

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

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016
7:30 PM – Town Hall

- I. Call Meeting to Order
Chairman Jeff Gerike called the meeting to order at 7:30.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Bruce Logterman, Dean Solie, Steve Weiss, Jeff Gerike, Kathy Olson and Dawn Werlein.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
(Omitted as the Pledge of Allegiance was said at the Budget Hearing Meeting directly before this meeting.)
- IV. Approval of Agenda & Proper Posting
A motion was made by Dean Solie with a second by Steve Weiss to approve the Agenda and its Proper Posting. All “ayes”. Motion carried.
- V. Public Comment (None)
- VI. Approval of Minutes
A. 10-20-16 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Steve Weiss to approve 10-20-16 Minutes. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All “ayes”. Motion passed.
- VII. Financial Report
Dawn presented the Financial Report. Dean Solie questioned if the \$27,876.87 had been reimbursed by the Mack Country. Yes it had. Motion by Steve Weiss with a second by Dean Solie to approve the Financial Report. All “ayes”. Motion carried.
- VIII. Old Business
A. 5-Star Abandonment/Revocation of Mining License Discussion
1. Attorney Sweeney (Axley Law Office, will be attending the meeting). Attorney Sweeney had a conflict so Attorney Mitch Olson attended in his place. Troy Morey stated that he would have attended earlier, but he didn't due to a communication error. He went on to address the stock-pile of sand stating that because the Sand Mine Industry had basically shut down at the turn of the last calendar year due to the market slowing way down. Troy stated that he felt the market was coming back towards spring and that they would find a company interested in taking the sand again. Bruce Logterman stated that Five-Star was supposed to have gotten back to the Bridge Creek Town Board upon request and they haven't bothered to get back. Bruce stated that they (the Board) have to listen to constituents' concerns of the situation with the stock pile of sand, and the Board has a responsibility to the people of this township. Part of the agreement between sand mine and township is that there would be no stock pile of sand, except for enough for pick up. The sand was supposed to have been hauled out last year, nothing has. Bruce feels it is a lot of hearsay about the market coming back, and states that even the “Big Guys” are running and going to get rid of theirs. Bruce

asked if we are expected to wait for 5 years. Even the bigger companies were shut down for a period of time. 3 years ago it was planned that there would be 300 trucks a day running sand. The Attorney stepped up to share that, without saying too much, that there was a nasty litigation last year which makes this a difficult situation and very, very questionable. Supervisor Logterman restates that people are upset with the stock pile of sand, and he also realizes, unfortunately, that it is a bad deal. Dean Solie asked if there is some kind of timetable. Troy answered that someone is looking to buy. Township has not been abreast of any information. Attorney M. Olson asked if they could be put on the Agenda every month and provide them with written updates which would lend to Five-Star being accountable. The License renewal is in March. Five-Star would keep the Board abreast if they could have the opportunity to work through it. Bruce Logterman stated then that a report would be required every month and if there is no progress, then they will be given a time frame, and he continued saying that this is a common sense issue. Bruce Logterman continued to say that the company will have to just take their losses as this was a bad investment, if this isn't resolved. Dean Solie agrees with Bruce Logterman. Chairman Jeff Gerike restates that a monthly update to board will be required. Steve Weiss asked if Five-Star is in full compliance with the County and if reclamation is current. Troy answered "yes". They are paying for an active permit. Bruce Logterman questioned, stating that if he made a call to the County, that they would agree that it is indeed "active"? Five-Star is to report monthly until further notice.

B. Amish Lights Discussion

1. Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department Officer to be in Attendance

Sgt. Dave Riewestahl and Deputy Ryan Greener from the Sheriff's Department were on hand to answer questions regarding buggy lighting. Steve handed out two page copies of documents showing State Statute requirement for lighting on buggies. To sum it up: the requirement is one white light in front and two red lights in the back that are to be visible from 500 feet. They (Amish buggies) do meet the minimum requirements. If no lights, a warning will be given. Bruce Logterman suggested writing a ticket to get the point across. Steve Weiss said the two-wheel carts have no lights. The two Amish Elders have been spoken to about being properly lit with their response being "Yes, they will make sure they are lit", but it does not happen. Dean Solie shared there have been too many close calls with vehicles coming upon buggies. Horse-drawn buggies carts require night-time lighting while during the day a slow-moving sign is required. Flash lights are being used, but they are turned on when vehicles approach and then are turned off. This is only visible from the front view. (Unfortunately, motor cycles have the same issues because vehicle are not looking for them.) This side of Eau Claire County, there is only one deputy for Fall Creek, Wilson, Fairchild, Augusta areas. There is a minimum staffing of 3 at a time. Bruce Logterman suggested to the officers to drive around the Amish area from about 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and officers will see them (unlit horse-drawn carts, etc.). Dean Solie reiterated that township just doesn't want something to tragically happen; there have been too many close calls.

Dean Solie talked about the horses that are tied up in our Township. If tied up, chained, there will be fines according to certain ordinances, which we are working on. Townships have to enforce themselves, even if they are on county roads.

C. Hi-Crush – New Application Discussion

1. Set Date for Public Hearing

We will find out what the ordinance says for time line. Dick Reeseman was in attendance. The date will be set at December Regular Board Meeting.

D. Building Inspector Discussion

An ad will be placed to see if there is an interest; if not it will be scratched. Steve Weiss would like to see if there is interest. Chairman Jeff Gerike suggested posting it with Town Association, Ad-Delite, Trade paper, Augusta Area Times/Osseo Tri-County News, networks, etc.

Other items of discussion:

Bruce Logterman shared that he spoke with John Stolsman about the signs that have been discussed regarding building permits. - draw for signs show what on size, etc. Send it to Madison then will send a price back. State how many and billing place. Stamp out fire number signs. Size, colors and reading. Bruce - we would have to put posts in. Traffic coming off certain roads. 20 signs. Should say: Welcome! Town of BC building permits are required.

Steve: purchasing in advance for road projects? Lock in some fuel, gravel, etc. Bids for these items will be added to Agenda before end of year.

Pete Eklund shared that recycling of TV prices went up. Pete said new signs already going up stating \$5 increase on each.

Steve Weiss spoke directly to Levi Hershberger about horseshoes with Velcro straps that attach the shoe (there are 4-5 different styles). Rubber, good wear and tear and have nubs. H wondered if the Amish would be of interest to using this type. Levi responded that he would have to look them. His concern is that Velcro may not hold up. Steve Weiss will get information on these.

IX. New Business

A. Flood Disaster/Damage Eligibility Discussion

WI disaster - State 70% and we get 30%. Chairman Jeff Gerike will let them know if we are interested, and see what is needed.

X. Any Other Discussion

Dawn Werlein shared that dog fees (spay/neuter dog) have increased. Will be put on December Agenda for discussion.

Rick Strauch spoke about cost sharing (Greg Leonard) of Land Conservation - they go over it. Required on state run-off roads. We are required to have phosphorous run off plan in place. Concern if running in streams when handing out building permits - livestock. State not protected shore not under county zoning so we are responsible for that. Cost sharing - county for erosion control - has money available. County is losing - State takes away. Might as well spend in our township.

Carol Peuse commented she wanted to be here for Citizen Comments. Complimented on how nicely election was run and the new set up looked very professional. Thank you, Carol. Agenda for December - fire dept. in our area - changes. Carol Peuse suggested putting on Agenda to have Fire Department discussion.

XI. Approval of Expenses/Payments

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Steve Weiss with a second by Dean Solie to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried

Kathy Olson, Clerk