

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

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019

7:30 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Ricky Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm

2. Roll Call

Present – Supervisors: Bruce Logterman, Patrick Bethke, Gordie O’Brien, Brian Bertram; Chairman Ricky Strauch, Clerk Kathy Olson, Treasurer Dawn Werlein.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

Dave Spores – Regarding Comprehensive Plan – he asked if township is not doing zoning, do the monies have to be paid back? Patrick Bethke answered no the funding grant monies do not have to be paid back. This had been talked about at a previous meeting.

Cathy Lea – Shared she found the Public Meeting was an interesting meeting. She shared that after the meeting, conversation continued out in the parking lot. They all agreed: that that our township is a safe place to live where we can raise our families; it’s a place of clean air and clean water. It’s a place of meaningful work, a community where all felt it a place where all could represent their values. All citizens want to be treated with respect and have respect for all members and and representatives of the township. Some questions asked were about who might be representing in the Comprehensive Planning project – some wondered or felt that the ordinances were leading to zoning, which would impact their livelihood. Finally areas of disagreement: Felt Board does not represent entire, diverse community with a few feeling that some of the ordinances were heavy-handed ordinances. There is need to gain understanding of what the Board does for us. All want a process of compromise in order for process to work for all. With understanding most would be in favor of the Comprehensive Planning.

5. Brian Bertram to Present Proper Conduct and Etiquette at Town Meetings

Brian stated he lives on Haycreek Road and shared that he is speaking only for himself (3 minutes) – He addressed the subject of zoning (plus ordinances) and the misconception of them, as it with township citizens’ accusations and myths that were not true. Facts need to be researched and dealt with through understanding. If you don’t understand, ask. The Board has repeatedly stated their availability regarding any questions you might have in order to become knowledgeable of facts. Facts need to be understood. The lack of knowledge proved to play out in a negative situation, resulting in the inability to govern this township by people voted in. Finally, Brian addressed the increasing interruptions during the monthly meetings. He reminded members of those in attendance that the agenda items are not intended to be debated by anyone other than the elected Board. These interruptions are rude and disrespectful to Board and guest speakers, etc. Brian would like to ask the Chairman to remove people who continually interrupt or are disrespectful in this way.

6. Approve Agenda and Proper Posting

A motion was made by Gordie O’Brien with a second by Patrick Bethke to approve agenda and proper posting. All “Ayes”. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Minutes

A. 5-13-19 Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Motion by Patrick Bethke with a second by Bruce Logterman to approve 5-13-19 Public Hearing Meeting. All “Ayes”. Motion carried.

- B. 5-16-19 Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Brian Bertram. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
- C. 5-23-19 Board of Review Minutes
Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve 5-23-19 Board of Review Minutes. Patrick Bethke seconded motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
- D. 6-11-19 Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Motion by Patrick Bethke with a second by Brian Bertram to approve 6-11-19 Public Hearing Minutes. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
- 8. Financial Report (Ending 5-31-19)
Treasurer Dawn Werlein presented financial report ending 5-31-19. Motion by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Bruce Logterman to approve financial report as presented. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
- 9. Old Business
 - A. Comprehensive Planning
TABLE – work in process
 - B. Department Reports
 - 1. Recycling Center
Cindy Bohl - We have two dumpsters for trash. Will keep track of monies received vs cost of dumpsters. Scott Kirchoff will check on charges.
 - 2. Road/Maintenance
Scott Kirchoff shared that were no bids received for road repair ad. Scott Kirchoff shared new mower is working well. Scott has been working on road shoulders.
 - C. Further Discussion/Approval of Recycling Bids
Walters Builders and Hoffman were in attendance. Bertrang Roofing not present.
Gordie O'Brien asked about warranty coverage and brought up the discrepancy in price bids. Steve (Walters Building) stated that warranty included in bid: Normal steel warranty 35 yrs. 50 yr warranty on pole.
Curt at Lamperts did the blue print for both Hoffman Construction and Bertrang Roofing. Ryan Hoffman stated steel 45 year warranty and posts 60 year warranty. He would come back if any issues. He also stated is would take him 5 working days from start to finish. Gordie O'Brien asked if discounts/bid because past June 1 would still be good. Ryan Hoffman said yes. Bruce Logterman asked about what recycling account really holds since transfer hadn't been made. Wants to know monies available in recycling account. Clerk will have that information for next meeting. Patrick Bethke would like to table this decision until they are sure we are financially stable. Gordie O'Brien made a motion to table until next meeting. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
- 10. New Business
 - A. Approve CDBG-PLNG Application and Associated Resolutions
Kelly Jacobs gave summary of each of the following and directed what needs to be done before each motion was made.
 - 1. Citizen Participation Certification
Motion by Patrick Bethke with a second by Gordie O'Brien to approve Citizen Participation Certification. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
 - 2. Authorizing Resolution to Commit Match Fund
Kelly Jacobs asked that a financial budget showing monies set aside for Comprehensive Planning Project. Motion by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Patrick Bethke to authorize resolution to commit match fund monies. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
 - 3. Potential Fair Housing Actions
(Kelly Jacobs shared that 3 of the listed items need to be selected and followed through for purpose of grant. Gordie O'Brien recommended numbers 1, 5 and 7 be chosen. Brian Bertram seconded that recommendation. All "Ayes". Motion carried.
 - 4. Authorizing Resolutions
Kelly Jacobs stated the Authorizing Resolution needs to "officially" authorized and adopted by Town of Bridge Creek in order to apply for the grant. Gordie O'Brien made a

motion to adopt the Authorizing Resolution. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

5. Statement of Assurances

Kelly Jacobs stated that the chairman and clerk need to sign – recommend completed initial taken all steps complied with public housing and a variety of 16 items on list. Kelly will monitor/oversee. Supervisors are comfortable with chairman and clerk signing documents..

6. Lobbying Certification from the Municipality (Not going to be lobbyist)

Kelly Jacobs explained this document was to state that the Town of Bridge Creek will not campaign for more monies. No conflict of interest. Chairman and Clerk to sign.

B. Approve/Hire Road Patrol Person

2 candidates interviewed by Supervisors Bruce Logterman and Brian Bertram along with Road Master Patrol Scott Kirchoff. A third applicant did not return their call for interview. Bruce Logterman made motion to hire Dusty Bergman for the road patrol position because he had all qualifications that were asked for, except for snow plowing and grading, which he can be trained on. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

C. Liquor License Approval

1. **Augusta Area Sportsmen's** – Class "B" (Beer Only) License
2. **Beaver Bowl** - Class "B" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor License
3. **Edelweiss International LLC** – Class "B" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor License
4. **Judy's 360** – Class "B" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor License
5. **Trail's Edge Saloon LLC** – Class "B" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor License
6. **Troy's Gas and Grub** - Class "A" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor License

Motion by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Brian Bertram to approve listed Liquor License. All "Ayes". Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding the responsibility of those applying for liquor and operator licenses. Clerk had to contact some several times before paperwork was completed. Gordie O'Brien stated that is not the township/clerk's responsibility to drive to collect the paperwork – it is the establishment's responsibility to mail in or make appointment to stop by hall with paperwork along and check. This will be stated clearly in next year's letter to establishments.

D. Cigarette License Approval

1. **Troy's Gas and Grub** – Cigarette License

Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve cigarette license for Troy's Gas & Grub. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

E. Discussion of Resolution to Change Building Notifications to Eau Claire County

Approve Building Permits

Patrick Bethke had a meeting with the County Planning and Development . This meeting took in order to see what County would do for building permits, etc. since Powers had been taken away from Town of Bridge Creek. The County would deal with the new dwelling applications. The application we use has been referred to as a building permit application. This will have to be reworked to show more clarification, as actually the only purpose we use this application is strictly for assessment purposes only. If there are applications for commercial building purposes. Depending on State regulations, County would have to contact them under certain requirements. Township would be notified of application approvals. Patrick and Planning and Development discussed different requirements regarding new dwellings, specifically cattle dwellings, having to take into consideration of issues of creek water navigation; commercial/business building falling 50,000 cub feet or more are required of specifics from State level. He also shared that it is the builder's responsibility get the permits.

Patrick also shared that because the Bridge Creek Township chose to remain silent (back in 2004) regarding a Comp Plan, we (township) got thrown into a whole different situation with the County because of State requirements. Hopefully we are not too late with going forward with a new Comprehensive Plan. If we chose to remain silent, we are going to see in a few years the State step in. It is vital that we have a plan to self-regulate – Eau Claire County will

enforce the UDC code requirements. We have to adopt a resolution to allow the County to support our township so the State won't step in. It doesn't matter that we are unzoned, it is necessary to have a resolution in place to allow the county to enforce UDC to new residential. A sample resolution will be sent to Attorney Schaumberg to look at for adopting. Then the County has to accept resolution at their County Board Meeting not until December – no cost. Gordie O'Brien asked if they would come to a meeting. We should look at having our resolution signed by September or October. Tools for this are available on Eau Claire County web site (would need name and password – click on township). **TABLE for July.**

Approve building permits.

1. Scott Gerike
2. Joseph & Esther Yoder
3. Freeman Miller
4. Jonas E. Borntreger
5. Neil J. Gingerich
6. John C. Borntreger
7. Freeman Kurtz (2 permits)
8. Steven Sobotta

Chairman Ricky Strauch shared he attended a County Meeting on Tuesday of this week regarding Eau Claire County adoption of new farmland livestock preservation changes regarding animal livestock (large or small) that were passed along with Erosion requirements regarding water nitrates and proximity to water. farmland were passed (Ricky) Erosion nitrate proximity to water.

- F. Move to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose is to discuss employee wage and benefit Issues.

Gordie O'Brien made a motion to convene into closed session at 9:19 pm. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

- G. Reconvene into Open Session For Discussion/Approval

Gordie O'Brien made a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 10:00 pm for discussion/approval of road patrol compensation and compensation for Ron Bohl, second recycling attendant. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Employment wage and benefit discussion/approval: Dusty Bergman will begin his new duties as of July 1, 2019 with a wage of \$22.00 per hour. vacation time would be available as follows: 1 week after 6 months; 2 weeks after 4 years through 6 years; 3 weeks at 7 years through 10 years; 4 weeks after 10 years. 40 hours of sick leave would be available each year (with 5 days for first 6 months of hire). Plus Holiday pay. \$25.00 per diem for head departments in attendance of board meetings.

Ron Bohl will receive compensation at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

Bruce Logterman made a motion to approve new hire wage and benefit as stated. Brian Bertram seconded motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

11. Approval of Expenses/Payments
12. Upcoming Meetings and Other Events
- A. July 18, 2019
13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Bruce Logterman to adjourn at 10:47 pm. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Kathy Olson, Clerk