

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

**MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

7:30 PM – Town Hall

- I. Call Meeting to Order  
Chairman Jeff Gerike calls the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Supervisors Bruce Logterman, Lynn Norheim, Dean Solie and Chairman Jeff Gerike.  
Absent (at time of roll call): Steve Weiss (7:42 arrival)
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda & Proper Posting  
Dean Solie makes a motion to approve Agenda and Proper Posting. Lynn Norheim seconds the motion. Ayes: (3) Bruce Logterman, Lynn Norheim, Dean Solie.
- V. Public Comment  
-Thank you from the family of Sandy Marifke for the memorial plant and use of the Bridge Creek Town Hall.  
-Lauren Lea letter was read. She thanked Bridge Creek for the donation for the siren that will be installed on the north side of Lake Eau Claire. She has met her goal for this project. Congratulations and thank you Lauren Lea for a successful project.  
-Brian Bertram letter was presented and read. Brian's concerns were noted in his letter which he asked to have read and noted in minutes. He stated the following ongoing issues that he feels the township deal with and be responsible for. (1) Horse manure on all of township roads (he notes he doesn't see problems this problem with Amish population in Indiana, Ohio or Pennsylvania.) (2) Building Permits. Are they getting issued? These people not obtaining permits are not in compliance and not being taxed accordingly. (3) Ditches still fenced and animals are tethered. This was posted in local newspaper. Are fines being issued? (4) Amish buggies are not properly lit. This needs to be addressed to for safety issues, nothing to do with religion. (5) Ordinances, laws, advisories are for ALL members of this township. Can these be enforced? Is there a need for a town constable? (6) Time to rethink "county zoning laws" being enforced.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A. 9-15-16 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Dean Solie stated on item VIII (F), "Vernier" was mistyped. Should have been "Bernier". Also under item VII (B), Bruce's question about "has County been contacted concerning Five-Star?". This needs to be processed through proper channels. Attorney Sweeney for Five Star plans to attend November meeting. Lynn Norheim made a motion to approve 9-15-16 Regular Meeting Minutes with changes noted. Dean Solie seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - B. 9-28-16 Special Meeting Minutes  
Steve Weiss made a motion to approved 9-28-16 Special Meeting Minutes with a second by Dean Solie. All ayes. Motion carried.
- VII. Financial Report  
Dawn: presented the September 2016 ending financial report. Steve Weiss made a motion to approve Financial Report as presented; Lynn Norheim seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

## VIII. Old Business

### A. Hi-Crush – New Application Discussion

We have heard nothing back from Scott McCurdy. Discussion about original application: Back in November of 2015 a Draft was discussed and was officially approved, but nothing was sent back to Rick Schaumberg after that approval. A date will be set up with Rick Schaumberg (with Jeff Gerike, Kathy Olson and interested supervisors) to go over ordinances and applications he has.

### B. 5-Star Abandonment/Revocation of Mining License Discussion

Attorney Sweeney had asked to be on the Agenda for November meeting. There looks to be no activity. Dawn Werlein mentioned that she saw the gates were open. Bruce Logterman checked it out and stated that checks have been cut and paid to one local person. Carol Peuse asked if an Annual Report had been received from the County? Public record should show if it's dormant. Jan-Dec. if not active, the rate would be less. Annual Report should show if they are inactive. Dean Solie shared that the Reclamation is the County's responsibility.

### C. Building Inspector Discussion

Do we really want to do this? Ludington have no Amish to contend with for inspector purposes. Dean Solie stated that it would be hard for Bridge Creek to enforce. Bruce Logterman stated that he ran for this supervisor position thinking he could make a difference. He is against zoning. He said he understand that you are making decisions affecting friends & neighbors, but when you are an elected official, it becomes your responsibility to make those decisions. Bruce also shared he realized he has caused hard feelings in his running for this position. So if the Board isn't going to make those decisions that need to be done for ordinances, etc., then the Township may as well turn over to the County if we aren't going to monitor, then it may as well be zoned. Bruce reiterated that he is against zoning – but if Board isn't willing to make a difference, then that is what needs to happen. Bruce said the saw mills will be gone – if zoned. So what does Board want? We (Township) can't enforce. With the Assessment to be kept up to date, they have to do something for permits. Dean Solie shared that he felt it was just adding to township's problem with the need for policing. But realizes something has to change. Fines should be enforced for lack of permit. The Board/Supervisors haven't been reinforcing. FINES. Bruce said he will be willing to write fines. If we pass – we need to enforce.

Steve Weiss suggests to get an inspector and do it on our own. Advantage to general public we are governed by State Codes. County doesn't follow State codes. Consistent enforcement is needed. Either turn whole works to County or go to zoning? Bridge Creek needs to enforce. Building permits are for tax purposes. We need to start giving fines. Get legal ordinances in place first. Building Inspector: Yes or no? Abide by State laws instead of County. Take care of our own which would take cooperation. It's public knowledge; it's not ignorance that permits aren't being issued. Something has to change. It is tough love! Get ordinances. Carol Peuse suggested having Amish talk to Bridge Creek about working together with horse manure, etc. She suggested to have a meeting. Extend an invitation to the Commissioner to come to meeting or talk at a meeting. Proceed with advertising for building inspector. See if there is interest. Table for now. We will put out an ad for a building inspector. Bruce Logterman made a motion to put out an ad for a building inspector. Second by Steve Weiss. All ayes. Motion carried.

### D. Employee Health Insurance/ Compensation Discussion. Table. Steve Weiss

shared that it is not going to be feasible to go out on own. Bruce Logterman stated that they should go looking for what they want. He continued with everyone has a right to

health care - \$375/Obama care. Steve Weiss noted that the employees are looking; he said he is just trying to get them into a group. Township is not spending additional money. Steve was helping by looking. The Township is not going to increase stipend. Motion by Lynn Norheim with a second by Bruce Logterman to take Health Insurance off Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

A. Sign Discussion

Bruce Logterman shared that the Town of Seymour has metal signs posted along roads saying "Building Permits required in the Town of Seymour". He wondered if Bridge Creek could look into a sheet metal place and have signs made. They would be visible for people to see and know they are required. It was suggested to contact Lynn Bohl to get price from prison and have them made. We need to get the ordinance in place. One sign per country Roads GG, M, RR, G (north and south) V, AF, CF. Bruce Logterman made a motion to have metal signs made and put up on Bridge Creek town roads. Dean Solie seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Amish Lights Discussion

South Dakota requires amber flashing lights on Amish buggies. The lack of lights on these buggies is a hazard not only for people driving, but for the Amish themselves. Mayo Clinic handed out LED lights to the elders for protecting buggies. Not using. The LED lights are battery operated which are not allowed by elder. It is a safety issue. Chairman Jeff Gerike will call Sheriff's Department and ask them to come down for a discussion on this subject.

C. Additional Poll Workers Discussion/Approval

Clerk, Kathy Olson shared that because of the loss of several of our poll workers, we are in need of additional poll workers. The poll workers are to be approved by Board for working. Since this has come about because of a death, a broken hip and health concerns, new poll workers need to be approved. A motion by Steve Weiss with a second by Bruce Logterman to approve additional poll workers. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Tax Collector Bond Discussion/Approval

It is strongly recommended to have the Town Treasurer, Dawn Werlein, be bonded for collecting taxes. The cost is \$165 for a \$250,000 bond. Lynn Norheim made a motion to approve a bond be issued for Town Treasurer. Steve Weiss seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

E. 2017 Budget Discussion

Kathy Olson, Clerk, presented the 2017 Levy Limit worksheet produced an allowable levy limit of \$287,525 for the Town of Bridge Creek. This is compared to \$278,893 last year. That is an increase of \$8,632. The Clerk suggested we use the total allowable levy as we are mandated to build \$10,000 into our budget for a new voting machine.

F. Employee Salary Discussion

Lynn Norheim, second by Dean Solie to move into closed session at 9:40 p.m.

X. Move to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(C)

Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose is to discuss employee wage and benefit issues. At the end of the closed session, the Board will be going into open session.

XI. Move to return to open session

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:02 p.m. A motion by Steve Weiss with a second by Dean Solie to increase wages of Dale Kirchoff and Scott Kirchoff by \$1.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion by Steve Weiss with a second by Lynn Norheim to increase wages of Josef Eklund and Elmer Eklund by 50¢ per hours. All ayes. Motion carried.

XII. Set Date for Public Budget Hearing

Before regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 17, 2016

XIII. Other Discussion

Dean Solie shared that he had a discussion with Mayor regarding Fire Department Fee. May be lowered - \$2200 - \$2400.

XIV. Approval of Expenses/Payments

XV. Adjournment

Steve Weiss made a motion at 10:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Norheim made a second to the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kathy Olson, Clerk