

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK

S9515 State Road 27

Augusta, WI 54722

Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday December 19, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 7:00 pm by Ricky Strauch.
2. Roll Call: William Jacobs, Duane Ives, Ricky Strauch, Patrick Bethke, Bruce Logterman and Elizabeth Pettis. Absent: Juli Bethke.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizen Comments: None
5. Approval of the **December 19, 2024** Agenda and Proper Posting
 - a. Duane Ives with the motion to approve the December 19, 2024 agenda and proper posting and William Jacobs with the second. All yes. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the Following Minutes: **November 21, 2024**
 - a. Duane Ives with the motion for approval of the November 21, 2024 and Bruce Logterman with the second. All yes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 12/19/2024 Balances
 - a. Patrick Bethke with the motion to approve the financial report as presented by Clerk Pettis and Duane Ives with the second. All yes. Motion Carried.
8. Previous Discussed Business (Discussion, Action, Approval)
 - a. Green Burying- Town Regulations of placing unalive people on parcels Discussion, Action and Approval: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/157>
 - i. It defaults to state statutes. Lady from Minnesota asked about green burying. Discussed it and referred them to State Statutes. The Town Board wants no action on this and doesn't want it brought up again until a person that wants to do this is present at a meeting and is asking to lay a person to rest in a green manner.
 - b. Election Supervisor number and Running at Large Discussion, Action and Approval
 - i. We can move the boundaries to where we want.
 - ii. Duane Ives made comments from the attorney letter that we have one from north of 12 and one from the south of 12. The Chairman was in contact with the Attorney and gave a presentation on what was researched and found out.
 - iii. Put it on the annual meeting to address the lines that will match the supervisor. Number seats would go with the units.
 - iv. A couple board members stated that it would be nice to do at large for all of them at the annual meeting.
 - v. No action will be taken and a discussion at the Annual Meeting in April.
9. New Business (Discussion, Action, Approval)
 - a. Equipment Purchase and Loan to get it Discussion, Action and Approval
 - i. No action taken. Board looked over the bids and stated that it is good research for the future on cost. Clerk stated she was under the impression that we were purchasing a backhoe to replace the one that needed repairs. Scott Kirchoff asked Juli to provide interest rates from the bank. Comments were made that wasn't the case.
 - b. Light bids for the recycling center Discussion, Action and Approval
 - i. Osseo Electric Bid- more detailed list for the bid. Board wasn't impressed with the text message bid that wasn't detailed out.
 - ii. Eau Claire Energy Coop was 2400 and it would be placed on the monthly bill.
 - iii. Additional bids as requested from the board

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- c. Cement Bids for the Shop drain and Recycling Center Discussion, Action and Approval
 - i. Two Bids received from . We talked about it at the November meeting in transportation. Have the bids says they are good for 6 months. Can we separate them out. Can we get new bids in the spring and lock them in then.
 - ii. **TABLED**
- d. Clerk Position Description/New Hire Ad Discussion, Action and Approval
 - i. Hourly wage after Elizabeth Pettis term is over. We budget it at elected positions. Patrick Bethke made some interview questions for all candidates. Appointed wages are set by the Town Board.
 - ii. Next agenda- Approval of the job description
 - iii. Next agenda- Approval of the term set by the Town Board
 - iv. Next agenda- Approval of the salary by the Town Board
 - v. Job descriptions are more detailed than our handbook. Both will be placed on the February agenda.
 - vi. Treasurer is appointed. We need to do the same process for the treasurer as the clerk at the next meeting.
- e. Municipal Code Discussion, Action and Approval
 - i. Made the board aware of the document. That it would be good to have. Board can look at it as needed and add input to it. Clerk Pettis explained what the document was about and why we needed it. It would be a working document to lead us into the future.

10. Department Heads Reports Discussion Only

- a. Recycling Dept.
 - i. Al Reetz says it is good. Mattresses are still coming in a lot. Everyone is charging for them. Place in Eau Claire that takes them as well. Ricky will follow up if there are any free places to take them.
 - ii. A straight blade for the skid steer. Eau Claire Energy purchased one . Board would like to use the recycling fund to pay for it. Scott can look at it and get bids.
- b. Transportation Dept.
 - i. Board Recommends using up the rest of 2024 road fuel budget on prepaid for this year.
- c. Monthly Police Report
 - i. Emailed to Board- no comments made.
- d. Fire Report
 - i. Wayne Williamson will replace the Fire Chief in January 2025.
 - ii. No issuing of paper fire permits. Board would look at that with the fire department. Duane Ives made up 10 years for equipment/ roll road maps.
- e. Clerk Report
 - i. Board requested the budget be sent out every month in the financial report.
 - ii. Google meets for the monthly meeting so people traveling can be present. Duane Ives told Clerk Pettis to look at get it up and running. Clerk Pettis stated it works just fine. We don't have a zoom account anymore, too expensive for the little we use. Nomination Papers are available in the Clerk's Office.

11. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- a. Monthly Meeting
 - i. January 16

12. Comprehensive Plan Meetings

- i. Jan 22

1. A Listening session and Quorum of board may be present. Clerk Pettis will get the message out.

13. Adjournment @ 8:33pm

- a. Duane Ives with the motion to adjourn and Patrick Bethke with the second. All yes. Motion Carried.

~ Elizabeth Pettis, Clerk