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~ Thank you! ~

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK

S9515 State Road 27

Augusta, WI 54722

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2020 – 7:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Strauch at 7:31 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. Citizen Comments (None)
5. Approval of Agenda and Proper Posting
Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve agenda and proper posting. A second by Patrick Bethke. All "Yes". Motion carried.
6. Approval of July 16, 2020 Minutes
Brian Bertram made a motion, with a second by Bruce Logterman to approve 7-16-20 Minutes with correction
7. Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 07-31-2020
Gordie O'Brien made a motion, with a second by Brian Bertram, to approve Treasurer's Financial Report ending 7-31-2020 as presented by Treasurer Dawn Werlein, All "Yes". Motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - A. Revaluation of all Taxable Real Estate in the Town of Bridge Creek – Assessment year 2021 Contract Discussion with Possible Approval
Gordie O'Brien stated that he had reached out to Bowmar, which is another appraisal company. They are booked for 2021. Discussion was had regarding whether if it would be beneficial having an interior assessment and the response was "probably not". Ricky Strauch shared that the State sets standards for assessment purposes. After Ricky Strauch and Bruce Logterman shared the discussion at the Board of Review with Al Sunstrum (Associated Appraisal) regarding the reassessment contract questions the Board has had before making a decision to approve. Gordie O'Brien suggested opting exterior reassessment for \$65,000 and whatever their postage; recommending that they bill us for actual postage. With all being on board with this, we will need to have Associated Appraisal send us a new contract amount. Chairman Ricky Strauch asked for a motion. Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve 2021 reassessment contract with the adjustment amount of \$65,000. Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bruce Logterman "Yes", Patrick Bethke "Yes"; Gordie O'Brien "Yes"; Brian Betram "Yes". Motion carried.
 - B. Township Website Update
Clerk Kathy Olson stated that Laura from Webs by Wagoner had been contacted about a Town of Bridge Creek Municipality Website. Laura has worked with many of the townships in Wisconsin. She did Town of Ludington's web. Kathy is recommending this company. Gordie O'Brien made a motion to hire Webs by Wagoner to create a very user and informational website for our township. Patrick Bethke made a second on that motion. All

“Yes”. Motion carried.

- C. Office Equipment Update (Lap Top) Update/Collin Pomplun I.T. to Work with Town of Bridge Creek Technology Discussion/Approval
The Town of Bridge Creek Board gave Kathy Olson permission to move forward with the office equipment update.
 - D. Township Hall Cleaning Position/Approval
Kathy Olson hired Heather Erdman to clean the Town of Bridge Creek for meetings and hall rental.
 - E. Hi-Crush Sand Mining Chapter 11 Update (if any)
Bruce Logterman shared that there is an investigation regarding possible embezzlement of Hi Crush President and a Colleague (neighbor) as it appears they wrote themselves checks amounting to 36 million each.
9. New Business
- A. ATV Route (Channey Road) Discussion/Approval
Gordie O’Brien shared that a resident of Town of Bridge Creek brought forth a concern as resident witness Eau Claire County Sheriff’s department issue a citation to a someone trying to get on ATV route from Chaney Road to an authorized ATV trail. It was discussed that there should be a designated regular ATV route from County Roads G to H for all of Channey Road people in order to get onto an ATV trail. Township would have to have signs posted on all roads as ATV trails. Kathy Olson has been asked to check with Clerk of Court’s Stephanie Campbell to check on ATV Ordinance that might be on file with Eau Claire County. Put back on Agenda for next month.
 - B. Legal Counsel Discussion/Approval
Patrick Bethke suggested that Town of Bridge Creek hire Weld, Riley S.C. (attorney at law, Eau Claire) for their flexibility and availability; that firm works with other municipalities. He also shared that they have a multiple of attorneys available for specific areas of issues that may come up. The cost would be \$10 per hour more than what we have now. Since we have some different issues such as Hi-Crush filing bankruptcy, there will be an attorney who is an expert in that particular area. Patrick Bethke made a motion to obtain Weld and Riley for our legal counsel for Town of Bridge Creek. He added that we need to do what is best for our Township. They would be able to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2020. Gordie O’Brien seconded that motion. All “Yes”. Weld, Riley S.C. will get in touch with Rick Schaumberg to obtain Town of Bridge Creek documents. The Board Thanks Rick Schaumberg for his services to the Town of Bridge Creek. Roll call vote: Bruce Logterman “yes”; Patrick Bethke “yes”; Gordie O’Brien “yes”; Brian Bertram “yes”. Motion carried.
 - C. Eau Claire County Issuance of Driveway Permits Discussion/Approval
Ricky Strauch stated he constantly receives calls for driveway permits. County has offered to do driveway permits. They then take care of the fire numbers. Ricky Strauch asked Board if they would consider that option. He said then the driveway permit application is online and would be user friendly for people who are out of the area to obtain. Have permit ordinance changed. Resolution. . . contact John Johnson EC Cty Hwy – Gordie makes a motion for EC Cty to have a Resolution NEXT MONTH
 - D. Recycling Attendants Resignation Discussion/Approval
Cindy Bohl shared with the board that in a month or two she and Ron would be resigning due to they were moving up north. They said they do have someone in mind if Board is interested. Board said to put ad in paper with a deadline. Add to next month’s agenda.
 - E. Department Heads Reports
 - (1) Recycling Dept. (
Cindy Bohl reported recycling is going well. Bruce Logterman suggested the recycling center be closed during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug 29 – to open after meeting. Bruce Logterman made a motion to open recycling center right after Annual

Meeting and stay open to 3 or 4 pm. Put ad in paper if can. Seconded by Brian Bertram. All "Yes". Motion carried.

(2) Transportation Dept.

Scott Kirchoff reported all is going well except that the Sterling Truck is acting up again. Scott said he'd have truck looked at it again. Hopefully it could be taken care of in a reasonable amount of time.

(3) Constable

Juli Bethke shared things were pretty quiet in Township. She did state that the biggest issue is still with the animals tied in ditches. Road Right-Of-Way Ordinance remains to be a big problem. Bldg. Notifications are going well except for the posting of the approved official Building Notification.

(4) Town of Bridge Creek Board Report

-Gordie O'Brien shared that the Comprehensive Meetings are moving forth.

-Ricky Strauch shared that he attended Land Conservation Meeting and reported that Dept. of Ag has been contacted regarding optional plans for enforcing certain ordinances.

- Brian Bertram shared he plans to talk to Kenny Zich regarding a better maintenance program for Augusta-Bridge Creek Fire Dept. equipment and their maintenance.

10. Approval of Monthly Expenses

11. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

A. August 29, 2020 – 10:00 A.M. – Annual Meeting

B. September 1, 2020 – 6:30 P.M. - Comprehensive Commission Meeting

C. September 17, 2020 – 7:30 P.M. – Regular Monthly Meeting

12. Adjournment

Motion by Gordie O'Brien with a second by Brian Bertram to adjourn at 9:39 pm. All "Yes". Motion carried.

Kathy Olson, Clerk