

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

Minutes  
ANNUAL MEETING  
April 15, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:30 pm By Ricky Strauch
2. Roll Call: William Jacobs, Jayson Kaeding, Scott Gerike, Katherine Gaulke, Attorney Weld, Ricky Strauch, Elizabeth Pettis, and Juli Bethke. 45 community members- Sign in sheets are filed in the Clerk's Office.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Establish Proper Posting of the Agenda
  - a. Katherine Gaulke made the motion to approve the proper posting of the annual meeting notice, seconded by Jason Gaulke. All yes. Motion Carried.
5. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial Report
  - a. Presented by Treasurer Juli Bethke. Packets were available for the public to take with them.
  - b. Carol Peuse made the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial Report as presented by Juli Bethke. Brian Bertram with the second. All yes. Motion Carried.
6. Permission for the Board to Stay Involved with Quad-County Site
  - a. Brian Bertram with motion for the Town of Bridge Creek Board to stay involved with the Quad-County Site. Kayleen Strauch with the second. All Yes. Motion Carried.
7. Town Board Voting Districts (North/South Representatives), At-Large, Board Seat Supervisors' Numbers: Discussion, Action, and Approval.
  - a. Ricky Strauch presented how this is set up and who representatives.
  - b. Patrick Bethke asked why we would go at large.
  - c. Scott Gerike stated we should have north and south representatives on the board.
  - d. Patrick Bethke stated he wants what is stated on the ordinance of wards and that the board needs to be reviewed. Clerk Pettis stated that it is a Resolution 10-2021.
  - e. Katherine Gaulke stated she would like the attorney to share what these mean for the town.
  - f. Attorney Weld gave a great history from how this came to be and that we had numbers for the seats. We have to be consistent with this. We need it on the record.
  - g. Mark Karow stated the wards are for the state and county not for us. We can be separate.
  - h. Carol Peuse stated that the town has changed over the time since we divided into North and South.
  - i. Terry Rouleau stated farmers and lake residents brought different opinions to the table back in the past.
  - j. Mark Karow made the motion to keep the North and South Divide at the US Hwy 12 and the Chairman will be at large. Terry Rouleau with the second. Jason Gaulke amends the motion for numbered seats Seat 1 and 3 will be respectively North and Seats 2 and 4 from the South. Second by Mark Karow and Terry Rouleau. The official motion is that the Town of Bridge Creek Board will be divided into the North side of US Hwy 12 will have seats 1 and 3 on the town board and the Southside of US Hwy12 will have seats 2 and 4. The chairman will be at large. All yes. Motion Carried.
8. Other Business
  - a. Jeff Gerike asked for the Caucus to come back. Victor Werlein with the second. Attorney Welds that the statute 8.05 stated that there is a process that is set by the state and not by the board. The nomination papers are better because anyone can apply and a better way to do the

business. Other Business is advisory only because it isn't on the agenda. Catherine Lea stated that you have to be present for the Caucus and that limits people being able to run for a seat. Nomination gives you a longer time range. Advisory action item.

- b. Duane Ives stated his opinions regarding the chairman actions and the clerk position. Summary was that he felt that it was an improper process. He has deep concerns regarding the action of the board at that time. Duane Ives requested that the chairman should resign. No additional comments were made.
  - c. Patrick Bethke stated his opinions regarding the special meeting to appoint the clerk and he believes it was shady and shared the history of how the position was appointed. Also requested that the chairman should resign.
  - d. Terry Rouleau questioned the attorney regarding the 59 votes for village powers. The Attorney stated that if Terry Rouleau felt a violation happened then the courts decide; take the issue to the county and the courts could decide it there.
  - e. Mark Karow asked to revisit the class b road ordinance. Reading through it there are nine dead-end roads: Sutton, Henning, Adolf Road, etc. Shortest routes to the location are using the Town roads. Attorney said to bring it to be addressed at the board meeting. Will be put on agenda for Thursday by the clerk. Patrick Bethke stated a recommendation for the board to take action, and we can remove it. Duane Ives brings up the comprehensive plan and education over ordinances. Scott Gerike stated that without protection the road would cost the taxpayers more money. No one wants to pay more in taxes for the roads.
  - f. Gary Lone with the motion to remove the class B after the frost. Glenn Lone with the second. Discussion on remediate the class b ordinance. Patrick Bethke makes the motion to remove the class B. The Vote was completed by voice and couldn't tell the vote. Asked for a hand vote. Lone asked Jayson Kaeding to explain the class b road ordinance. Hand vote- 24 (yes) – 26 (no). The Motion Failed. Class B license on Thursday, April 17, 2025 board agenda.
  - g. Horse shoes ordinance (Road Damage Ordinance 81524). Glenn Lone with the motion to put it back on the agenda for the Thursday Meeting. Terry Rouleau with the second.
9. Set Annual Meeting Date for April of 2026
- a. Jason Gaulke with the motion to set the annual meeting on April 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Brian Bertram with the second. All Yes. Motion Carried.
10. Adjournment @ 7:33pm
- a. Brian Bertram with the motion for adjournment. Bethany Strauch with the second. All Yes. Motion Carried.

~ Elizabeth Pettis, Clerk