.

Tax Refunds: A motion was made by Chair Anderson to approve the payment of all tax refunds presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Berg. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Berg at 12:05 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mahnke. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

