

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

**MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 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, Brian Bertram; Chairman Ricky Strauch, Clerk Kathy Olson. Absent: Supervisor Gordie O'Brien and Treasurer Dawn Werlein
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment  
(None)
5. Acknowledgment of Agenda and Proper Posting  
Patrick Bethke made a motion to approve acknowledgment and proper posting of the 9-19-19 Agenda. Second by Bruce Logterman. All "Yes". Motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes
  - A. August 15, 2019  
Brian Bertram made a motion to approve August 15, 2019 Minutes. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 8-31-19  
Kathy Olson read the 8-31-19 Treasurer's Financial Report, adding that transfers were up-to-date with recycling center. Patrick Bethke made a motion to approve 8-31-19 Financial Report as presented. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.
8. Old Business
  - A. Comprehensive Planning
    - 1) Accept Grant Award  
Ricky Strauch shared that the CDBG-BLDG Grant had been approved by the State of WI. Brian Bertram made a motion to accept the CDBG-BLDG Grant awarded by State of Wisconsin. \$36,515 CDBG Awarded Amount. We need to match \$17,985 (total \$54,500) Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.
    - 2) Plan Commission Appointment (Add next agenda)  
Now that the CDBG Grant Award has been approved, Ricky Strauch asked to have a public notice placed in the paper for people to apply if interested in being an "alternate" committee member during the Comprehensive Plan Public Meetings. Since committee members had already been established for the original grant request, we will double-check with them to make sure they are still interested in being on this committee.

### 3) Possible Approval/Discussion Regarding Change of Plans: Bids for Comprehensive Plan Development Project (Administrative)

Kathy Olson had been in touch with Miriam Anderson, Dept. of Administration-State of Wisconsin, regarding a required administrative grant meeting. Miriam shared that there is very little administrative reporting for a Comprehensive (only) Planning Grant. Kathy Olson reached out to Chairman Ricky Strauch with the information and it was decided to bring back to the next board meeting with discussion and approval to forego obtaining administrative bids for administering the grant. Patrick Bethke made a motion to rescind the original approval/motion of August 15, 2019 Minutes item 9(A)(3) Rebid Comprehensive Planning Development Project (in which Gordie O'Brien made a motion to open bids for the administrative portion of the grant, which was seconded by Patrick Bethke). Brian Bertram seconded to rescind this original motion. All "Yes". Motion carried. Patrick Bethke then made a motion to approve Township Clerk, Kathy Olson, with the help/support of Supervisor Brian Bertram, to process the administrative portions of the grant. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.

#### B. Recycling Building/Remodel Project Discussion/Approval

Bruce Logterman stated that the Recycling Building Project is in a spin because the building project should have been classified/approved as commercial. Lamperts didn't draw up a proper plan according to the "commercial" requirement of the building project. Therefore, Eau Claire County rejected everything. Because the County's Inspection Field Engineer shared that the building design needs to have a 6 foot by 2-foot hole dug and footing (cement poured) for the structure to be placed on, the original contractor bid approved will be much costlier and not correct. The estimated cost to the job for machine to dig those holes would be \$500 per day and would take two days to do so. Additional labor cost would be \$3,500 to \$4,000 or more. Patrick Bethke asked if we could pour footings and used brackets to anchor the poles. Bruce Logterman stated "no, because we still have to use caissons". As long as it is considered a commercial building, it should be bid through pole barn companies. Walter's bid was \$34,000. But the Public has to be involved for that type of approval for building. Bruce also shared that there were grant monies available last spring, however, there was insufficient time to pull together bids, etc. So perhaps we can see if more grant monies would be available and go through that process in order to build.

Heated room: there will be no loft. Bruce Logterman shared that additional door and window for that room would be needed. Brian Bertram suggested we wait until spring to look at the project. Patrick Bethke made a motion to rescind the motions made at the 7-18-19 and 8-15-19 Board Meetings. The original 7-18-19 item 8(C) approval of Hoffman's bid of 18,483.11 for both parts of the recycling project which Brian Bertram made a motion with a second by Gordie O'Brien to accept Hoffman bid; and the 8-15-19 item #11 motion by Patrick Bethke with a second by Gordie O'Brien to approve up to \$800 for changes need to be rescinded. A second was made by Brian Bertram to rescind those motions. All "Yes". Motion carried. Bruce Logterman will have Hoffman Construction firm up cost of 16' X 8' warming room with needed changes. Bruce will meet with Cindy Bohl. **Will bring forth to next month's meeting.**

#### C. Building Notification Application Revision Discussion/Approval

Patrick Bethke has revised Building Notification to add additional required information. He will tweak it and it will be ready. Patrick added that he would still like to see the colored card stock posters be issued which will be required to be posted at the end of the driveway.

Ricky Strauch attended a land of conservation meeting with Greg Leonard of the Planning and Development. Clerk should send Building Notification copies to both Greg and Jerod.

D. Broadband Discussion

Ricky Strauch shared that this item had been on an earlier agenda. He wanted to revisit it to make sure it was talked about. Patrick Bethke said not to look into as it would take about 15 years to have a pay back. He said it's nothing that the township should get involved in.

9. New Business

A. Rural Insurance Review – Stacey Miller

(Stacey added to above (D) conversation saying that 5G coming pretty quick - burying cable.)

Stacey Miller stated that the main building is presently covered for \$695,301. Recycling building is covered for \$96,870. (Blanket building coverage totals \$792,171. Stacey Miller had a discussion regarding the salt shed – concerns with a winter like last year. Patrick Bethke asked if we are covered for collapse (of snow) – Stacey answered yes, with exception to questioning salt shed. Perhaps we could gather some information from the company with proof that it is engineered to withstand the elements. Scott Kirchoff stated he would give the company a call. If sufficient information stating salt shed is able to withstand those situations, it could be presented in underwriting special coverage back on it - \$77,616 coverage would be sufficient replacement cost. Stacey stated the blanket personal property is insured for \$45,000 with a \$1000 deductible. He asked about board bonding, or just treasurer, clerk, etc. Stacey also covered the equipment and vehicles policy and asked if parts (grader blades, etc.) are all updated. Scott Kirchoff will put a list together of equipment on truck so we make sure those items are covered. Carol Peuse raised her hand to ask about fraud insurance, etc. with concern of computers now days. Stacey Miller said there is Cyber Coverage in our policy. He also shared there is liability coverage for all everyone on the board and employed by Town of Bridge Creek. If an accident happened while any member is attending a meeting, etc. there is liability coverage.

B. Building Notification Applications Received and Acknowledged

- 1) Jake R. Gingerich
- 2) Eddie & Barbara Gingerich
- 3) Benjamin Borntrager
- 4) Edward Borntrager
- 5) Henry Hochstelter

10. Department Reports

A. Recycling Center

Cindy Bohl shared that everything is going well. She did ask if aluminum cans could be collected in something other than boxes because they get moldy. Bruce Logterman suggested that if we could find an old trailer and build sides up then

we'd just have to hook up and take to recycling. Cindy said they usually fill up 1 ½ boxes each weekend. Will look into what can be done.

B. Road/Maintenance

Scott Kirchoff shared that the Sterling is still acting up - it needs an injector and would cost about \$2,000 to fix - smokes really bad. Patrick Bethke suggested to check with D&H – Scott will check.

C. Constable

Scott Gerike reported he issued a citation to a person living on Hay Creek Road. Scott stopped to ask the owner of a pony that was tied in a ditch to remove it from the road right-of-way. He gave him several verbal warnings. The owner refused and moved it to another location in the road right-of-way. So, he issued a citation. The county and local township gives 24 hours to comply, if they do not comply, they will issue a second citation. Also, someone living on Hay Creek and Brunzil roads contacted Eau Claire County regarding putting in a driveway. The driveway was not installed on the county road, but west on Brunzil Road which is a township road. Patrick Bethke stated that township driveway requests need to come to the Bridge Creek Board because roads are all different and the Board needs to approve where they are going to be located for safety and coding reasons.

D. Board Members/Board

Patrick Bethke attended a fire department meeting. They are doing some landscaping in front of the building. They reported they had 6 fires: 2 in Bridge Creek, 1 in Fall Creek, 1 Fairchild and 2 in the City of Augusta. Brian Bertram also shared that the fire department would be practicing “active shooters” at the Augusta Schools on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Patrick also reported that the Fire Dept. had not received their 2% Fire Dues. Clerk Kathy Olson will look into that. Ricky Strauch reported that he and Clerk Kathy Olson had attended the last Eau Claire County Comprehensive Planning Meeting. The meeting was addressed regarding windfarms and how there are companies stepping up to invest in these. So Eau Claire County is going to look into this. It was an interesting meeting.

11. Approval of Expenses

12. Upcoming Meetings or Other Events

A. October 17, 2019

It was made mention that the Budget Hearing Meeting would be coming up in November also. (Usually right before the regular November meeting.)

13. Adjournment

Brian Bertram made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All “Yes”. Motion carried.

~ Kathy Olson, Clerk