

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
NOVEMBER 20TH, 2014
7:30 P.M.

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, Ricky Strauch, Lynn Norheim; Treasurer, Tamy Moss, Clerk; Patti Warner

Also Present: Fred Poss, Tom Peterson, Carol Peuse, Terry O'Donohue, Dale Kirchoff, Christine Yellowthunder, Dan Marcheske, Vaughn Nagahashi, Vic Werlein, Jane Justesen

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve agenda was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment:

Christine Yellowthunder – spoke in regards to the last blast – the side effects we don't see but people are Cty Rd H feel – Also spoke about the pipeline that had to go through to increase power lines – Zank rd and see what they did to her property – they are taking 40 ft through her tree farm – increasing power poles – increasing high capacity. Taking down trees on her land – stated these are unseen things that sand mining brings into the community. They said it's for the sand mines and anticipation of more. She stated if she had the power to protect other citizens she would. She spoke about how upset she was that they went through her property and she had to hire a forester – the trees were cut down she was reimbursed but that wasn't the point.

Fred Poss – spoke about the good news that the Eau Claire County Board approved for an extra 65,000 to Eau Claire Lake which will double the amount of money to handle extra costs. He stated they will be able to clean out a lot of sand traps. Trying to create a river district – received 52,000 for initial funding. Will be able have the River as a separate system and not a lake. Now they can also apply for national and international money.

Victor Werlein -He spoke in regards to comprehensive planning and feels it is one sweet way of bringing our township into zoning. Feels (2) board members have issues with sand mines. Don't drag everyone else in it. Advisory panel where does it end. Once their here their here. Only hears of their personal issues. Also did not appreciate receiving a survey about sand mining – would like to know who gave out his address for this.

Carol Peuse – re: citizen's comments She spoke on opening up public comment to people other than residents of Bridge Creek – she feels they have a lot of input to give. Things that she's seeing in talking to people dealing with sand mines – people are concerned that it's only Town of Bridge Creek people – but people that are on the fringe that might be affected feel it's important for them to be able to comment. Please consider in the future with people on borderlines to be able to speak – Hope in the future that the board will look at other people and see what they have to say that aren't living here.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie except to change the word gasoline to gas line. Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)
The financial report was presented. Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

Ricky Strauch brought up comprehensive plan – sees it as a management tool – feels Bridge Creek has a lot of growth. Feels it's a good way to avoid conflicts between neighbors. He feels we can avoid putting a sand mine across from homes. Feels it's not binding – borderline zoning – doesn't see in future – doesn't know if zoning will go away. Younger generations seem to be more accepting. Spoke to Lance Guerney on land preservation. If your not zoned you can't get it. Called West Regional Planning would be public meetings citizen input. Would be nice to spend money on growth area.

Chairman Jeff Gerike stated that a couple months ago the zoning and comprehensive plan was voted down and he doesn't see the need to discuss it any further.

Supervisor Dean Solie stated that in regards to sand mining it is considered another use of agricultural land.

New Business:

Dan Marcheske – sent a letter regarding some nuisance barking dogs. Made calls to everyone with 0 changes. Last Friday 1 ½ hrs of constant barking. Understands their right to own dogs. His kids can't sleep at night. Talked to other neighbors Mike & Julie Bethkes. He got rid of his guinea heads – he got rid of his sheep. Feels everyone is unwilling to work with them. Board asked when the barking occurs the most. Dan stated there is no certain time of day – lately it was about 3:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Thinks it depends on if they are feeding.

Jeff said he would talk to Corey Bauch tomorrow and see what can be done.

Angie Frank letter – Request by Angie Frank that Bartig road be closed down on April 25th from 9-9:30 for the Beaver Bolt as they are adding a bike race during that time. After discussion Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion to approve closing Bartig Road on April 25th. Seconded by Ricky Strauch. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Discuss mining committee usage – Chairman Jeff Gerike stated we're putting things over on to the committee that the board should be doing. Ricky stated we can call upon them in the future if need be. Dean feels haven't done anything wrong. Worked on zoning - did moratorium doesn't feel they have done anything proper. Ricky said if inactive right now what's the difference.

Supervisor Steve Weiss said we don't have any applications at this – doesn't want to disband it they've done a good job with what we needed to have. Lynn said leave it as is if we need them. Chairman Gerike stated at this time we don't need their services unless we receive a new application.

Steve Weiss – stated he hasn't had a chance for looking into an outside source. Spoke with Scott McCurdy and he's looking at an engineer.

Steve Weiss re: engineer – feels it would be a source to utilize working with our township. How it's effecting so that one township isn't bearing all the cost. Blasting standards were set up for wide open ranges up north or Montana. Was never meant to be used where you had properties. So levels were acceptable. But when your talking population feels it's excessive. He stated Politicians; US Senators, US Assembly are willing to take a look at it. Not trying to stop it – was going to be there 30 years now down to 9. Outdated and the body that can do that is our congressman. Community members can take an active roll and call your congressman. Last blast school house shook so bad the kids were crying. Although his neighbors didn't feel anything.

Discussed caucus after discussion - Caucus will be January 10th at 10:00 am

Closed session from 8:44 to 9:10 to discuss road worker wages

Discussed Humane Association Contract – try and have them come next month.

All bills were audited and paid

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie 9:36 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk