

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

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2019
7:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment

Terry Rouleau – asked the board for a formal request under Freedom of Information Act to obtain any and/or all written correspondence related to State of WI Sawmills. He would like a response within 15 days.

5. Rachael Manning – United States Census Bureau
- A. Update Census

Rachel Manning shared she is a Partnership Specialist for counties of Eau Claire, Dunn and Pepin. She shared that the national census is done every 10 years – next one is April 2020. She shared the importance of census: It's about fair representation used for reapportion the House of Representatives, The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years; It's about redistricting in the state for populations shifts; It's for the use distribution of federal grant funds which is money spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital program; And because it is mandatory, it's a way of participating in our democracy to be counted. Evalyn Thaler (Community member) asked about privacy. Rachel noted that everyone's privacy is protected as it is against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release any interest that could identify you or your household. It is Cyber secured per Title 13 protection. And by law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other governmental agency. The 2020 Census is easier than ever as with less questions and you are able to either go online or mail in to the required census. She also explained a little about how to count young children when they have split times between two homes, etc. Rachel Manning also made note that there will be Infield canvassing operations going between August and October – so if you see people walking around, they are Census workers. They will identify themselves -can contact law enforcement as they will be informed by agencies to make them aware, they will have a photo of themselves and badge numbers. You can go online under Census.gov to verify their name.

- B. Census Jobs

Rachel Manning shared that fliers for census jobs will be left at the Town of Bridge Creek Hall for those interested. You can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs, or phone in, or fill out paperwork to mail in. It offers great pay, flexible hours and weekly pay with paid training.

Once Census is mailed out – you can fill it out online or mail in. If ignored, there will be five (5) invites/reminders. If not responding, someone may knock on your door to help. She pleaded “not to ignore” as it is very important that everyone be counted.

6. Acknowledgment of Agenda and Proper Posting

Gordie O’Brien made a motion to approve acknowledgment of agenda and proper posting. Seconded by Brian Bertram. All “Yes”. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Minutes

A. July 18, 2019

Gordie O’Brien made a motion to approve July 18, 2019. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All “yes”. Motion carried.

8. Treasurer’s Financial Report Ending 7-31-19

Treasurer Dawn Werlein presented the financial report ending 7-31-19. It was asked what is the CD interest rate with town of Fairchild. Dawn Werlein stated that we will check into that. Patrick Bethke made a motion with a second by Bruce Logterman to approve financial report as presented. All “Yes”. Motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. Comprehensive Planning

1) Plan Commission Appointment (Table until grant received)

2) Accept Grant Award (Tabled until we receive official letter)

3) Rebid the Comprehensive Plan Development Project

a. Approve RFP Announcement

Discussion on Administrative part of grant that will be contracted out.

Because of the additional cost to the original application sent to State of WI for approval, a bid needs to be sent out to separately for that administrative cost and be sent to be included in that grant cost. Bids will be put in paper (Augusta Area Times and Ad-Delite). Gordie O’Brien made a motion to open bids for Administrative portion of grant. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All “Yes”. Motion carried.

B. Building Notification Application Revision

The Building Notification Application is going to ONLY be reviewed and acknowledged for a receipt of the building application. A receipt will be issued for payment of Building Notification. These will no longer be “approved” at the meetings, but ONLY acknowledged that the Township is in receipt of the Building Applications and payment. The Township Board wants to make clear that it is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure that the shore land flood plains, wet lands, manure storage, etc. have been cleared through Eau Claire County. Once these applications are received, a copy of the application along with a copy of the receipt will be copied onto colored card stock and given to the applicant which will be required to be posted at the end of your driveway.

10. New Business

A. Scrap Metal Discussion

The scrap metal pod at the recycling center accumulates with scrap metal and will be picked up at no cost to us. The Township will not receive monies for the salvage.

B. Discussion Regarding:

1) Road Right Away

Chairman Ricky Strauch stated that the setback for fence line is 33 feet from the road center line. This includes machinery and such also – 33 feet from the road center line.

2) Building Setback

Required to be additional 50 feet back from fence line totaling 83 feet back from center line. It's becoming a chronic problem in our township with where fencing, machinery, buildings, etc. where they are being placed in our township. If fences, buildings and such are being put/built on county or state roads, those need to be applied for through the county and state levels as those may vary according to taxation description of whether its Ag land, residential, commercial, etc. Gordie O'Brien stated that he would like attorney to voice opinion on this.

3) Driveway Setback Clarification

If driveways are applied for, if those are on a county or state road, those will need be applied for through the county and state. If on township roads, we will address and put in culverts, etc.

C. Temporary Class B Retailers License for American Legion Post 291

1) September 16, 2019 (Legion 10 Conference) September 21, 2019

2) October 26, 2019 (Annual Steak Feed Fundraiser)

The date for the American Legion Conference, as originally stated on application, was questioned. It's suppose to be September 21, 2019, not September 16, 2019.

Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve requested American Legion temporary class B retailers license with "correct date". Seconded by Patrick Bethke. All "Yes". Motion carried.

3) Operator's (Alcohol) Servers License Approval

(Mike Peuse – Trails Edge) Temporary license

Patrick Bethke made a motion to approve temporary operator's license for serving alcohol (at Trails Edge) to Mike Peuse. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.

11. Department Head Reports

A. Recycling Center

Cindy Bohl shared that it is has been busy.

Bruce Logterman shared that there is a change to the recycling project as they will be using a different type of truss – a cable ended truss which will cost approximately \$400 in material and labor for \$350 totaling \$750. Structure itself is about 30 feet north of existing bldg. Scott Kirchoff would need to put in 6 inch fill on one side. Ricky Strauch suggested to approve up to \$800 for changes. Motion was made by Patrick Bethke with a second by Gordie O'Brien to approve. All "Yes". Motion carried.

B. Road/Maintenance

1) October 7, 2019 – Winter Maintenance Training at CVTC

-The Board suggested that Scott Kirchoff and Dusty Bergman attend the 4-hr training at CVTC on October 7,2019.

-Scott Kirchoff shared that \$1000 Rear tires are needed on back the backhoe and Mack truck would need new tires too, before winter. He has asked Steve Goss for

a quote on the cost for those. The truck has 45,000 miles on it. The Sterling had a bad injector.

-Scott Kirchoff shared that Dale Kirchoff had City's street project crew came back to grade land as was discussed when they asked if they could drop cement out in our township and grind up. Scott shared that he and Dusty will seed down. Scott shared he was a very descent person to work with on this.

-Patrick Bethke shared that it's pretty quiet at Fire Department meetings. He reported they are financially doing well. There are some grant monies that will help replace fire equip. "Fire House Subs" has donated a few thousand dollars.

12. Approval of Expenses

13. Upcoming Meetings or Other Events

A. September 19, 2019

14. Adjournment

Bruce Logterman made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.

Kathy Olson, Clerk