

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

Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday April 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order By Ricky Strauch at 7pm.
2. Roll Call: William Jacobs, Duane Ives, Bruce Logterman, Juli Bethke, Elizabeth Pettis, Ricky Strauch. Patrick Bethke arrived at 7:21pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizen Comments: None
5. Approval of the **April 18, 2024** Agenda and Proper Posting
 - a. Duane Ives with the motion to approve the April 18, 2024 Agenda and Proper Posting. William Jacobs with the second. All yes. motion carries.
6. Approval of the Following Minutes:
 - A. March 21, 2024 Minutes
 - i. Duane Ives with the motion to approve the March 21, 2024 minutes, Bruce Logterman with the second. All Yes. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Board asked about the Recycling Center Ad. Clerk will be sending that out on Saturday for posting. It will be in the paper for two weeks.
7. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 3/21/2024 Balances
 - i. Juli Bethke presents the treasurers report on file and available upon request.
 - ii. Shouldering Machine Fairchild Billed for half of the repairs.
 - iii. Bruce Logterman makes the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as Presented and Duane Ives with the second. All yes. Motion Carried.
8. Previous Discussed Business (Discussion, Action, Approval)
 - a. Beaver Trapping Contract Discussion and Action.
 - i. Three people were interested in trapping beavers and will do it for free. Board would like to talk to the people and discuss the commitment this would be.
 - ii. Clerk suggested Dave Wright as he consistently emailed back. But the list does have a couple other names including Tim Michlig and Chuck Rasmussen. A couple others from the Eau Claire County Trapping listed did email back but would charge for the service to the town.
 - iii. Tabled for next month- Contract for zero with the trapper keeping the beaver.
 - b. Road Master and Road Crew training classes and the amount to spend on the trainings Discussion, Action, Approval
 - i. Duane Ives to approve 2,000 dollars for continuing education for Calendar 2024 per employee. Patrick Bethke with the second. All yes. Motion carried.
 - c. GFL Contract-pending for already provide services Discussion and Action

- i. Board was surprised at the length of the contract. They review old bills in comparison to the contract that was received. Duane Ives read a piece of the contract where we can cancel the contract. Board is asking for a year by year contract or locking into a specific price for the ton.
 - ii. Tabled
 - d. Credit Card for the road crew to make small purchases for shop items
Discussion, Approval, and Action
 - i. Board would like to see that credit card come through the bank.
 - ii. Tabled
- 9. New Business (Discussion, Action, Approval)
 - a. Reorganisation of Committee: Discussion, Action, Approval.
 - i. With new elected members from the election we will need to review who sits on which committee's
 - 1. Fire Board Committee- Duane Ives has interest but is worried about the conflict of interest. Clerk asked if the fire department could present to each board instead but according to the bylaws that is not possible at the time. Ricky Strauch stated, he would give it a try. Patrick Bethke will plan for the May meeting. Make appointments for alternates as needed. Patrick Bethke and Duane Ives will be the temporary. Appointment of Lake Association Board: Bruce Logterman with the appointment to the committee.
 - ii. Reorganisation of the Plan Commission
 - 1. The Plan Commission reappointment of people: Fred Poss, Gordie O'Brian, Steve Erdman, Chuck Forseth, Mike Lea, Carol Peuse, Tom Crowe, Christine Yellowthunder, and Alternate as Mike Bethke, Ricky Strauch, William Jacobs.
 - 2. The Amish community was not interested at this time of sitting on the committee but were interested in attending the meeting Carol Peuse was asked about the committee and she pointed out that the maps should have been done by Williams Engineering Services. Chuck Forseth said he thinks that the future map is the only one that is left. It has been four years since we did this process. We have the plan; the map would have to be county enforced. Reviewed every five years. We need to set a schedule of future updates of the maps. Protecting the rural land and the resources of the area. Duane Ives stated- as of today there are no restrictions on solar in the letter to the company that is asking about. Which leads us into the next topic.
 - b. Solar Requirement for Town Discussion Only
 - i. Company wants to put in 15-20 acres of solar panels on a farm. Patrick Bethke shared his views: the solar array will feed the electrical grid. The biggest issues are the green achitive and the restrictions that come with trying to do coal and natural gas. World wants to go electric. Base load to be able to carry a blackout. This company is looking at less useful land- not prime agricultural land.

- c. IT Contract for the New Internet and Ransomware requirement Discussion, Action, Approval.
 - i. Duane Ives makes the motion to accept the Pomplun Enterprises LLC Quote with the Cyber Power removed. Patrick Bethke with the second, All yes. Motion carried.
 - ii. Ransomware Part of the Proposal:
 - 1. Duane Ives makes the motion for the clerk, treasurer, Road master computer to have 75 per a year for Deep Instinct. William Jacobs with the second. All yes. Motion carried.
 - d. Court Prosecution Cost Approval Discussion, Action, Approval.
 - i. The cost to the town is extreme compared to the fine that was given. Anything that would reach the circuit court we would review for the future. What might happen if we don't follow through with this? It is a lot of money either way.
 - ii. **Tabled upon more information** from O "Brian and possible contact to the attorney regarding legal consequences. Possible Special Meeting if the information is needed sooner. Duane Ives asked that the town board be contacted by the court for any cases that reach level three for the board to meet and make a decision on. Duane Ives wants to amend 21.01.08 ordinance at the next meeting pending the outcome of the research. **Tabled for the next meeting.**
 - e. Postal Meter versus purchasing stamps every 6 months Discussion, Action, Approval.
 - i. Tabled
10. Department Heads Reports Discussion Only
- A. Recycling Dept.
 - i. Al said that it was busy. Duane Ives wants to move the money into the general fund to use it for items that are needed for equipment. What is the plan for the future of recycling with the use of the funds? Baler for the cans to make packs. Create a plan for the recycling funds and investing in the recycling funds.
 - ii. Making plans for the fund on hand and the future grow of the community.
 - B. Transportation Dept.
 - i. Self levelling cover on the road. Micro-surfacing (8 to 10 years). Prep work on each road- Starting with Sperber. Board thinks it is worth a try. Contact the Highway commission regarding bids and accepting them. Research on bids and very detailed bids. 7 days before the board acts upon the bids.
 - ii. Asking Scott Kirchoff to attend the Lady Bug Road Creation on Thursdays.
 - C. Monthly Police Report
 - D. Fire Report
 - i. Bruce Logterman gave an update on the sale of the fire brush truck. 25,000 dollars price tag- the board agreed on it going on the surplus sale for the government. The fire board wants to pieces it referring back to the minutes from the joint meeting it was stated it should be sold as a whole unit for the best price.

E. Clerk Report

- i. It has been busy as stated on Tuesday. Lots of Building notifications and Paperwork to be completed. May 4th Office Closed for Clerk has a personal event. Will take appointments after school as normally.

11. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

a. Monthly Meeting

- i. May 16
- ii. June 20
- iii. July 18

12. Adjournment

Patrick Bethke with the motion for adjournment and BruceLogterman with the second. All yes. Motion Carried and adjourned at 9:40 pm.

~ Elizabeth Pettis, Clerk