



Neal Czaplewski, Chairman
Jeff Rice, Supervisor No 1
Steve Swantz, Supervisor No 2
Jason Ketterhagen, Supervisor No 3
Paul Kobernick, Supervisor No 4

Town Board

32288 Bushnell Road / Burlington WI 53105

September 10, 2026

Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call and Verification of Posting

At 6:30PM Chairman Czaplewski called to order the regular town board meeting. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the town hall at 32288 Bushnell Road. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was posted in accordance with Wis Stats 19.84(2).

In attendance: Neal Czaplewski, Jeff Rice, Steve Swantz, Jason Ketterhagen, and Paul Kobernick, along with Chief Bill Vrchota, Firefighter Nate Longo, Administrator Rachel Naber and Clerk Jeanne Rennie.

Public comment

At 6:31PM Chairman Czaplewski opened the floor for citizen comments.

Cary Madrigal, 19012 58th Rd, Union Grove, introduced herself as a candidate for Racine County Sheriff.

Having no one else who wanted to speak, Czaplewski closed public comment.

Town Chairman and Supervisors Reports

The board members updated the board on the recent meetings they have attended which included the start of the working sessions for the 2027 Budget. Swantz also reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting of the new committee for lakes public safety.

Consent Agenda: Approval of meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 13, 2026; Accept Monthly Reports: Highway, Sheriff, Marine, Fire; Poll worker applications

Swantz motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ketterhagen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Pre-paid vouchers; Bills approximately as of September 10, 2026

Swantz moved to approve the financial reports as presented; Kobernick seconded.
Motion carried.

Confirmation of New Member on the Town of Burlington Fire Department

Chief Vrchota provided background information on the candidate, Peter Kroening Jr., including his qualifications and the background checks that have been completed.

Rice moved to approve Peter Kroening Jr. as a member of the Town of Burlington Fire Department; Ketterhagen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Purchase of Turnout Gear and Boots for the Town of Burlington Fire Department

Administrator Naber reviewed the quotes received from Jefferson Fire & Safety for turnout gear and boots. The board discussed turnout gear and manufacturers with Chief Vrchota.

Swantz moved to approve the purchase of turnout gear and boots for \$8,530; Rice seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

The Town of Burlington Fire Department Starting Fire Service Exploring Program

Chief Vrchota and Firefighter Nate Longo provided information regarding the Fire Service Exploring Program and discussed the potential benefits of establishing the program in the Town of Burlington. The Board discussed the program and expressed support for moving forward with exploring the establishment of the program.

Resolution 2026-09a Adopting Service Award Program Qualification Standards

Naber explained the need for creating the qualification standards for the Service Award Program. The standards were shown to the fire department membership previously and they viewed them favorably. The board discussed one portion of the standards related to the contribution amount for partial-year members. The board decided to pro-rate the contribution (Option B in the draft).

Swantz moved to adopt Resolution 2026-09a, adopting the Service Award Program Qualification Standards with a pro-rated contribution for partial-year members; Rice seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-0.

Set Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 6:30PM for the Public Hearing on the 2027 Budget, Special Town Meeting, and Special Town Board Meeting

Ketterhagen moved to set Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 6:30PM for the Public Hearing on the 2027 Budget, a Special Town Meeting, and Special Town Board Meeting; Rice seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Having no other business, Kobernick motioned to adjourn; Ketterhagen seconded.
Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM.

Approved 2026 October 8
Jeanne Rennie, Clerk