

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAY – MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: (**Absent: Steve Weiss**) Jeff Gerike, Chairman; Supervisors: Lynn Norheim, Dean Solie and Ricky Strauch; Tamy Moss, Treasurer; Patti Warner, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Also Present: Don DeShong, Tom Peterson, Kelly Jacobs, Eau Claire County, Bernice Strauch, Christine Yellowthunder, Heather Olson, Vicki Larson

Motion to approve agenda was made by: Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie, Seconded by Ricky Strauch Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Financial report was reported and approved on a motion by Supervisor Ricky Strauch. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment

Don DeShong: Lives across sand mine he's on one ridge. When blasting began it was small type no shaking of his house. Then you'd hear a muffled boom. At first you'd see no dirt fly. Next more, little more until at the end felt they were using potent stuff. Possibly living on opposite side of ridge that they were blasting maybe he felt it more. It got him a bit irritated – they have wonderful PR people and they talk real nice – but he's a little bit concerned and hopes it doesn't get too much worse. Now you see dirt fly maybe 100 ft high – never used to – will wonder about any structural damage. He lives on E20685 Oak Ridge Road opposite hill of where they blast.

Tom Peterson: Since it's his only opportunity to talk he wanted to share a couple thoughts. If wanted to point out that it would be helpful if the town would share more information. A truck was purchased for 17,000 last month and when he looked at the budget he only seen 9,000 allocated to equipment fund. The board did go through the normal process to approve it but wondered how they could with only 9,000.00 allocated unless it came out of a different fund. He feels it would be more helpful to explain it more. His second opinion was in regards to the revised ordinance.

The Clerk explained that the purchase of the truck was out of the Capital Outlay fund in the budget.

## Old Business:

Ricky Strauch spoke about Five Star and he understood that they were not considered an operating mine until sand left their mine. He heard that trucks left in January hauling sand - he believes we have a fugitive dust plan - He knows they have a pretty good sprinkler – but could be in for a long summer if that dust doesn't get moved.

## New Business:

Kelly Jacobs from Eau Claire County spoke to the board. Re: 5-Star they did have to have an erosion ordinance – we're also in same place – we had conversation with this as well. They have to have storm water erosion control – it doesn't matter if sand leaves plant or not once they starting moving sand they were considered an operating mine. It is still under 5-star ownership – but things have been pretty quiet. They do go out and look at the site on occasion.

County ordinances are in place for non metallic reclamation and storm water control – and also shore land zoning. She came to talk about Hi-Crush. Her division is in charge of storm water erosion per control ordinance. They make sure it's stabilized. When Hi-Crush contacts them to say a parcel is reclaimed. Greg Leonard, Skyler & Chad Burby are in charge of erosion control.

She will come out and/or Rod Eslinger will come out as well 1. They do a full walk through 2x year full tour of entire facility. Making sure that storm water does not leave – big thing they check are is to see that sites are stable. First year was graded and no seed. 2. Every permit amendment or closure request they want they have to renew their permit – Storm water is in line - but there will be some land disturbance. Every time they open a new cell they come out in person from LCD and Rod Eslinger to determine which cells are being opened and check their plan. Or anytime they get a complaint they go out. They want to make sure there's no dirty water leaving the site – they want things stabilized – and not operating without a permit – they did have a recent amendment in February for pipe going from dry plant to wet plant. Their permit continually evolves as things come up.

They don't necessarily address blasting. Could be addressed if township was zoned. If dirt plume is 100 ft high maybe they need to come out. She understands they have increased the tons they have used. They do check the seismic blast reports as well.

Ricky Strauch asked if there is a limit to how many acres can be exposed? Kelly stated – no – usually they don't because they have pay fees on all open acres. And for storm and erosion. They do a 38 acre piece at a time. Then they try to reclaim previous site. Ricky how many cells are out there?? She stated she doesn't know but Rod Eslinger would.

Ricky Strauch stated he heard early on that the pond was full of mud. Kelly stated at dry plant – it was in city of Augusta so DNR worked with them directly – Ricky asked about the wet plant? She stated she hasn't heard any issues with those ponds. Only issue in wet plant was there was a little bit of over splash. Sometimes they have to run it into detention ponds – or they have to dig it out. Ricky Strauch asked how about reclamation how stable is sand when putting back in hills. Kelly stated they have to strip the top soil and sub soil and then put back in reverse soil so it would be less prone to sloughing. If they do see a problem they would talk to them. They haven't seen it yet. If it was they'd fix it. Ricky

Strauch asked if the sand was going to be too hard for the water to get back into that. Kelly stated she hasn't seen that as an issue. On the North side of the plant Dean stated it looks like they are increasing their production are they ahead of their schedule?? Kelly stated they are moving further ahead of their schedule but she doesn't know how far ahead.

Regarding Five Star Ricky Strauch asked what are the options thKelly said if they had to reclaim it if something happens with lawsuit – they just would push all the sand back in the hole. Also they do have financial assurance with erosion. She knows blowing is an issue – Ricky said last spring the dust looked like smoke from a fire. Kelly – they have authority and if the piles are not stable stock piles in regards to erosion control – they could issue citations as well. None have been issued at 5-star.

Kelly stated the one citation they had was to a put a stop work order which was more effective. Had a meeting scheduled within 12 hrs. Dean Solie stated he thinks the county does a lot more than we are aware of in regards to checking the mines. Ricky Strauch stated he would like to recommend it done even quarterly.

Ricky Strauch spoke about Ag Enterprise. The update is their deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup> their proposal will be presented on April 8<sup>th</sup> to the Eau Claire County Board at their meeting. They to present to county and state why they think this area is a viable community to have it. They stated transportation – we have rail interstate – local investments – Fall Creek mill expanding – Eau Claire County okayed 2 other storage units – Paul Whaley. Along with that they'll need letters of support to area businesses to support them.

He figures we have in Bridge Creek around 17K acres in Ag area – It's a lot of work and being eligible 1<sup>st</sup> time in 15 years – hopefully state will allow 2 million acres to be added to it. They are at 1million now if not maybe we can get in next year. Some are quite large

He feels it helps farms stay economically viable – Introduced in 1977 – 1<sup>st</sup> sign up period was in 1979. He passed out a map showing farms currently in

Out of 15 townships 9 are zoned 8 are eligible – Bridge Creek had a farm in it but ran it ran out this year. Dean Solie asked if they rent it out can they still get the credit? Ricky said if product has a total of 6,000.00 in income the owner would be eligible for it. Dean asked if something need to be signed between landowner and renter? Based on crop history. Dean asked if it's in CRP can they get in – Kelly said it depends – Greg Leonard would have to answer that. This is not a program through the county – it is strictly between the Ag Enterprise and the state. The township has nothing to do with this program either.

Discussion was held regarding dog ordinance and how the board wanted it drafted. Supervisor Lynn Norheim made a motion to draft ordinance that mirror's Town of Washington. Seconded by Supervisor Ricky Strauch Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Road bans went on Wednesday per Jeff Gerike.

Annual Meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

All bills were audited and paid

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Supervisor Ricky Strauch. Motion carried meeting adjourned 9:27 p.m.

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Patti Warner, Clerk