

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 21ST, 2015

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

Roll Call: Board members Present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Steve Weiss, Dean Solie, Lynn Norheim, Bruce Logterman; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Also Present: Christine Yellowthunder, Wendy Strauch, Dale Kirchoff, Joe Eklund, Wesley Warner

Pledge of Allegiance

No public comment

Motion to approve agenda was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Financial report was presented. Motion to approve was made by Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Bruce Logterman Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding the railroad crossing on Cty Hwy M & Cty Hwy G. The clerk reported that she spoke with Highway Department regarding signs with phone number for railroad crossings. He stated that the number should be posted on the crossing – also there is a number beneath that – this number identifies the exact location of the crossing. So if a citizen has issues they need to call the railroad number and give them the crossing number. He stated there was nothing the Hwy Dept. could do as they were unable to hand out citations. He directed the clerk to contact the Sheriff regarding this to see if they would respond and issue citations. The clerk spoke with Officer Provos and he stated there wasn't anything the department could do – as the train only needs to move an inch and their 10 min. starts all over again. Clerk contacted County Highway Department again and he said to speak to Sheriff Cramer. The clerk did run into Sheriff Cramer and he stated that their department is checking into how they handled it in Chippewa County. He stated he would get back to us. It was stated that the numbers are only on one side of the crossing

Dean Solie stated he feels it is a big issue for Health & Human Services – ambulances, fire trucks. It was stated that if an ambulance or Fire Truck comes up to the crossing they are suppose to break the train. Bruce Logterman said there is a train master in Altoona – he

stated that the conductor could get a fine too for blocking it longer than the 10 minutes.. Bruce stated they are just being lazy as the train is only going to Altoona. They could back the train up to Krueger – if it's a weight issue they just have to stay in a group. The only time they can block it longer than 10 minutes is for an emergency on their part. Discussion was held regarding Bruce talking to the Train Master in Altoona and possibly at some point invite him to a meeting.

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked Joe about the current dumpster... Joe said it's wider , longer and lower but it is 30 yd. Jeff asked if it was lasting two weeks. Joe stated last week he had Dale come and pack it down – 3 or 4 times and it was full. Dean asked if it would slow up and Joe said yes.

Joe stated worst week-end is the one after 4th of July... (Recycling center is not open July 4th or Christmas Day)

Jeff asked Dale about Olson's Pit... Dale Kirchoff said they got them straightened out. They were using almost 11 acres instead of the 6 per the lease. Willy went and talked to them. They had to get someone from We Energy to straighten them out. Lynn Norheim stated he traveled the road today and it was pretty good – because it was dry. Dale said Sam Pettis actually started getting after them and actually had it surveyed and found out they were using 11 acres.

Joe Eklund said he was having problems with getting rid of TV's. He spoke with First Choice out of Eau Claire but he will have to raise the price on them considerably since a 13" will cost \$5.00 – consoles are 35.00. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated to go ahead and raise our prices. Steve Weiss asked if the appliances stay the same. Joe said just TV's that didn't stay the same. Steve asked if Pete was working out ok.... Joe said he is doing really well out there and has been such good help. Patti Warner will check with First Choice and see if they will bill us when TV's are dropped off so that we can reimburse them at our monthly meeting.

New Business:

Chairman Jeff Gerike received a call from Eau Claire County regarding a complaint they received from someone stating Hi-Crush was blocking CTH RR. After speaking with Rich Walther at the County Highway Department this was his final response back to the board.

I wanted to inform the town of no parking signs that have been temporarily installed on CTH RR. Eau Claire County received a verbal complaint from a resident on the 16th of April 2015 that stated during sand mine blasting operations, Hi Crush was closing down a section of CTH RR. During my investigation I found that CTH RR being closed was not the only concern needing to be addressed. On more than one occasion there has been an individual or individuals that have been parking along CTH RR in an area that is to be considered un-safe during blasting operations. This is for the purpose of videotaping the blast. During my conversations with representatives from Hi Crush in regards to their procedures and future plans for blasting, I decided that there is a need for the highway department to install no parking signs along a segment of CTH RR to protect the traveling public during blasting operations. The signs are enforceable from 10 AM to 2 PM TUE, WED, THUR and FRI. Hi Crush informed me that they will be done blasting in this area in approximately 2 months. At that time the signs will be removed. These signs are being temporarily installed for public

safety purposes only. Hi Crush also understands that they do not have the authority to close any county highway for any reason without the highway departments approval. I would like to ask that if the township is made aware of an un-authorized road closure happening in the future, that you please notify us as soon as possible so we can address the issue. If you would like to discuss this further please give me a call at your convenience.

***Richard Walthers
Acting Highway Commissioner
Eau Claire County Highway Dept.***

Discussion was held regarding status on Five Star. When the board talked to Troy at the site during road tour he said things were going to get moving in June – but should have heard something by May 12th. No one has heard anything from Troy. The clerk will contact Troy to see what if any updates there are and report it at the next meeting.

Steve said the blast that Hi-Crush did was bad today. He asked if anyone else felt or heard it.

Chairman Gerike brought up voting on the mining ordinance changes. He asked if there were none that someone make a motion. Steve Weiss asked when the moratorium is off. The clerk stated when the mining revision has been voted on and done it will come off. Supervisor Steve Weiss made a motion to approve the amended mining ordinance. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Steve (aye) Dean (aye) Lynn (aye) Jeff (aye) Bruce Logterman – abstained from voting on it as he doesn't feel he should vote on it because he wasn't part of the group going over it. Motion carried

Discussion was held regarding Road Tour and what road work needs to be done:

Dean asked if we knew how much cost per mile it would be....Dale Kirchoff thought between 7-8K/m

Dale feels we'll have to use 7/16" on everything due to buggies on the road.

Dale stated the outfit that crushed granite a gravel pit he's going to be working down here he'll be coming down empty so there is a chance he could haul for us.

Crack seal: 7-800 ton

Chip seal – Scott Construction does ours in August September.... But he will try to get them here this year before school starts.

Dale will need black top for patching usually 5-6 loads is enough.

Steve asked about Krueger – Dale stated the culvert will be between 10-11K, - he figured Randy would cost around 1200 plus the materials he figures it will be around 15 grand. It does have a slab deck no floor.

Chip seal:

Single chip Dolotta, Gregor, Karow, Kelly (2 mi), (from Schultz's rock dam, (8 ¾)

Strips on Sperber (1.75)

Sperber: single chip seal

Motion was made by Steve Weiss. 2nd by Lynn Norheim to seek bids. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Crack sealing: Stinsin & Witte (4.25 mi)

Dean Solie stated down by Arndt's on Solie Rd. it looks like it could use some work. Dale said they have to do a culvert on there and they'll try to straighten it out again. Dale said it lasted quite a few years when they fixed it up the first time.

Regarding the bridge on Krueger Rd. – Motion was made by Steve Weiss to replace it with a culvert. Seconded by Bruce Logterman. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Chairman Jeff Gerike told Dale to talk to Randy to get it done ASAP. Dale said they will raise it up quite a ways and get a good cover on it.

Steve Weiss stated that Livermore road is breaking up again. Bruce Logterman stated that after the road tour they flattened it all out - Bruce Logterman stated that maybe they want to do bigger stone.

Chairman Jeff Gerike stated he received a call from Chet Krueger from City Hall. They received a complaint re: trailer homes across the driveway from where the new nursing home was going in and said it was an eyesore. Chet said the property was in Bridge Creek but they didn't know who owned it. Also, the city would be willing to help with some of the clean up. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated to the board that the property belongs to John Clark and the trailer homes might belong to a Larose. Jeff stated he spoke with John the day before and he said he would get it cleaned up. Chairman Gerike asked the board if they felt we should help with clean up since city is helping. After discussion the board felt it was the owner's responsibility. If we help – it could set precedence for other land owners wanting the township to clean up their property.

Dean Solie asked Joe Eklund about continuing fencing along the property of the recycling center. Joe stated he will check into the costs.

All bills were audited and paid

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Bruce Logterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)