

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

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2019

7:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
Chairman Ricky Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Roll Call
Present – Supervisors: Bruce Logterman, Patrick Bethke, Gordie O’Brien, Brian Bertram; Chairman Ricky Strauch, Clerk Kathy Olson and Treasurer Dawn Werlein
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
Evelyn Thaler - lives on Channey Road. Evelyn’s concern is if the Comprehensive Plan goes through, and land around their residential area changes to ag land, forestry, hunting or whatever, if they were to sell their land, would that affect how their residential is going to be “rezoned” into something else. And if they were to sell, would it affect how their land is defined? Ricky Strauch stated that citizen comments are not usually answered by Board as a citizen comment is not to be for conversation. But he answered by stating that they would be grandfathered in. Evelyn asked if they were to sell, would new residents be grandfathered in also? Ricky Strauch stated that “yes they would be”.
5. Acknowledgment of Agenda and Proper Posting
Gordie O’Brien stated that the Agenda had two “4’s” in the numbering.
Patrick Bethke made a motion to approve the acknowledgment and proper posting with noted correction. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All “Ayes”. Motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes
A. June 20, 2019
Patrick Bethke and Gordie O’Brien noted several corrections to 6-20-19 Minutes
Gordie O’Brien made a motion to approve 6-20-19 Minutes with corrections stated.
Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All “Ayes”. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Financial Report Ending 6-30-19
Treasurer Dawn Werlein presented Financial Report ending 6-30-19. She made note that all monies had been transferred from recycling center account for payments made, back into general account where all transactions take place. Attachments were given to each board member with those transfer amounts. Bruce Logterman made a statement about monies left in the recycling account. Gordie O’Brien approved Financial Report presented. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All “Ayes”. Motion carried.
8. Old Business
A. Road Repair Bids
Chairman Ricky Strauch opened road repair bids. Three bids: Scott’s Construction, Senn Blacktop and Monarch Paving submitted bids.

Patrick Bethke voiced his concern about the need to pave 1.2 miles on Witte Road. He wondered if it would be worth because of horse/buggy use on that road. Scott Kirchoff said he looked at it for snow plowing purposes, etc. Gordie O'Brien stated he doesn't see a benefit of paving Witte Road, and doesn't see any future change of use on that road. Kelly Road is high maintenance road – Patrick Bethke asked if low area on that road is ok. Scott Kirchoff replied yes, it has had more gravel added to maintain it. Patrick Bethke asked about the soft spots on Windmill Valley. Scott estimated gravel at \$16,250 for maintenance of that road.

Scott's Construction, Inc.'s bid is \$15,626 for chip sealing Von Haden Road (from Hiltz Road to Stinsen Road). Motion by Patrick Bethke with second by Brian Bertram to accept Scott's Construction of those two roads. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Senn Blacktop, Inc.'s bid is \$420,342 for 3.259 miles of Kelly Road and 1.195 miles of Witte Road. After much discussion, it was decided to not asphalt pave Witte road and to reduce Kelly Road's paving to 2.5 miles. New bid amount adjustment would be around \$231,000. 235,600.

Motion by Patrick Bethke, with a second by Brian Bertram to accept Senn Blacktop bids for road repair with changes to the bids. Voice vote: Bruce Logterman - "yes", Patrick Bethke - "yes", Gordie O'Brien - "yes", Brian Bertram - "yes". Motion carried.

B. Comprehensive Planning

1. Plan Commission Appointment
2. Accept Grant Award
3. Rebid the Comprehensive Plan Development Project

Chairman Ricky Strauch made a statement that if not accepted, we will have to send out to rebid. **TABLE**

- a. Approve RFP Announcement – will wait until August.

Chairman Ricky Strauch stated again that until we know in August whether approved or not, we will **TABLE ALL these Comprehensive Planning** items.

When finalized, we will then entertain new members for the Community Planning Committee.

C. Recycling Center Building Projects Discussion/Possible Approval

Bruce Logterman stated that the bid of \$5,800 does not include electrical, only materials and labor for the little room. Travis Electric to do electrical. Discussion of the recycling center regarding the both parts of the project – heating room and bin overhead. Brian Bertram made a motion, with a second by Gordie O'Brien, to approved Hoffman's bid of \$18,483.11 for both parts of recycling project. (Gordie O'Brien added to try not take additional monies from an established CD.) Patrick Bethke, Gordie O'Brien and Brian Bertram voted "Aye" for approval; Bruce Logterman abstained. Motion carried.

9. New Business

A. Dog License Increase (Eau Claire County)

Treasurer Dawn Werlein received a letter from Eau Claire County regarding dog licensing fee increases. She also stated that we make minimal on our charges. The increases: \$1.00 for Neutered Male/Spayed Female, \$2.00 for unneutered male/unspayed female. These increaseds would be effective in December of this year. We will post this information on real estate tax statement. Gordie O'Brien

made a motion to increase township's dog licensing fees due to Eau Claire County increase. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All "Ayes".

B. Rural Insurance Renewal TABLE

C. Building Notification Application

1. Discussion/Suggestion for Application Changes

Patrick Bethke is working on adjusting the Building Notification Application— He said we will need to make everything required to be made clear on this application to meeting county requirements regarding UDC coding, etc. Patrick also stated that these applications need to be posted at the end of the driveway, that way if a call comes in regarding any questions about any of those new building sites, that application tells us it was received. Also these applications need to be received "before" building begins. Ricky Strauch reiterated that these applications be noted of receipt of application only – that "we" are not approving any building permits as he feels that "approving" such applications can lead to misinterpretation and can be a stumbling block for township. The main purpose of this application is for assessment purposes only. TABLE until next month.

2. Building Notifications Approval

(Chairman Ricky Strauch would like that we just state that we are in receipt of this application, that we are not approving application for building permit purposes. We are ONLY using this application for assessment purposes.)

Those notification applications received (with payment):

(a) John D. Gingrich - S10710 Stinsen Rd, Augusta
24' X 60' barn

(b) Clement A. Borntreger presented notification to build new school: "MYSTIC MEADOW SCHOOL". One acre of Joseph Borntreger (E20120 Solie Road) land will be used for this school site. Will need new fire number. School house will be 24' X 40' and is 100 feet from edge of road and wood shed will be 12' X 24' and is 62 feet from edge of road.

(c) Eli H. Borntreger, E22222 Cty Rd RR, Augusta.
Wood tool storage privy sealed vault: 12' X 20'

10. Department Head Reports

A. Recycling Center

Cindy Bohl stated that "All is good". Board supervisors commended them for their hard work.

B. Road/Maintenance

Scott Kirchoff shared that Dusty Bergman is doing exceptional work. Brian Bertram shared with Scott that Eau Claire County is holding snow plowing training and that Scott could reach out to the County to attend this training. Gordie O'Brien asked Scott if they were still putting in driveways for people. Scott Kirchoff that yes they do for new builds. Otherwise, they have to pay for culverts. They get billed for a culvert order through township. Bruce Logterman asked if township puts in culverts on county roads which Ricky Strauch replied that the county takes care of these – we do not.

11. Approval of Expenses

Questions arose (Gordie O'Brien) regarding recycling invoices which led to questions about salvage scrap metal. Next month Agenda: Scrap metal discussion

12. Upcoming Meetings or Other Events

A. August 15, 2019

Brian Bertram shared that the largest steam engine (which has been rebuilt) will be coming through Augusta on Wednesday, July 24th around 8:30 a.m. The engine is leaving Altoona at 8:00 a.m.

The City of Augusta is having a comprehensive plan regarding Town of Bridge Creek and City of Augusta's extra-territorial. They are wondering if 3 board members would serve on that committee. It was stated that 2 members would not require posting for such meetings.

13. Adjournment

Gordie O'Brien along with a second by Bruce Logterman to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

~ Kathy Olson, Clerk