

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, February 18, 2021 – 7:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
Chairman Ricky Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm
2. Roll Call
Present – Supervisors Bruce Logterman, Patrick Bethke, Gordie O'Brien, Brian Bertram; Chairman Ricky Strauch, Clerk Kathy Olson, Treasurer Dawn Werlein.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizens Comment
None
5. Approval of 2-18-21 Agenda and Proper Posting
Brian Bertram made a motion to approval the agenda and its proper posting. Gordie O'Brien seconded the motion. All "yes". Motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes
A. 1-21-2021 Minutes
Gordie O'Brien made a motion with a second by Bruce Logterman to approve 1-21-21 minutes
7. Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 1-31-2021
Dawn Werlein presented the Financial Report ending 1-31-2021. Gordie O'Brien made a motion to accept Financial Report as presented. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "yes". Motion carried.
8. Presentation by Eau Claire County Planning & Development – Jared Grande to Discuss and Develop a Uniform Building Notification Process Between Planning Development and Town of Bridge Creek. Greg Leonard will also Share Other Items/Issues that Need to be Addressed.
- Greg Leonard and Jared Grande spoke on erosion, storm water permits and other various UDC codes which are applicable/required throughout Eau Claire County. They have jurisdiction over the housing and other buildings which pertain to erosion control, storm water, manure storage, etc. when building notifications are turned in to Township then forwarded to them. Ordinances like the manure storage ordinance has been in place since 1990; some revisions were done on it about 1 ½ years ago. Not much as changed. Land Control Division has delegated some to the State for commercial, as they have to be State approved. The Town of Bridge Creek requires a land owner who is planning to build start at the township level to fill out a Building Notification Application. Once that is received from the Township, then application is sent on up to Eau Claire Planning and Development so they are able to make sure UDC codes are met before the building begins. If it is commercial, then Eau Claire County will send those Applications on up to the State level. Once township hears back that it is a go, a building site permit will be issued. Jared Grande pointed out that it is the land owner and/or builder who is responsible to get all of the permits needed in a timely manner – this turn around isn't in a day or two for permission to build. It may take up to 10 days to review. All erosion, storm, manor and building permits must be posted. The Township and Eau Claire County will work on paperwork that will be aligned of one another and a system that will work for a timely process.
9. Old Business
A. Discuss and Amend Previous Older Ordinances with Possible Amended Approval
Driveway 2003 Ordinance – Put on Agenda for next month.
10. New Business
A. Road Ban Discussion and Approval
Scott Kirchoff suggested that the road bans will begin in about a month, unless it warms up quickly, then they will be posted earlier. Pretty much all roads in township, except for a couple of the gravel rods, will be posted. Ricky Strauch made a statement that it can become confusing when roads are half gravel and half black top. No trucks will be allowed unless a permit is issued by the Township. Brian Bertram asked Scott if he had enough road ban signs. Scott said they do.

- B. Developing an Employee Handbook
Gordie O'Brien gave copies to board and road workers of the City of Augusta's employee handbook to use as an example. Move to table give to Scott – let them look over. Bring back to the board meeting next month. **Table to next month.**
- C. Discussion with Board Regarding Al Rinka, Trempealeau County Highway Commissioner Complaint Regarding Car Taking Ditch to Miss an Amish Buggy
Al Rinka, a resident in Town of Bridge Creek on County Rd M. Al is also the Trempealeau Highway Commissioner. Al shared that his wife was forced to take the ditch after a horse reared up on Cty Rd M. No one was hurt and the Amish paid the towing bill. Al shared his thoughts on road safety. He had stopped by some of the Amish in our community to talk about road use fee with the increase of Amish in order to keep roads safe for everyone. Things like more lights on the Amish buggies, horse poop on the roads, steel wheels on buggies which do damage to the roads. He entertained a wheel buggy fee of \$100. Cars have a minimum of \$115 and go up from there. We have no choice. Al reminded them that change does happen and everyone must broaden their horizons. Al is going to meet with John Johnson, Eau Claire Highway Commissioner and he would like to continue to meeting with the Amish community.
- D. Public Records Access Policy State Statute #19.34
Brian Bertram wants to establish a policy for people who want to get access records from the township. Gordie O'Brien will bring in a copy of the City of Augusta's Public Records Access Policy. **Table and put on next month's agenda.**
- E. Department Heads Reports
(1) Recycling Dept.
Al Reetz said things were going well. Due to the cold weather, there were a couple of weeks where it was less busy. He asked if there was a possibility of having smaller totes for aluminum cans for groups (ie. Augusta Library) who might be interested in collecting them. Gordie O'Brien asked Al if he had noticed there to being more people from the City of Augusta bringing their trash out. Al said he did see a few.
- (2) Transportation Dept.
Ricky Strauch asked if there salt and sand left over? Scott answered "yes". Scott shared that the wheel on the is cracking .
- (3) Town of Bridge Creek Board Report
Patrick Bethke: Fire board – not much news. The biggest discussion starting first of the year: City water and – fire fee added to water bill. \$428+ water fee. Patrick Bethke shared that they will continue to discuss how to have monies go back to fire dept. Gordie O'Brien suggested a joint mtg with City/Fire Dept./Bridge Creek. Things are quiet. Patrick stated there were 9 fire and 19 ems calls. Brian Bertram shard there had been a rash of car accidents.
11. Approval of Monthly Expenses
Gordie O'Brien asked if the had to sign each of the voucher pages. We can make something else work.
12. Upcoming Meetings/Events:
A. February 23, 2021 - Comprehensive Plan Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm
B. March 18, 2021 – 7:30 pm – Regular Board Meeting
13. Adjournment
Gordie O'Brien made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "yes".
Motion carried.

~ Kathy Olson, Clerk