

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
S9515 State Road 27
Augusta, WI 54722

MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2016
7:30 PM – Town Hall

- I. Call Meeting to Order
Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:34 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim, Dean Solie, Steve Weiss; Chairman Jeff Gerike, Treasurer Dawn Werlein and Clerk Kathy Olson. Absent: Bruce Logterman
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda & Proper Posting
Motion by Steve Weiss with a second by Lynn Norheim to approval Agenda and Posting. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Approval of Minutes 7-21-16 Regular Meeting Minutes
Section X under Other Discussion/Third bullet down a correction needed to be made: the name of *Dale* Solie as stated in minutes should have been *Dan* Solie. Steve Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Dean Solie with the correction. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- VII. Financial Report
Dawn Werlein read the financial report. (Mack is sending the check back, as the first payment is not due until next year. (There is no penalty for early payoff.) Lynn Norheim made a motion to approve the Financial Report; seconded by Steve Weiss. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VIII. Old Business (Going directly to C. Building Inspector Discussion)
 - A. Hi-Crush – New/Amended Application Discussion
Application will be received next week or two from R. Reeseman of Hi-Crush.
 - B. 5-Star Abandonment/Revocation of Mining License Discussion
Rick Schaumberg sent letter – have heard nothing back. Do we have to allow 30 days before we proceed? Dawn Werlein will check to see if there is an additional step. (Put on agenda again next month.)
 - C. Building Inspector Discussion

Steve Malley was in attendance. Chairman Jeff Gerike asked if he would be interested in being building inspector for the Bridge Creek Township. If yes, he would be inspector for commercial and 1-2 family homes. He asked how many homes per year? The Board replied that it is roughly 15 homes. Steve works part time for the City of Augusta and Fall Creek. For the City of Augusta he is responsible for the zoning, commercial and residential. He is not responsible for the zoning in Fall Creek. Steve receives a monthly fee regardless if busy or not. He has handled permits for Bush Beans, Hi-Crush Mining along with permits to change windows, etc. Only one home has been built since 2007 in the City of Augusta. In Fall Creek: Several homes a year and some commercial (Mail Source and Greenwood Packaging). He asked how Bridge Creek would want to regulate his fees – you can do according to fees generated or so much a month. Steve stated that all of the Amish sawmills should have commercial permits. Lynn Norheim asked if those permits which should have been commercial would be retro or in place moving forward. How to enforce? There are questions, ordinances that need to be answered and in place. Mr. Malley is very knowledgeable and familiar regarding what is required per State, County and Township-wise for the building inspector position, and how the Home Building Assoc. is behind some of this. What point does an additional permit deem necessary? Bridge Creek Township is patterning our Building Inspector position and duties after the Town of Ludington. And if he did accept the job, would there be an office or would the Hall be available for work space. Lynn Norheim (and Bruce Logterman – volunteered by the Board) will work with Mr. Malley to see what is expected, etc. They will be in contact with (Fred), Ludington's Building Inspector family homes.

D. Windmill Valley Road Discussion

Three more lots have been sold. Snow plowing – Bridge Creek has plowed in the past, even though it's not our road – we will still plow. (Aaron Witmer was going to be here, cut unable to make it.) Put on next month's AGENDA. Steve Weiss concerned about an ordinance for paving; has been the expense of the contractor. Joe Eklund stated that curbs, etc., that there was to have been a special assessment to those people. He added that there was to have been 10 family homes there before Town of Bridge Creek serviced. Dawn Werlein was asked to look for documents/paperwork regarding this. Joe also stated that the cul-de-sac was supposed to be big enough for a fire truck to turn around. These questions need to be answered. We will see what Rick Schaumberg has on this.

E. Kruger Road Culvert Update

DNR and Eau Claire County all in agreement? Have to remove both culverts. Make sure everyone is on same page. Steve Weiss shared that this cost is adding up with for replacing along with an additional \$7,000 – 8,000.

(Comment regarding discussion of bad culverts, roads during storms, etc., like Buffalo and Trempealeau Counties with the flooding from rain and can move fast and do lots

of damage; Steve Weiss mentioned he had contacted USDA regarding an Emergency Siren for southern part of Township. There are some grant monies, perhaps up to \$10,000 – total cost of project is \$30,000. He suggested to solicit donations (like Hi-Crush).

IX. New Business

A. Health Insurance for Employees

Dale and Scott Kirchoff's wives will be losing all health insurance because of Nortac closing in the City of Augusta. Steve Weiss stated that Bridge Creek needs to check into some choices for health insurance, whether getting individual or going through a group. Explore– cost through a group. Typically for family plan the cost is \$1200 to \$1600 per month. Steve Weiss stated that the Marshfield clinic system – cost-wise, cheaper of the two. (Wisconsin Towns – Municipality pool??) Add to AGENDA.

B. Horse Shoe Discussion

Steve Weiss shared that Ricky Strauch stated that Eau Claire County is looking at bringing in an ordinance requiring public road ways to have horses wear rubber shoes for 6 months. Steve Weiss will look into. We need to take a look at. Rick Strauch shared that at the Highway dept. meeting it was talked about road bans - same way with horse shoes. Enforcement: something that everyone (County and Townships) work on the same page. (Amish pay taxes – to help pay for roads.)

X. Any Other Discussion

- Dean Solie said on Karow Rd. one culvert is rusted – Bridge Creek is responsible to install. Dale Kirchoff will know what culvert. There was one on Buse Rd that came right out. Will check with Dale. Bridge Creek will do the work.
- Steve Weiss talked about the Recycling Center with that money kept in a separate account; maybe fencing and other improvements can come out of recycling. Hayworth Fence – for frontage Joe Eklund to do it.
- Farms that employ over 9 employees will be OSHA involved – legislation is pushing hard.

XI. Approval of Expenses/Payments

XII. Adjournment

Lynn Norheim made a motion to adjourn; Steve Weiss seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Submitted by Kathy Olson, Clerk