

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

**MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, May 20, 2021 – 7:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order  
**Chairman Ricky Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.**
2. Roll Call  
**Present: Supervisors Bruce Logterman, Patrick Bethke, Gordie O'Brien, Brian Bertram; Chairman Ricky Strauch, Treasurer Dawn Werlein. Absent: Kathy Olson**
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizens Comment  
**None**
5. Approval of 5-20-21 Agenda and Proper Posting  
**Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve 5-20-21 Regular Agenda and Proper Posting; seconded by Brian Bertram. All "yes". Motion Carries.**
6. Approval of Minutes
  - A. 4-18-2021 Minutes  
**Gordie O'Brien made a motion to approve the 4-18-21 Minutes; Brian Bertram seconded the motion. All "yes". Motion Carries.**
7. Treasurer's Financial Report Ending 4-30-2021  
**Recycling Acct. balance difference \$279.54**  
**Gordie O'Brien made a motion to accept Financial Report as presented. Bruce Logterman made a second to the motion. All "yes". Motion Carries.**
8. Old Business
  - A. Donation for Lake Eau Claire County Park Sign Discussion/Approval  
Dale Zank will be in attendance to answer questions regarding donation  
**Dale Zank-regarding questions history on Randy doing historical studies of WPA project 1937. Contacted Lake Association for assistance. Raise money to purchase sign at EC. Co. Park. 24x36 sign \$2,400. Had comments that people wanted larger sign which is about \$4,980 44x72 (4x8) size. Raise \$5,000.00 for sign. Need (2) 6x6 treated posts for sign would like the Town of Bridge Creek to assist with cost of posts - maybe 2x4's. There would be two historical sites within a couple of miles of each other. Can go to the States' historical website to get the locations. Put a QR reader on posts on the sign to assist with people to see things posted. Gordie O'Brien moved to provide \$200, Patrick suggested maybe the sign posts too. Gordie O'Brien suggested, after discussion, to donate \$400. Brian Bertram made a motion to donate \$400 towards the sign; seconded by Gordie O'Brien. All "yes". Motion Carries**
  - B. Develop an Employee Handbook (Road Workers) – Discuss/Amend/Possible Approval  
**Gordie O'Brien- Some spelling corrections, identify full time and part time employees. Put clause in that vacations are prorated to the end of the year (for part of the year employment). Believes that if you leave it open, the board and amend or change the hours (4 10's, 5 8's, etc.)**  
**Patrick Bethke- re vacation-fourth year gets three weeks (start of 5<sup>th</sup> year). Work week starts on Monday and ends on Friday and include typical work hours for each day. Anything over the listed days or hours would be overtime pay. That there needs to be definite work days and hours. Suggested to give 24hr. notice if work schedule changes to meet needs of the job.**  
**Brian Bertram -Believes that work week starts on a Sunday.**

Scott Kirchoff- typical work day are 6am to 430pm is a typical work week for hours.  
Needs some additional changes [Table to Next Month's Meeting](#)

9. New Business

A. Presentation by Comprehensive Plan Committee to present draft of Comprehensive Plan.

Fred Poss presenting draft plan to town to review.

Present plan and explain

Thank those that assisted on the committee for their assistance with all of their help and WES

Made recommendations for supplemental issues that may arise in the future

#1 this report is not law, ordinance, code but suggestions. To look forward for the next 20 years. Tried to be flexible/fluidity with information provided and not be rigid. Presented both sides of issues. Comprehensive plan has short comings. No 2020 Census data. Did not choose to make may strong recommendations, but information from survey information came back with very strong opinions. Recommends updating when Census comes out, and if/when wind turbines, farms and other events occur. Strongly recommends putting in policy as new proposals appear that have huge impact on quality of life in township to enable and have a mechanism for a moratorium to allow the town to consider new issues

Short comings/disadvantage that the State of Wi may want more requirements the commission recommendations

Land use issues – concerned on responses on how to use land in township. Their questions that encouraged positive comments, but in reality, there was negative response regarding land use and protection.

Introduce Mr. Williams (Planning Packet that has draft). Comments from Consultant Ronnie Williams - Drafted questions, different styles and repeated questions to see what the results were. Very strange results.

Q8 very telling. Why would you leave Bridge Creek Two high answers were (over 600 returns-60%) land use restrictions by town and then state and county land use restrictions.

Q12 regarding conserve, protect and promote different thing: Ag land, environmental sensitive areas, shore lines, etc. No one wanted to protect these things.

Checked with Amish community and questions were not well received-did not want to do in writing, but they did want to protect these things. Communication seems to be a big issue and challenges in the format presented. A lot of data in book/packet.

The commission felt that the Town Board should be making specific decisions regarding future of town. Suggested not leaving in a drawer, but keep looking and updating into the future. Look forward and be proactive such as windfarms, large dairy farms, etc.

Gordie O'Brien / Patrick Bethke on surveys are discrepancies on questions and responses. Some of the questions had bad responses and then the next (just worded different), with a good response.

Fred readdresses some questions that some questions may have been confusing, misinterpretation or confusing answers. Another paper survey will not get any different results

Rec. update community plan with census data

Revising and submitting new questions, not in paper, but maybe utilize focus groups or communication groups (open meeting) with regular attendees and open -door policy.

2<sup>nd</sup> survey did not work at all (related more to Amish) felt that there was a motive to it.

Put and electronic copy somewhere else so that it can be located in case lost. Suggests that town look into obtaining old documents that were previously done.

Consider establishing town board policy on moratoriums to address future changes.

Amish community should be given a voice to participate and Amish Cooperation Committee be started – put on agenda for next month to review the report and recommendations and feedback. Amish have agreed to attend a cooperation committee four times a year to discuss current matters. That they will have an equal representation on members on the committee. Create a neutral open meeting place that would not create an issue with open meeting laws.

Ricky Strauch shared other communities have a similar cooperation committee.

Fred Poss-some communities have it and it works, some it does not work. Amish have interest in working together.

Brian Bertram-has talked with Jonas regarding issues. Some issues have been addressed by him.

Fred Poss put out there that he would be willing to assist with work with town and Amish groups to narrow down topics to immediate topics (keep it limited).

Met with Amish community and did resolve some concerns that they had (a test drive meeting)

Gordy O'Brien-Going forward, but the cost is a concern for the town (consultant, board member reimbursement, copying, and additional fees) should discuss more around budget time.

Williams. need to be neutral when processing information on committees, need to be aware of.

Carol Peuse – Past documents lost. Discussed possible cost of accessing old computer.

Gordie thanked committee members for assistance.

Patrick to review draft form, adjust what needs to be corrected,

Williams more direction from board on updating

**Table for next month's meeting**

B. Road Tour discussion/approval of repairs.

Budget to do road repair on all roads except Hilts (177)

Gordie O'Brien suggests paving part of Windmill up to the last house, has had a lot of calls on that. Utilizing grants. If can't do, then look into budget for 2022

Patrick Bethke also suggests paving up to the last driveway

Brian Bertram would there be road damage on area when new construction starts.

Ricky Strauch how to control access on road-bans?

Scott Kirchoff would have to do one road

Hilts road is breaking up in spots. May be able to short term fix and get buy for now.

Shoulders are pushing out. Discussion on best options for Hilts (1.7 miles) hot mix, cold mix, grind and gravel, seal

chip, pave wedge,

Other future roads: Solie and Bartig roads to be done in 2022 and 2023. These are old roads.

Gordie does not want to max out budget suggests cold mix for Hilts to save money/budget

Patrick Bethke concerned by not paving Windmill but repairing roads that get beat up by logging trucks, would suggest we apply for grant on Hilts road rather than Windmill.

Ricky Strauch suggested that maybe use grant money for Bartig Road

Gordie O'Brien: if we cold Hilts (77,500) would be able to pave Windmill (70,000 from old bid about .7 of a mile) or another road

Brian Bertram asked if there any bids on ditching yet? Scott Kirchoff replied "no".

Probably should put bids out and culverts

Need to consider grant requirements.

Bartig road do overlay for now

Cold mix Hilts and paving Windmill up to Pilgrim's property (maybe quarter mile) and Lemere Court

Base coarse needed to pave Windmill Road-put 3 to 4 inches fresh gravel down already

Patrick believes as an example \$100,000 for both cold patch/wedge on Hilts and then .3 on Windmill

Bids for Windmill Road – Hot Mix

Bids for Hilts Road – Cold Mix

**Table to next month**

C. Department Heads Reports

(1) Recycling Dept.

Al Reetz said it is going well, but suggests that garbage runs over so maybe use two for garbage and one less on recycling

Check into cost of switching those out

More people from city using facility

(2) Transportation Dept.

Scott Kirchoff replied it is going well. Backhoe pin keeps going out seems it should last longer. Contacted Caterpillar to check it out, but they have not come out to check it.

(3) Town of Bridge Creek Board Report

Fire Board - Working around with City regarding the water charge calling it a hydrant.

Fire count: 3 EMS in BC and 12 in city

Burning still issue due to dryness

Fire budget still tight - Adjustments will be done for next year

Gordie O'Brien suggested maybe a parcel fee (\$3 per parcel)

Gordie maybe talk with Assessor regarding special assessment to assist fire services for town parcels-Ricky

Strauch suggests Gordie call.

Lake Association – lost bank- erosion - applied for grant \$82,000 only got \$39,000

County donated road work

Has budget out for next year

Get a lot of grants from State they are applying all the time

10. Approval of Monthly Expenses and Checks

**Already approved through the financial report**

11. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

A. June 17, 2021

12. Adjournment

Gordie O'Brien made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. A second was made by Patrick Bethke.

All "Yes". Motion carries.

~ Dawn Werlein, Treasurer