

Burns Utility Board Meeting
Minutes
January 8, 2018

The Burns Utility Board met in regular session on January 8, 2018. Members present were Board Members Ralph Bartels, Judy Johnstone, Dennis Bastian, and Jim Clark. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Ted Kellner and Darius Mandel, Kari Clark, Betty Nussbaum, and Vernon Testerman Sr.

At 6:00 pm Board Member Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Those present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

Board Member Johnstone moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 board meeting. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer Report

Board Member Clark moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Board Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report

The Maintenance report was reviewed. Darius inquired as to if he could get the garbage truck serviced. Board Member Johnstone moved to have Darius get the garbage truck serviced. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

Town clerk Toni McNamar reported that she had renewed her wastewater license.

Toni reported that she had received an email from Marty Jones stating that he is getting the DEQ permit for the A-3 well ready.

Board Member Reports:

Board Member Bartels reported that Ted and Darius are doing a good job with snow removal and garbage pickup.

Board Member Johnstone had nothing to report.

Board Member Bastian had nothing to report

Board Member Clark had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that she did not get the letters out to the candidates interested in the utility board position so they could be interviewed. She will get them sent out and the board will interview them prior to the next utility board meeting.

New Business

There was discussion on increasing the utility rates. Board Member Clark is opposed to increasing the rates; he feels there is a good amount in the reserves now. Board Member Johnstone feels that we need to continue to increase the rates as to keep money in reserves for unforeseen issues.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the reserves a good and we have many residents that can't seem to pay their bills. Maybe it would be a good time to take a year off from increases. Board Member Bastian feels that we should not increase rates.

Board Member Clark moved to not increase utility rates. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Board Member Johnstone was opposed. Motion carried.

Board Member Johnstone inquired as to if we should appoint a new utility board president or wait until we have a full board. Board Member Clark expressed interest in becoming the utility board president.

Board Member Bastian moved to appoint Jim Clark as the utility board president. Board Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

Board Member Johnstone move to approve the voucher. Board Member Bartels seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the burns utility board will be at 6 pm on February 12, 2018. The board will interview candidate for utility board position starting at 5:15.

Utility Board President

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

