

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK

S9515 State Road 27

Augusta, WI 54722

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 2022 - 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, Duane Ives and Brian Bertram;
Chairman Ricky Strauch, Clerk Kathy Olson and Treasurer Dawn Treasurer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizens Comment
Cory Bauch – Eau Claire County does not like acreage easement. He is selling two (2) parcels of land 20 acres each, but driveway is needed on one parcel to get to the back parcel; Eau Claire likes parcels evenly divided (squared up). Eau Claire County would approve if they received in writing that the Township has support of the entire board with the driveway easement on one of the parcels. Patrick Bethke shared he had to come before the Board with the same issue when he built and a letter was given to him for Eau Claire County.
5. Approval of 7-21-2022 Agenda and Proper Posting
A motion by Patrick Bethke, second by Brian Bertram to approve the 7-21-2022 Agenda and Proper Posting. All “yes”. Motion carried.
6. Approval of Following Minutes:
 - A. 6-16-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion by Duane Ives with a second by Patrick Bethke to approve 6-16-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. All “yes”. Motion carried.
 - B. 6-29-2022 Board of Review Minutes
Motion by Brian Bertram with a second by Patrick Bethke to approve the 6-29-2022 Board of Review Minutes. All “yes”. Motion carried.
 - C. 6-29-2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes
Motion by Patrick Bethke with a second by Brian Bertram to approve the 6-29-2022 Special Meeting Minutes. All “yes”. Motion carried.
7. A. Approval of Treasurer’s Financial Report Ending With 7-21-2022 Balances.
(General Account 116 check # 20105-20148 along with ACH debits and Recycling Account 666 check # 1036-1037).
Patrick Bethke made a motion to approve the 7-21-22 ending balance Treasurer’s Report as presented by Treasurer Dawn Werlein. Bruce Logterman made a second to the motion. All “yes”. Motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - A. Sex Offender Ordinance Discussion/Samples/Approval
Patrick Bethke made a motion to move forward with Sex Offender Ordinance (send on up to attorney and bring back to **August meeting**). Bruce Logterman made a second to the motion. All “yes”. Motion carried.
 - B. Wind Turbine Ordinance Discussion/Samples/Approval
Patrick Bethke shared that our Township can’t make an ordinance stricter than State Stats, then we would be in violation. Make sure corrected to meet criteria. Public Commission/State sets standards as far as regulations go. Ricky Strauch asked the Board which direction they wanted to proceed? Patrick Bethke absain. Duane makes motion to move forward and send to attorney for corrections (as presented). Brian Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bruce Logterman “yes”, Duane Ives “yes”, Brian Bertram “yes” and Ricky Strauch “yes”. Patrick Bethke abstained

C. Building Notification Forfeiture Fees for Approval

Assessor said according to their guidelines, any time a structure has alterations, whether it's roofing, siding, windows, decking, etc., a Building Notification Application should be filled out. The reason is that one alteration alone might not make a difference, but 2 or 3 could.

Proposed penalties for the enforcement of 17.006.1 Building Notification Required and forfeitures shall be as follows:

- 1) First Offense: \$50 plus application fee. If an application is not received within 5 calendar days of notification, an additional \$50 forfeiture will be assessed. For each day beyond the initial 5 calendar days, a \$25 per day forfeiture will be assessed.
- 2) Second Offense: \$250 per day for each day of noncompliance plus application fee.
- 3) Third Offense: \$500 per day for each day of noncompliance plus Town Board may seek injunctive relief from the Eau Claire County Circuit Court, including reimbursement of all court costs plus application fee.
- 4) Fourth Offense: \$1000 per day for each day of noncompliance plus the Town Board will seek injunctive relief from the Eau Claire County Circuit Court, including reimbursement of all court costs and the inability to gain permit from the township for a period of 12 months, plus application fee.

Offenses accrue in a 12-month period and not calendar year; offenses are specific to both person and property. All forfeitures must be fully satisfied before a building notification application will be reviewed and approved.

Patrick Bethke made a motion to add this to the 17.006.1 Building Permit Required.

Bruce Logterman seconded the motion. All "yes". Motion carries.

D. Adopt Wisconsin Towns Association Eau Claire County Unite Resolution 2022-01 for the Town of Bridge Creek Requesting that the State Legislature Modify Levy Limits

This resolution will then be sent to our local politicians (Jesse James, Kathy Bernier, etc.). Brian Bertram made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2022-01; seconded by Duane Ives. All "yes". Roll call vote: Bruce Logterman "yes", Patrick Bethke "yes", Duane Ives "yes", Brian Bertram "yes" and Ricky Strauch "yes".

E. Develop an Ordinance for Proper Road Engineering for Subdivision Streets that Would be Needed for New Residential Areas (Roads would need to meet a standard for Township maintenance)

Bruce Logterman shared this has been tabled back in December and was never put back on the agenda to move forward. Scott Kirchoff never did get a copy of it to preview for input. An Ordinance from the Town of Pleasant Valley is the suggested ordinance for our Township to follow. Patrick Bethke made a motion to move forward with a second by Bruce Logterman. Roll call: Bruce Logterman "yes", Patrick Bethke "yes", Duane Ives "yes", Brian Bertram "yes", Ricky Strauch "yes". Send on to attorney and bring back to the Board at the August meeting for second reading.

F. Class B License Discussion

There is one remaining available Class B Retailer License for Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages/Intoxicating Liquors. The Township has received more than one request. Duane Ives suggested to draft a letter that should be sent to the three groups asking for that Class B License. Each of the groups should attend next month's meeting with criteria stating why they should receive that license. The Board would be able to choose which would be best suited to carry the license in accordance with our ordinance in place. Patrick Bethke reminded applicants that the Township owns the license until a qualified applicant receives it. The letter should be published in a shortened form. Move forward from here.

9. New Business

A. New Alcohol Class B Beer Application for "Backyard Scene LLC" (Al Rinka, Agent/Owner) for Approval

A motion was made by Brian Bertram to approve the request for the Class B Beer Application License request for "Backyard Scene LLS" (Al Rinka, Agent/Owner). Duane Ives made a second to the motion. Voice vote: Bruce Logterman "yes", Patrick Bethke "yes", Duane Ives "yes", Brian Bertram "yes". Motion carried.

10. A. Department Heads Reports

(1) Recycling Dept.

Al Reetz said all was well except there are Recycling issues in the community with no garbage pick-up which is causing concern. GFL has not bought out/taken over Waste Management.

(2) Transportation Dept.

Scott Kirchoff shared that all is going well.

(3) Town of Bridge Creek Board Report

Patrick Bethke shared that the fire board meeting finally had enough for a quorum.

The ongoing issue is that the budget needs to be increased. Township may have to sit down with the City to deal with the issue.

Ricky Strauch received complaints that the boat landing is not being cleaned up by the attending Amish.

(4) Monthly Police Report

The Board feels Police are doing what we are hiring to do - monitoring equally across all areas of the township.

11. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

A. August 18, 2022 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting

12. Adjournment

Bruce Logterman made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Duane Ives seconded the motion. All "yes". Motion carried.

~ Kathy Olson, Clerk