

7173 Due to concerns regarding the COVID-19, the Public is encouraged to refrain from attending. If you are ill, have a fever or have family members that are ill, we ask that you not attend the meeting for the health and safety of everyone concerned. ~ Thank you~

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

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, July 16, 2020 – 7:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order  
Chairman Ricky Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
2. Roll Call  
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. Approval of Agenda and Proper Posting  
Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approval agenda and its proper posting. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "yes". Motion carried.
5. Approval of June 18, 2020 Minutes  
Brian Bertram made a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 minutes. A second was made by Bruce Logterman. All "Yes". Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 06-30-2020  
Treasurer Dawn Werlein presented the 6-30-2020 Financial Report. Next year will be the last payment for the Mack truck. Patrick Bethke made a motion to approve financial report as presented. Gordie O'Brien made a second to the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.
7. Old Business
  - A. Associated Appraisal Contracts for Revaluation of all Taxable Real Estate in the Town of Bridge Creek is set for Assessment next year (2021) Contract Approval  
Discussion of how Amish property can reduce in assessment once they purchase. Other concerns were voiced. Gordie O'Brien made a motion to TABLE the approval of contract. Patrick Bethke made a second to the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.
  - B. Township Website Update/Approval  
Both Kathy Olson and Dawn Werlein have reached out to web design JB Design out of Eau Claire. No return calls. Dawn will reach out again. Kathy Olson will search others. Motion by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Patrick Bethke to TABLE. All "Yes". Motion carried.
8. New Business
  - A. Hi-Crush Sand Mining Filing Chapter 11 Update  
Ron Rogness was a representative for Hi-Crush. He stated that he may not be able to answer all questions because of filing Chapter 11 (Hi-Crush will reduce debt and improve competitive position). Ron Rogness stated that they have reached about a 94 % agreement to restructure/turn equity into company. Land permits and reclaiming are up to date. Partial reclamation - will be talking to Eau Claire County as there is still some necessary work that needs to be completed. Ben Bublitz (E.C. County Planning & Develop) stated all was up to date. Patrick Bethke asked if the contracts will remain the same with those lands purchased from; and the reply was nothing changes. Gordie O'Brien asked if they've considered using their facilities for other options. Ron stated that all options are on the table as their intent is to stay in business. If other options could be used, they realize they will need approval by Bridge Creek. Patrick Bethke asked that they keep township in loop as much as you can. Gordie O'Brien would like township to be informed first hand as we want to hear it from them before it hits the paper. Patrick stated he had heard (via Eau Claire Energy) 3 weeks ago about Hi-Crush filing for Chapter 11.being.

Ricky Strauch asked Ben if he had anything to add to the discussion. He said not at this point. Ricky thanked him for attending the meeting.

B. Set Date for Annual Meeting

Patrick Bethke stated to make sure notice in paper stated "masks required" along with photo ID. Planning on holding meeting outside using a podium and microphone. Gordie O'Brien brought up that people could vote from cars if necessary. Bruce Logterman stated to screen voters for body temperature using infrared thermometers. Gordie O'Brien suggested a date of August 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Patrick Bethke made a motion to set the Annual Meeting for August 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Brian Bertram made a second to the motion. All "Yes" Motion carries.

C. Township Hall Cleaning Position/Approval

Motion to open for cleaning service or interested person to clean the hall. Patrick Bethke made a motion for Clerk Kathy Olson to find someone to hire for position. Gordie O'Brien made a second on the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.

D. Gutter Bids for Hall with Possible Approval

Scott said he and Dusty could remove old gutters from the building. The Gutterman, LLC Bid \$1790.00 vs. Quality Seamless Gutters with a bid of \$2200.00. They both bid using the same gauge of aluminum. Gordie O'Brien made a motion to accept bid of \$1790.00 from The Gutterman, LLC. Patrick Bethke seconded the motion. All "Yes". Motion carried.

E. Department Heads Reports

(1) Recycling Dept.

Cindy- very busy. There is a person who has thrown garbage into the recycling multiple times. Board Supervisors suggested a \$25.00 bill sent to them. If it continues, person will be unable to enter recycling center.

(2) Transportation Dept.

Scott Kirchoff shared that there was quite a bit of flooding on Horse Creek Road washing out a gully. 10 loads of gravel were hauled out there to fill. Road was barricaded. There was a sign stolen from Kelly Road and Channey Road. Will get Sterling Truck back next week, so we will see how it works.

(3) Constable

Juli Bethke said things are going well. Supervisors commented on the nicely written report she does for them.

(4) Town of Bridge Creek Board Report

Gordie O'Brien was absent for the Comprehensive Meeting. Lake District: Bruce Logterman stated nothing to report. Patrick Bethke and Brian attended fire board meeting. They reported numerous break downs on Tender truck with water valves opening and closing. They are taking \$10,000 from money market account to have the pneumatic valves repaired, 1 Tender at a time. The Fire Dept. is down one engine for a while due to having a water pump repacked. There were 11 fire calls and 21 EMS calls last month. In the apparatus room they are looking at new led lights at a cost of \$3400 and 4 new ceiling fans to dry out equipment.

9. Approval of Monthly Expenses

10. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

A. August 4, 2020 – Comprehensive Planning Commission Mtg.

B. August 11, 2020 – Partisan Primary Election

C. August 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

11. Adjournment

Gordie O'Brien made a motion to adjourn at 9:47 pm. Bruce Logterman made a second to the motion. All "yes". Motion carried.

Kathy Olson, Clerk