

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAY – APRIL 16<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 – Board Members Present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Steve Weiss, Dean Solie, Lynn Norheim; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner  
Absent: Ricky Strauch

Also present: Wendy Strauch, Bernice Strauch, Vicki Larson, Vic Werlein, Eli Gingerich, Christine Yellowthunder, Carol Peuse, Dale Kirchoff, MaryAnn O'Donohue, Terence O'Donohue, Bruce Logterman, Ryan Nelson (Augusta School District), Josef Eklund

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Dean Solie re: agenda to have Ryan Nelson speak before old business – Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Financial Report was presented - Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Ryan Nelson spoke to the board – he stated that the school finance is complicated and confusing. Bridge Creek currently is about 51% of property value in school district – that's why Bridge Creek's tax levy is impacted the most. The second highest property value in school district is City of Augusta at about 22% - Their revenue limit is limited as to what the school district is allowed to spend. Many variables come into play with what the school gets for State Aid - students, property value, and also what state puts into the fund. Enrollment numbers have decreased - once it's set every school is different. Once the school budget number is established there are 2 ways that districts are permitted to get to that number. One is the school state aid and the rest is from the local tax levy. Things that will have an effect on the school aid are enrollment, property value, how much money has put in that general aid pot. State will look at number of students compared to property value in that school district. If you have a higher property value and fewer students they give you less money for state aid. If you have a larger tax base they feel local tax base should fund the payment for the school – The local pot will be affected when there's a change with one or the other it affects – if property value goes down generally the more state aid. If they go up school will receive less state aid. The school bases their decision off of that. Only way to make it up is through local tax levy.

Dean asked what % of students are Bridge Creek versus City of Augusta – Ryan stated he would have to go back and will let us know – and what % does city of Augusta have to pay. Ryan stated that the tax rates for citizens in Bridge Creek went up significantly. It wasn't because the school was spending more money – they lost 223,000 from state pot last year. The levy for this school year is less than previous school years. Although the levy went up spending went down. That's it in a nutshell. The school does receive Federal dollars as well for Title 1 – but that is based on number of students living in school district and % that live in poverty. Federal government gives to state and state divides it out accordingly not all schools receive it but Augusta does.

Steve asked if Title I remained the same – Ryan stated it has decreased each year. 4 yrs ago they received just under 500K this past year it was 430 or 440 thousand. State looks how our numbers compares to others. If we stayed the same and another district went up that other district would get more and we would get less. Steve asked what level poverty is in Augusta School District — Ryan stated that district wide we have 54% that are considered at poverty level. Elementary school is usually around 60% it becomes a little smaller in Junior High and High School. Another consideration is Amish students are part of federal program.

Jeff Gerike asked if our enrollment stayed the same – Ryan stated it was declining slightly in 2010 – had a lot of students a few years ago and has leveled off. Projections look at those graduating versus those starting school. But there are a lot of unknowns that people will move in and move out. He does project about 60 kids growth in 2018 & 2019.

Steve asked if we'll have a loss next year. Ryan said he doesn't have concrete figures yet – he thinks it may be a little. He anticipates it would probably be somewhere between 150-175 thousand less. Property values will impact it as well. So anytime new buildings are built – or construction goes up – we won't know what the city of Augusta will be he thinks he'll get it in July. Dean Solie stated that he went with Lynn Norheim to the state building to check on values and they told them that the Industrial value of Bridge Creek is higher than City of Augusta. Dean stated how he just doesn't understand we could be higher than the city. City of Augusta is at 64,247 – Bridge Creek 151,591. - 293,894 total value in school district – it has increased - in 2010 it was around 250 million grown about 43 million in last 5 years. Steve has open enrollment affected. Ryan says it has positively affected Augusta.

Ryan stated that in the past year when the school count was done in September they had a positive 35-36 enrollment in rather than out. Steve Weiss asked if the school is looking at any major expenditures. Ryan stated they are going to do something to roof at the high school and looking to repair that also looking at trying to repair and update the elementary building. One portion of the roof still needs to be refinished. Original plumbing is leaking and it runs under the building. Some pretty significant items that they will have to address. In regards to needing more space he doesn't see any need for that.

Old Business:

Steve Weiss asked Dale Kirchoff if we had any salt left. Dale said we had a lot of salt in the corner. Dale stated there were still a couple roads that had bans on them yet.

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked Steve Weiss if he felt anything with this week's blast by Hi-Crush. Steve stated no he didn't.

Jeff spoke about complaint filed re:

New Business:

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked about voting on whether or not to pass the revised dog ordinance. Steve Weiss asked if we had received any calls or anything. Clerk stated she has not heard anything or received any bills from Humane Society. Motion by Lynn Norheim Seconded by Dean Solie to adopt this dog ordinance. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Steve Weiss asked about 5-star – asked if we as a board could go look at their site. Chairman Gerike stated he would contact Troy and maybe could meet him the day we do road tour. The clerk stated that she had spoken to Troy and he stated the board was welcome to come look at the site as well as the log book anytime. Just need to contact him so he could meet the board there.

The revised mining ordinance was passed out and will be brought up at May's meeting for approval.

Chairman Gerike stated we need to set the date for road tour – after discussion the board will meet April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 am to do the tour.

Dale Kirchoff spoke about WE Energy down at Willie's pit and said they are going to get after them - they are ruining the road into Willie's – they tried to use some of our stone but Dale told them no. The first guys in that did the clearing and ties were ok – now it's just pipeline guys. They are promising to fix everything before they leave. Lynn Norheim stated we should probably consider getting something in writing and make them sign it. Dale stated they are trying to do all kinds of stuff they didn't say they would do. Dean Solie thought they should put gravel back on the road either way.

Jeff Gerike asked if we could get a bigger dumpster – because they are coming every week and it is costing us more. Dale said it was only ½ full and they took it. He thinks most of it is because we had a 30 yd dumpster.....Joe said he's getting in trouble for the TV's because of some hazardous material so he has to get rid of them. They were going to put them back in the dog kennels and store them there. Joe stated they do have the bigger dumpster now.

Dale Kirchoff stated he has been looking at trailers and so far what he has found are around – Goodrich was 5200 - these are used ones which are almost as much as new – and then they need new tires and new brakes and still want 3500 for them.

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss – Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim – meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

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Patti Warner, Clerk

