

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 15TH, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

Chairman Jeff Gerike called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members Present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Ricky Strauch, Lynn Norheim, Dean Solie & Steve Weiss; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Pledge of Allegiance

Also Present: Tom Peterson, Bernice Strauch, Vaughn Nagahashi, Fred Poss, Bruce Logterman, Dan Marcheske, Vicki Larson, Steve Strey, Debra Dickinsen, Brent Dickinsen, & Dale Kirchoff

Approve agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Steve Weiss. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment:

Fred Poss – President of Lake Association would like to be on next month's agenda to give a through summary and update on progress on Lake Eau Claire & speak on behalf of the Lake District –the did have a public hearing and 33 attended – would also like to see support for new next 2 year plan.

Vaughn Nagahashi – stated he spoke with Steve Weiss and they were discussing Jim Drost – Steve Weiss asked if Jim Drost was available to look at Attorney Schaumberg's response to the mining ordinance changes and he is willing too. He did say he would do it and he emailed an idea of cost what it would be - he's also available to do mine inspections. Vaughn Nagahashi asked if this could be discussed under old business.

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Ricky Strauch. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

The financial report was presented. Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

Ricky Strauch: Brought up James Drost – he felt he should review our ordinance and suggested changes and use him as a mine inspector. Felt his hourly rate is reasonable.

Steve Weiss stated he spoke with Scott McCurdy and Scott told him he doesn't deal with

this. Steve Weiss stated he feels James Drost is a good outside source for us and we should consider hiring him and also sending all information to him to look at. Ricky Strauch stated he felt Jim Drost was a better fit for what we need.

Supervisor Dean Solie said before we change our ordinance - he feels we should have a special meeting with the committee, the whole town board, Attorney Schaumberg and Scott McCurdy. He stated he doesn't have any problem if Mr. Drost looks over it and it is free – but either way he feels Attorney Schaumberg, Scott McCurdy and the board should have final say. Also stated that while Mr. Drost may look at revision's he's not an attorney.

Steve Weiss stated Vaughn Nagahashi shared a handout with him and he passed it out to the board. It's discussing property ranges that should be covered close to mines and he said it is good information when we are looking at radiuses and effects.

Steve Weiss said he'd like to make a motion that we have James Drost look at the ordinance revisions and get him involved with mining inspections. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated we cannot vote on anything as it was not an agenda item. Steve Weiss stated he would like to have it on next months agenda and if approved would like to send all information to James Drost to look over and start communication with him.

Dean Solie asked since the Lake Association got its approval to clean out the traps can we continue to help hauling out sand with our trucks. Chairman Jeff Gerike & Dale Kirchoff stated they should still be able to help.

Ricky asked about the school budget forecast and Ryan is gong to be at next meeting.

Erika & Elisse Bauer from Eau Claire County Humane Society spoke to the board. Erika discussed her role with the County Humane Association. She also spoke about the statutes and requirements for having our own facility here to impound dogs. There has to be an appointed Humane Office ad the Chairman could serve as one if we want to continue doing it ourselves. They pick up animals 24 hrs/day if it is livestock they wait until the next day. If there's an emergency people can call the com center. Supervisor Dean Solie asked if they handled barking dogs. She stated that they do and that they go out and will talk to the person. They will log it and if it continues to be a nuisance they will investigate further to see if it is indeed a nuisance – or possibly neighbors having a disagreement. If they need too they will try to find resources to keep dogs from barking. Most of what they do is complaint driven but they are huge on education. We do not have to have an ordinance but she recommends it as it is something for people to look at. She passed out a couple samples of ordinances a simple one where they just adopted all the state statutes and another one where it is more involved. Also if requested by the board Erika would go around house to house and verify that owners have their dogs licensed. Also if the board signs on with full service with the Humane Association she asks that she receives a report of licensed dogs when the treasurer settles with the County. That way they also will have a way to track dogs if picked up. Question was asked about feral cats or cats turned in. She said if there is a pattern with someone dropping off cats

they will investigate and make sure it is not someone just bringing in cats that are theirs. After discussion Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion to sign a full contract with the Eau Claire County Humane Society. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked Supervisor Lynn Norheim & Ricky Strauch to look over the ordinance's Erika passed out and to come back at next months meeting with a suggested dog ordinance.

Steve Strey spoke to the board about an Ag Enterprise Area. Ricky Strauch asked him to attend the meeting and explain it to the board. It was started in Otter Creek and falls under farmland preservation - you have to live in a zoned township to start it. If zoned you can get an income tax credit 7.50 per acre that you own as Ag land but you have to comply with the State's conservation plan. The working land initiative actually came up with a new set of rules for an Ag Enterprise Area. The reason for it is past farmland was too easy to get out of. He stated it is not a government down program it's a farmer up program. They as a committee have to create an area and have the state approve. Under the new AEA zoned townships would get 10.00 per Ag land but being unzoned you would only get 5.00. Central Eau Claire County is where it is getting started. You have to draw a continuous boundary line. Basically once you draw boundaries if you're inside you can opt to collect for 15 yrs but you don't have to sign a contract - if someone doesn't want to be in it they can say they don't want their land in boundary - they have to have 5 farmers petition to request to get in the program. Ricky is on the committee now. The land has to be in a continuous line. In order to qualify you have to have a gross revenue at least 6K/yr. They are having at meeting at Lincoln town hall on January 21st - it is going to be an informational meeting. There is a way an unzoned township can get the 10.00 income tax credit per acre and that is if they have a continuous corridor that joins up to a zoned township. Ricky Strauch stated that if Amish don't want to sign up for it - as long as they say they are not opposed to having the line run past their property you could have your continuous boundary. It is more of a handshake - anyone not wanting to participate does not have to sign anything - but if they allow the boundary line to go past their property at some point if they wanted to they could choose to opt into it. They are hoping to get the petition to the state by April. This is not county involved - it is a state run program. Chairman Jeff Gerike asked where the money is generated. Steve stated it is a state credit. By signing up your are merely stating I'm a farmer and I want to stay a farmer for the next 15 years. Supervisor Lynn Norheim asked if the contract stays with the land or the owner. Steve Strey stated he doesn't know he's going to ask that question next time. Ricky Strauch stated basically you get paid for what you're already doing. Chairman Jeff Gerike asked what if a farmer wants to get out of it. Steve Strey stated he was sure you would have to payback what you already received in tax credits as well as a penalty. Steve Strey stated they are also looking for town boards to say yes it's a good thing to sign up with and that they are in favor of doing it. It would be done as a resolution and if no one signed up for the program it doesn't matter. The contract is between the landowner and the state.

Chairman Jeff Gerike brought up about the ordinance revisions and if the board wanted to vote on it. Tom Peterson asked to speak on behalf of the committee. He stated that he appreciated receiving Attorney Schaumberg's response but was quite disappointed with him using the word punitive. He stated it was not the intent of the committee to have a punitive ordinance. He recommended that we ask another attorney to get a comparison on their opinion. Vaughn Nagahashi spoke and stated that we could still go to an outside source and get their opinion on it. Vaughn stated that since the township is against zoning he feels we need to get another opinion on the mining ordinance. He feels we really need to get it right due to not zoning. He asked if there could be a special meeting with another source – rather than wait he'd like to expedite it. He stated they have contacts and that they would look the mining ordinance and revision over pro bono. Vaughn feels there are benefits to getting more than one opinion. Supervisor Steve Weiss stated that he felt it was a very good idea and wondered who Vaughn had in mind. Vaughn stated he had three attorneys in mind. Glenn Stoddard, Bill Mavety? And John Wegman who is the Attorney for Garfield. Supervisor Steve Weiss stated he would really like to see the attorney for Pepin to look at it. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated this was not on the agenda to approve. Supervisor Steve Weiss asked that it be placed on next months agenda for a vote. He'd like to see another attorney look at proposed changes and then afterwards have a meeting with Attorney Schaumberg and everyone else. Any decision will be tabled until next meeting.

Ricky Strauch wanted to know if we wanted another lawyer to look at it with an environmental background. Supervisor Lynn Norheim said he doesn't like the word challenged with our attorney. Supervisor Dean Solie read through all comments and stated there are things we can't enforce – like having them divulge their income – and stating that we can only have 2 mines in township – that goes for any businessmen in the township. Vaughn stated they could have an attorney look at it and come back with his opinion in February. Steve stated that would be a good idea. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated it is not something the town board has approved to do. If it is done they are doing it on their own not as part of the township.

Dog ordinance discussion is tabled until next month.

Dale was asked about the crushing. He stated that they are still crushing down at Willy Olsen's pit but that they are quitting after tomorrow. They have a large amount crushed.

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Motion carried: Supervisors: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye)
Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
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THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 19TH, 2015
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors, Steve Weiss, Ricky Strauch, Dean Solie and Lynn Norheim; Clerk, Patti Warner; Absent: Treasurer, Tamy Moss

Also present: Bernice Strauch, Tom Peterson, Fred Poss, Vic Werlein, Dawn Werlein, Eli Borntreger, Vaughn Nagahashi, Bruce Logterman, Christine Yellowthunder and Carol Peuse

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve agenda was made by Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Ricky Strauch Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment:

Bruce Logterman: At the last meeting –he sat there listening – and he thinks some people in this mining committee sound like they are trying to promote their own personal agenda and whatever feelings they have are not all the feelings of other residents in the Township – re: ordinance how much extra money do we want to spend– In his opinion he stated your elected as the board and you should be the one to make the decisions. Feels they are asking too many questions. He understands you get 3 minutes to speak. He would like to see the meetings run that way instead of seeing a small committee trying to run the whole meeting.

Vic Werlein: He stated he feels Weiss & Strauch both want to hire another attorney – feel they are just trying to spend more tax payers money – not everybody feels that way – Re: Drost who spoke to the board a few months ago - he made comments about Chetek chain of lakes – Vic has fished those lakes his whole life – from Birchwood to Chetek and at that time you could always walk across it – this was back in the 80's when those sand mines weren't even there. Then you want to hire this other person – he doesn't want to see us being sued by the sand mines. Sand mines have deep pockets we don't. But just remember your paying your paying for all of this with our tax dollars

Christine Yellowthunder: Stated she is glad we live in the United States. She spoke about the article on the Houston county commissioners in Caledonia, Minnesota and how they passed a ban on frac sand mining in Minnesota. They had about 175 citizens come to their public meeting. Goes to a full vote on February 27th. She would like encourage the board that they still have an obligation to protect the health, safety and well being of citizens in this township. Also stated that the board should seriously look at the revision of the mining ordinance. We need to have experienced people guiding us especially when the state is trying to take away local authority.

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The financial report was presented and motion to approve was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Ricky Strauch. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

Fred Poss – Spoke regarding the Eau Claire Lake Association and he wanted to share an update on work that they have been able to do being a volunteer organization – they are voluntary – private and non-profit. They have been able to write state, federal and county grants. And raise equal amounts of money themselves. They have three goals: 1. Create sand traps to stop sand coming into lake. 2. Install aerator system 3. To continue to build fish cribs so far they have built 151 fish cribs – DNR has given them data that the entire population of fish has increased over 3 yrs 300%. It used to be called a dead sea but not so true anymore. Lake District Protection & Rehab District President Marlo Orth stated they put levied for a tax of 1 ½ mils property tax – around 56K year. (This only includes properties around the Lake) They do the June 20th fund raiser – and this year they are starting a golf tournament. As of Tuesday they were successfully able to dredge up at Treble Waters and Gravel Pit. They have the capacity of 10K of sand and they removed 10,200 lbs. It is wet sediment when dry is 8K cubic yards. Very successful with winter dredging. Gravel pit is ½ size removed 4K cubic yds dry. And that's maximum capacity. They have an expert company from Antigo (dredging co). If we get normal size flood we will be fine. The association took on the task of installing fish traps, and aeration system. The Lake District takes on the task of maintaining it. The ND road is where the aeration system will be – the road is in already and power there. Hope to begin building in March. 15 aerators if budget can support - There is another new DNR person – David Hahn. He has surprised them by telling them that they have to build a boardwalk from pump house to lake. They have raised over 3K of private money for this but it could cost as much as 9K – doesn't know for sure. If ok by the board when their association has their next meeting in March. He'll provide a summary of their finances. He'll submit it at the end of March to the Town Board.

Ricky Strauch: Spoke about having an Ag enterprise area in our township – he stated that an Ag Enterprise is similar to farmland preservation. Last census reported losses like 30K/yr of Ag land to public. Greg Leonard is from the Eau Claire County Ag preservation office. Greg spoke and stated he does a lot of work with NRCS. Farm preservation is a tax credit on income taxes – it varies where land is located and how you are located. In a zoned township it is 7.50/acre. That is one way without a commitment. 2nd way is Ag Enterprise Area – where it is developed from a local community. Eau Claire, Osseo and Augusta – they are calling it the golden triangle. The idea behind it from state is you will have to come up with a reason to say it's important to this community. You come up with your own reason locally and why it is important. Focus Ag preservation in one area. Would give people the option to preserve their farmland. Farmland preservation now if included and your unzoned you could participate in it – it's voluntary – you sign an agreement for 15/yr to maintain land in farmland preservation. In unzoned area you would get tax credit 5.00/acre in zoned area and signed agreement you'd have 10.00/tax credit. In order to participate you must have 6K of gross revenue off your land.

Property tax must be paid. His responsibility – anyone who applies must agree to follow the state standards. No wastewater coming off operation. Conservation. This has been in existence since late 1970's – The only way to for this tax credit to become an option is if there's an Ag Area Enterprise. You need to send a petition to the State and this is due by the end of April – if approved by state beginning 1/1/16 people in area the area could be able to sign up for tax credit. Ricky Strauch stated he looked at Bridge Creek and he said he could come up with 5100 acres easily that could qualify. In his opinion – that would have 6K in revenue. Feels Bridge Creek has a lot of agricultural land. Tax credit if you receive it helps stabilize farming economy. Tax credit would help on high years. Average age of farmer is 59 years old - trying to make it more economical to try to help beginning farmers. Steve Weiss stated with this area designated as an Ag enterprise area and new farmers starts looking for grants this would be bonus points to say that his land is in an Ag enterprise area. Dean Solie stated said he's completely in favor of it. Greg Leonard stated if you want to sign up and get the 5/acre it's totally voluntary. Tree farms and forestry land are also part of the ag land. Steve asked if land in CRP is also ag land but Greg stated that it is considered a different kind of revenue. If someone rents your farm and if they can show that your farm is making 6K you can also sign up but you would have to have the guy that rents it do the preservation & nutrient program. Chairman, Jeff Gerike asked Greg if farmer gets this credit where is this money coming from. Greg stated it is coming out of the state revenues. Steve Weiss asked if there is any chance of losing this funding in 5 yrs. Greg stated it has been funded since the 1980's and they went under a revamp in 2009.

After discussion Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion to pass a resolution that he agrees and supports the development of an Ag Enterprise Area. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Chairman Jeff Gerike brought up discussion regarding hiring an outside source to complete inspections at the sand mines. Discussion was held and Chairman Jeff Gerike stated that Kelly Jacobs from Eau Claire County already inspects the sand mines. Ricky Strauch asked if we could have Kelly come down and discuss her inspections. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated that she has brought up several issues that has went on out at the sand mines. At this time hiring someone outside to do mining inspections is tabled.

Tom Peterson –Spoke to the board regarding 4 possible outside sources to look at the mining committee's proposed changes to the sand mining ordinance.

Vaughn Nagahashi stated he contacted the following: Bill Mavity who is the co-Author of Stockholm's Ordinance – he agreed to do a review and give an informal opinion and would do it pro bono. Jim Drost he stated he would do it if the board gave the go ahead for him to respond to Schaumberg's comments. John Wagman, Attorney from Town of Garfield is willing to look at it and give his opinion or revamp it. Estimate of 1200.00 to do this. Glen Stoddard – he said he'd do a review for 250/hr. It might take a minimum of three hours - if you wanted him to do or rewrite the ordinance he would have to have discussion with you.

Tom Peterson stated the committee has not met - the request from board was just to find potential reviewers – he stated if you want committee to meet and review these comments they would but it is entirely up to the board. No action taken

After discussion Supervisor Dean Solie stated he felt there should be a meeting of the board and Attorney Schaumberg. He stated he has always represented Bridge Creek very well. He is a good lawyer and does not see the need for us hiring anyone else and leave him out of the discussion. Lynn Norheim also stated that he felt there was no need to have another attorney look over the proposed changes. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated the clerk will try and schedule a meeting with Attorney Schaumberg and hold a special meeting between the board and attorney. Clerk will let the board know of date and time.

Discussion was held regarding our dog ordinance: Lynn Norheim felt we could just stick with state statutes. Dean felt would be logical Supervisor Lynn Norheim made a motion to draft an ordinance stating the township will follow the state statutes only for the Township. Seconded by Ricky Strauch. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Chairman Gerike brought up a discussion regarding purchase of a new pickup for the township. Dean & Lynn went and looked at one in Cadott. 2005 Dodge 2500 with utility box. This is gas with 4 wheel drive – 34K miles government owned vehicle - lift tail gate would need a hitch to haul trailer - Dale thinks they could put one on – Dale said a fuel barrel would be nice to put in there too the price is 17,500.00. Dean stated he asked him to sharpen his pencil a little but he's pretty firm on the price. Lynn has to go there tomorrow morning and tell them the board's decision. It has very little rust. Has vinyl floor mats and seats red truck. 5.7 liter hemi. Only downfall is gas engine. Would be handy too for hauling culverts. Ricky asked if they looked at other trucks. Dale stated yes they looked at a few already. There was one also on an auction that they were trying to bid on but didn't get it. Ricky Strauch made a motion to make the deal on the truck. 2nd by Lynn to purchase truck for maximum amount of 17,500.00 Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Dean Solie talked about being asked to get a permission slip for the guys to haul sand for the Lake Association – they were going to start hauling on March 26th. Dale Kirchoff stated that they have never required one before.

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked the board to go into closed session. Town Board went into closed session at 9:13 p.m. Resumed meeting at 9:33 p.m.

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim – Meeting adjourned 10:15 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

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Roll Call: (**Absent: Steve Weiss**) Jeff Gerike, Chairman; Supervisors: Lynn Norheim, Dean Solie and Ricky Strauch; Tamy Moss, Treasurer; Patti Warner, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Also Present: Don DeShong, Tom Peterson, Kelly Jacobs, Eau Claire County, Bernice Strauch, Christine Yellowthunder, Heather Olson, Vicki Larson

Motion to approve agenda was made by: Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie, Seconded by Ricky Strauch Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Financial report was reported and approved on a motion by Supervisor Ricky Strauch. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment

Don DeShong: Lives across sand mine he's on one ridge. When blasting began it was small type no shaking of his house. Then you'd hear a muffled boom. At first you'd see no dirt fly. Next more, little more until at the end felt they were using potent stuff. Possibly living on opposite side of ridge that they were blasting maybe he felt it more. It got him a bit irritated – they have wonderful PR people and they talk real nice – but he's a little bit concerned and hopes it doesn't get too much worse. Now you see dirt fly maybe 100 ft high – never used to – will wonder about any structural damage. He lives on E20685 Oak Ridge Road opposite hill of where they blast.

Tom Peterson: Since it's his only opportunity to talk he wanted to share a couple thoughts. If wanted to point out that it would be helpful if the town would share more information. A truck was purchased for 17,000 last month and when he looked at the budget he only seen 9,000 allocated to equipment fund. The board did go through the normal process to approve it but wondered how they could with only 9,000.00 allocated unless it came out of a different fund. He feels it would be more helpful to explain it more. His second opinion was in regards to the revised ordinance.

The Clerk explained that the purchase of the truck was out of the Capital Outlay fund in the budget.

Old Business:

Ricky Strauch spoke about Five Star and he understood that they were not considered an operating mine until sand left their mine. He heard that trucks left in January hauling sand - he believes we have a fugitive dust plan - He knows they have a pretty good sprinkler – but could be in for a long summer if that dust doesn't get moved.

New Business:

Kelly Jacobs from Eau Claire County spoke to the board. Re: 5-Star they did have to have an erosion ordinance – we're also in same place – we had conversation with this as well. They have to have storm water erosion control – it doesn't matter if sand leaves plant or not once they starting moving sand they were considered an operating mine. It is still under 5-star ownership – but things have been pretty quiet. They do go out and look at the site on occasion.

County ordinances are in place for non metallic reclamation and storm water control – and also shore land zoning. She came to talk about Hi-Crush. Her division is in charge of storm water erosion per control ordinance. They make sure it's stabilized. When Hi-Crush contacts them to say a parcel is reclaimed. Greg Leonard, Skyler & Chad Burby are in charge of erosion control.

She will come out and/or Rod Eslinger will come out as well 1. They do a full walk through 2x year full tour of entire facility. Making sure that storm water does not leave – big thing they check are is to see that sites are stable. First year was graded and no seed. 2. Every permit amendment or closure request they want they have to renew their permit – Storm water is in line - but there will be some land disturbance. Every time they open a new cell they come out in person from LCD and Rod Eslinger to determine which cells are being opened and check their plan. Or anytime they get a complaint they go out. They want to make sure there's no dirty water leaving the site – they want things stabilized – and not operating without a permit – they did have a recent amendment in February for pipe going from dry plant to wet plant. Their permit continually evolves as things come up.

They don't necessarily address blasting. Could be addressed if township was zoned. If dirt plume is 100 ft high maybe they need to come out. She understands they have increased the tons they have used. They do check the seismic blast reports as well.

Ricky Strauch asked if there is a limit to how many acres can be exposed? KKelly stated – no – usually they don't because they have pay fees on all open acres. And for storm and erosion. They do a 38 acre piece at a time. Then they try to reclaim previous site. Ricky how many cells are out there?? She stated she doesn't know but Rod Eslinger would.

Ricky Strauch stated he heard early on that the pond was full of mud. Kelly stated at dry plant – it was in city of Augusta so DNR worked with them directly – Ricky asked about the wet plant? She stated she hasn't heard any issues with those ponds. Only issue in wet plant was there was a little bit of over splash. Sometimes they have to run it into detention ponds – or they have to dig it out. Ricky Strauch asked how about reclamation how stable is sand when putting back in hills. Kelly stated they have to strip the top soil and sub soil and then put back in reverse oil so it would be less prone to sloughing. If they do see a problem they would talk to them. They haven't seen it yet. If it was they'd fix it. Ricky

Strauch asked if the sand was going to be too hard for the water to get back into that. Kelly stated she hasn't seen that as an issue. On the North side of the plant Dean stated it looks like they are increasing their production are they ahead of their schedule?? Kelly stated they are moving further ahead of their schedule but she doesn't know how far ahead.

Regarding Five Star Ricky Strauch asked what are the options thKelly said if they had to reclaim it if something happens with lawsuit – they just would push all the sand back in the hole. Also they do have financial assurance with erosion. She knows blowing is an issue – Ricky said last spring the dust looked like smoke from a fire. Kelly – they have authority and if the piles are not stable stock piles in regards to erosion control – they could issue citations as well. None have been issued at 5-star.

Kelly stated the one citation they had was to a put a stop work order which was more effective. Had a meeting scheduled within 12 hrs. Dean Solie stated he thinks the county does a lot more than we are aware of in regards to checking the mines. Ricky Strauch stated he would like to recommend it done even quarterly.

Ricky Strauch spoke about Ag Enterprise. The update is their deadline is April 20th their proposal will be presented on April 8th to the Eau Claire County Board at their meeting. They to present to county and state why they think this area is a viable community to have it. They stated transportation – we have rail interstate – local investments – Fall Creek mill expanding – Eau Claire County okayed 2 other storage units – Paul Whaley. Along with that they'll need letters of support to area businesses to support them.

He figures we have in Bridge Creek around 17K acres in Ag area – It's a lot of work and being eligible 1st time in 15 years – hopefully state will allow 2 million acres to be added to it. They are at 1million now if not maybe we can get in next year. Some are quite large

He feels it helps farms stay economically viable – Introduced in 1977 – 1st sign up period was in 1979. He passed out a map showing farms currently in

Out of 15 townships 9 are zoned 8 are eligible – Bridge Creek had a farm in it but ran it ran out this year. Dean Solie asked if they rent it out can they still get the credit? Ricky said if product has a total of 6,000.00 in income the owner would be eligible for it. Dean asked if something need to be signed between landowner and renter? Based on crop history. Dean asked if it's in CRP can they get in – Kelly said it depends – Greg Leonard would have to answer that. This is not a program through the county – it is strictly between the Ag Enterprise and the state. The township has nothing to do with this program either.

Discussion was held regarding dog ordinance and how the board wanted it drafted. Supervisor Lynn Norheim made a motion to draft ordinance that mirror's Town of Washington. Seconded by Supervisor Ricky Strauch Motion carried: Supervisors: Lynn Norheim (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Ricky Strauch (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Road bans went on Wednesday per Jeff Gerike.

Annual Meeting is April 21st at 4:00 p.m.

All bills were audited and paid

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Supervisor Ricky Strauch. Motion carried meeting adjourned 9:27 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

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Absent: Ricky Strauch

Also present: Wendy Strauch, Bernice Strauch, Vicki Larson, Vic Werlein, Eli Gingerich, Christine Yellowthunder, Carol Peuse, Dale Kirchoff, MaryAnn O'Donohue, Terence O'Donohue, Bruce Logterman, Ryan Nelson (Augusta School District), Josef Eklund

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Dean Solie re: agenda to have Ryan Nelson speak before old business – Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Financial Report was presented - Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Ryan Nelson spoke to the board – he stated that the school finance is complicated and confusing. Bridge Creek currently is about 51% of property value in school district – that's why Bridge Creek's tax levy is impacted the most. The second highest property value in school district is City of Augusta at about 22% - Their revenue limit is limited as to what the school district is allowed to spend. Many variables come into play with what the school gets for State Aid - students, property value, and also what state puts into the fund. Enrollment numbers have decreased - once it's set every school is different. Once the school budget number is established there are 2 ways that districts are permitted to get to that number. One is the school state aid and the rest is from the local tax levy. Things that will have an effect on the school aid are enrollment, property value, how much money has put in that general aid pot. State will look at number of students compared to property value in that school district. If you have a higher property value and fewer students they give you less money for state aid. If you have a larger tax base they feel local tax base should fund the payment for the school – The local pot will be affected when there's a change with one or the other it affects – if property value goes down generally the more state aid. If they go up school will receive less state aid. The school bases their decision off of that. Only way to make it up is through local tax levy.

Dean asked what % of students are Bridge Creek versus City of Augusta – Ryan stated he would have to go back and will let us know – and what % does city of Augusta have to pay. Ryan stated that the tax rates for citizens in Bridge Creek went up significantly. It wasn't because the school was spending more money – they lost 223,000 from state pot last year. The levy for this school year is less than previous school years. Although the levy went up spending went down. That's it in a nutshell. The school does receive Federal dollars as well for Title 1 – but that is based on number of students living in school district and % that live in poverty. Federal government gives to state and state divides it out accordingly not all schools receive it but Augusta does.

Steve asked if Title I remained the same – Ryan stated it has decreased each year. 4 yrs ago they received just under 500K this past year it was 430 or 440 thousand. State looks how our numbers compares to others. If we stayed the same and another district went up that other district would get more and we would get less. Steve asked what level poverty is in Augusta School District – Ryan stated that district wide we have 54% that are considered at poverty level. Elementary school is usually around 60% it becomes a little smaller in Junior High and High School. Another consideration is Amish students are part of federal program.

Jeff Gerike asked if our enrollment stayed the same – Ryan stated it was declining slightly in 2010 – had a lot of students a few years ago and has leveled off. Projections look at those graduating versus those starting school. But there are a lot of unknowns that people will move in and move out. He does project about 60 kids growth in 2018 & 2019.

Steve asked if we'll have a loss next year. Ryan said he doesn't have concrete figures yet – he thinks it may be a little. He anticipates it would probably be somewhere between 150-175 thousand less. Property values will impact it as well. So anytime new buildings are built – or construction goes up – we won't know what the city of Augusta will be he thinks he'll get it in July. Dean Solie stated that he went with Lynn Norheim to the state building to check on values and they told them that the Industrial value of Bridge Creek is higher than City of Augusta. Dean stated how he just doesn't understand we could be higher than the city. City of Augusta is at 64,247 – Bridge Creek 151,591. - 293,894 total value in school district – it has increased - in 2010 it was around 250 million grown about 43 million in last 5 years. Steve has open enrollment affected. Ryan says it has positively affected Augusta.

Ryan stated that in the past year when the school count was done in September they had a positive 35-36 enrollment in rather than out. Steve Weiss asked if the school is looking at any major expenditures. Ryan stated they are going to do something to roof at the high school and looking to repair that also looking at trying to repair and update the elementary building. One portion of the roof still needs to be refinished. Original plumbing is leaking and it runs under the building. Some pretty significant items that they will have to address. In regards to needing more space he doesn't see any need for that.

Old Business:

Steve Weiss asked Dale Kirchoff if we had any salt left. Dale said we had a lot of salt in the corner. Dale stated there were still a couple roads that had bans on them yet.

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked Steve Weiss if he felt anything with this week's blast by Hi-Crush. Steve stated no he didn't.

Jeff spoke about complaint filed re:

New Business:

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked about voting on whether or not to pass the revised dog ordinance. Steve Weiss asked if we had received any calls or anything. Clerk stated she has not heard anything or received any bills from Humane Society. Motion by Lynn Norheim Seconded by Dean Solie to adopt this dog ordinance. Motion carried: Supervisors – Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Steve Weiss asked about 5-star – asked if we as a board could go look at their site. Chairman Gerike stated he would contact Troy and maybe could meet him the day we do road tour. The clerk stated that she had spoken to Troy and he stated the board was welcome to come look at the site as well as the log book anytime. Just need to contact him so he could meet the board there.

The revised mining ordinance was passed out and will be brought up at May's meeting for approval.

Chairman Gerike stated we need to set the date for road tour – after discussion the board will meet April 24th at 7 am to do the tour.

Dale Kirchoff spoke about WE Energy down at Willie's pit and said they are going to get after them - they are ruining the road into Willie's – they tried to use some of our stone but Dale told them no. The first guys in that did the clearing and ties were ok – now it's just pipeline guys. They are promising to fix everything before they leave. Lynn Norheim stated we should probably consider getting something in writing and make them sign it. Dale stated they are trying to do all kinds of stuff they didn't say they would do. Dean Solie thought they should put gravel back on the road either way.

Jeff Gerike asked if we could get a bigger dumpster – because they are coming every week and it is costing us more. Dale said it was only ½ full and they took it. He thinks most of it is because we had a 30 yd dumpster.....Joe said he's getting in trouble for the TV's because of some hazardous material so he has to get rid of them. They were going to put them back in the dog kennels and store them there. Joe stated they do have the bigger dumpster now.

Dale Kirchoff stated he has been looking at trailers and so far what he has found are around – Goodrich was 5200 - these are used ones which are almost as much as new – and then they need new tires and new brakes and still want 3500 for them.

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss – Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim – meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 21ST, 2015

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Jeff Gerike.

Roll Call: Board members Present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Steve Weiss, Dean Solie, Lynn Norheim, Bruce Logterman; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Also Present: Christine Yellowthunder, Wendy Strauch, Dale Kirchoff, Joe Eklund, Wesley Warner

Pledge of Allegiance

No public comment

Motion to approve agenda was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Financial report was presented. Motion to approve was made by Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Bruce Logterman Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding the railroad crossing on Cty Hwy M & Cty Hwy G. The clerk reported that she spoke with Highway Department regarding signs with phone number for railroad crossings. He stated that the number should be posted on the crossing – also there is a number beneath that – this number identifies the exact location of the crossing. So if a citizen has issues they need to call the railroad number and give them the crossing number. He stated there was nothing the Hwy Dept. could do as they were unable to hand out citations. He directed the clerk to contact the Sheriff regarding this to see if they would respond and issue citations. The clerk spoke with Officer Provos and he stated there wasn't anything the department could do – as the train only needs to move an inch and their 10 min. starts all over again. Clerk contacted County Highway Department again and he said to speak to Sheriff Cramer. The clerk did run into Sheriff Cramer and he stated that their department is checking into how they handled it in Chippewa County. He stated he would get back to us. It was stated that the numbers are only on one side of the crossing

Dean Solie stated he feels it is a big issue for Health & Human Services – ambulances, fire trucks. It was stated that if an ambulance or Fire Truck comes up to the crossing they are suppose to break the train. Bruce Logterman said there is a train master in Altoona – he

stated that the conductor could get a fine too for blocking it longer than the 10 minutes.. Bruce stated they are just being lazy as the train is only going to Altoona. They could back the train up to Krueger – if it's a weight issue they just have to stay in a group. The only time they can block it longer than 10 minutes is for an emergency on their part. Discussion was held regarding Bruce talking to the Train Master in Altoona and possibly at some point invite him to a meeting.

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked Joe about the current dumpster... Joe said it's wider , longer and lower but it is 30 yd. Jeff asked if it was lasting two weeks. Joe stated last week he had Dale come and pack it down – 3 or 4 times and it was full. Dean asked if it would slow up and Joe said yes.

Joe stated worst week-end is the one after 4th of July... (Recycling center is not open July 4th or Christmas Day)

Jeff asked Dale about Olson's Pit... Dale Kirchoff said they got them straightened out. They were using almost 11 acres instead of the 6 per the lease. Willy went and talked to them. They had to get someone from We Energy to straighten them out. Lynn Norheim stated he traveled the road today and it was pretty good – because it was dry. Dale said Sam Pettis actually started getting after them and actually had it surveyed and found out they were using 11 acres.

Joe Eklund said he was having problems with getting rid of TV's. He spoke with First Choice out of Eau Claire but he will have to raise the price on them considerably since a 13" will cost \$5.00 – consoles are 35.00. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated to go ahead and raise our prices. Steve Weiss asked if the appliances stay the same. Joe said just TV's that didn't stay the same. Steve asked if Pete was working out ok.... Joe said he is doing really well out there and has been such good help. Patti Warner will check with First Choice and see if they will bill us when TV's are dropped off so that we can reimburse them at our monthly meeting.

New Business:

Chairman Jeff Gerike received a call from Eau Claire County regarding a complaint they received from someone stating Hi-Crush was blocking CTH RR. After speaking with Rich Walther at the County Highway Department this was his final response back to the board.

I wanted to inform the town of no parking signs that have been temporarily installed on CTH RR. Eau Claire County received a verbal complaint from a resident on the 16th of April 2015 that stated during sand mine blasting operations, Hi Crush was closing down a section of CTH RR. During my investigation I found that CTH RR being closed was not the only concern needing to be addressed. On more than one occasion there has been an individual or individuals that have been parking along CTH RR in an area that is to be considered un-safe during blasting operations. This is for the purpose of videotaping the blast. During my conversations with representatives from Hi Crush in regards to their procedures and future plans for blasting, I decided that there is a need for the highway department to install no parking signs along a segment of CTH RR to protect the traveling public during blasting operations. The signs are enforceable from 10 AM to 2 PM TUE, WED, THUR and FRI. Hi Crush informed me that they will be done blasting in this area in approximately 2 months. At that time the signs will be removed. These signs are being temporarily installed for public

safety purposes only. Hi Crush also understands that they do not have the authority to close any county highway for any reason without the highway departments approval. I would like to ask that if the township is made aware of an un-authorized road closure happening in the future, that you please notify us as soon as possible so we can address the issue. If you would like to discuss this further please give me a call at your convenience.

***Richard Walthers
Acting Highway Commissioner
Eau Claire County Highway Dept.***

Discussion was held regarding status on Five Star. When the board talked to Troy at the site during road tour he said things were going to get moving in June – but should have heard something by May 12th. No one has heard anything from Troy. The clerk will contact Troy to see what if any updates there are and report it at the next meeting.

Steve said the blast that Hi-Crush did was bad today. He asked if anyone else felt or heard it.

Chairman Gerike brought up voting on the mining ordinance changes. He asked if there were none that someone make a motion. Steve Weiss asked when the moratorium is off. The clerk stated when the mining revision has been voted on and done it will come off. Supervisor Steve Weiss made a motion to approve the amended mining ordinance. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Steve (aye) Dean (aye) Lynn (aye) Jeff (aye) Bruce Logterman – abstained from voting on it as he doesn't feel he should vote on it because he wasn't part of the group going over it. Motion carried

Discussion was held regarding Road Tour and what road work needs to be done:

Dean asked if we knew how much cost per mile it would be....Dale Kirchoff thought between 7-8K/m

Dale feels we'll have to use 7/16" on everything due to buggies on the road.

Dale stated the outfit that crushed granite a gravel pit he's going to be working down here he'll be coming down empty so there is a chance he could haul for us.

Crack seal: 7-800 ton

Chip seal – Scott Construction does ours in August September.... But he will try to get them here this year before school starts.

Dale will need black top for patching usually 5-6 loads is enough.

Steve asked about Krueger – Dale stated the culvert will be between 10-11K, - he figured Randy would cost around 1200 plus the materials he figures it will be around 15 grand. It does have a slab deck no floor.

Chip seal:

Single chip Dolotta, Gregor, Karow, Kelly (2 mi), (from Schultz's rock dam, (8 ³/₄)

Strips on Sperber (1.75)

Sperber: single chip seal

Motion was made by Steve Weiss. 2nd by Lynn Norheim to seek bids. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Crack sealing: Stinsin & Witte (4.25 mi)

Dean Solie stated down by Arndt's on Solie Rd. it looks like it could use some work. Dale said they have to do a culvert on there and they'll try to straighten it out again. Dale said it lasted quite a few years when they fixed it up the first time.

Regarding the bridge on Krueger Rd. – Motion was made by Steve Weiss to replace it with a culvert. Seconded by Bruce Logterman. Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Chairman Jeff Gerike told Dale to talk to Randy to get it done ASAP. Dale said they will raise it up quite a ways and get a good cover on it.

Steve Weiss stated that Livermore road is breaking up again. Bruce Logterman stated that after the road tour they flattened it all out - Bruce Logterman stated that maybe they want to do bigger stone.

Chairman Jeff Gerike stated he received a call from Chet Krueger from City Hall. They received a complaint re: trailer homes across the driveway from where the new nursing home was going in and said it was an eyesore. Chet said the property was in Bridge Creek but they didn't know who owned it. Also, the city would be willing to help with some of the clean up. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated to the board that the property belongs to John Clark and the trailer homes might belong to a Larose. Jeff stated he spoke with John the day before and he said he would get it cleaned up. Chairman Gerike asked the board if they felt we should help with clean up since city is helping. After discussion the board felt it was the owner's responsibility. If we help – it could set precedence for other land owners wanting the township to clean up their property.

Dean Solie asked Joe Eklund about continuing fencing along the property of the recycling center. Joe stated he will check into the costs.

All bills were audited and paid

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Bruce Logterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

Motion carried: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – JUNE 18th, 2015
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members Present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Steve Weiss, Dean Solie, Lynn Norheim, Bruce Logterman; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Pledge of Allegiance

Others Present: Vic Werlein, Dawn Werlein, Eli Gingerich, Christine Yellowthunder, John Mason from Fahrner, Chase Brockman from Scott Construction, Carol Peuse, Wes Warner, Bernice Strauch & Dale Kirchoff

Motion to approve agenda was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim, Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye); Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye); Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

The financial report was presented and approved on a motion by Supervisor Steve Weiss, Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye); Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business: There was none

New Business:

Chairman Jeff Gerike opened the sealed bids for Chip Sealing:

Scott Construction: 152,962.00

Fahrner: CRS2 – 117,036.00

MAC5 – 130,864.00

Chairman Gerike asked how many gallons of oil Fahrner was using – 38,863 gallons - Scott 43,700 gallons oil. Discussion was held –

Dale Kirchoff stated if we don't run the heavier oil the horses and buggies will tear it off faster. Lynn Norheim stated that he feels hot oil will stick better than emulsified. Difference in cost of oil makes the bids pretty close together Dale said the only trouble we ever had with bleeding was the first year – they just put sand on it and they were good to go.

Steve Weiss stated that the quality of work and amount of oil being put down – he would make a motion to approve Scott Construction for 152,962.00 when you consider the extra oil 9,850 dollars pretty much even's out estimate. With Mac 5 still higher. Lynn said he's not a fan of emulsified oil. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye); Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

The clerk read the email from Troy on 5-star. Currently they are working with two possible companies that may take sand. They have sent a sample to one to see if it will work for what they want it for.

Clerk presented letter from Assessor in regards to the importance of obtaining building permits so that the records can be up to date. There is quite a lack in his opinion and he advised the board to try and develop a plan to get people to take them out – seems to be more Amish in his opinion that are not getting them – there are English as well that haven't taken out permits.

Building permits – clerk stated she talked to Eli Gingerich about possibly the Amish can have some people issue permits – Lynn Norheim asked Eli Gingerich if he could do this – Eli Gingerich stated it might be better to have them at the stores. Dean Solie stated that on the road tour if we notice any new buildings we write that down and pass it on to the assessor. Possible stores these could be at are the Bent & Dent, J&J metals – Dry goods store of Noah Stutz man

Assessor also asked if the board would write a recommendation letter for their company to add to their file when they do presentations on their assessing.

Clerk spoke to the board about a past board member that has checks out as far back as December that have not been cashed for a total of over \$3,000. Clerk had sent email requesting them to be cashed and also asked in person. Discussion was held to possibly end up getting a certified check for the total amount and stop payment on the checks. No decision was made.

Liquor license did not get on agenda so discussion was held to have a special meeting to approve the following licenses.

Class A Beer & Intoxicating Liquor: Carol's DJ Mart

Class B – Beer Only: Augusta Area Sportsman's

Class B Beer & Intoxicating Liquor: Beaver Bowl, Edelweiss, LLC

Clerk will post tomorrow to have the special meeting to approve the licenses on Monday – June 22nd at 3:30 p.m. at the town hall.

Dale Kirchoff asked we received a bill from Opelt yet.

Dale Kirchoff asked if we were going to let our old pick up go? He was offered 500.00 – After discussion it was decided that we will take bids on it.

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Weiss Seconded by Dean Solie motion carried meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY – JUNE 22ND – 3:30 P.M. TOWN HALL

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 3:35 p.m.

Present: Chairman Jeff Gerike, Supervisors: Bruce Logterman & Steve Weiss

The following liquor licenses are up for approval

Class A Beer & Intoxicating Liquor: Carol's DJ Mart

Class B – Beer Only: Augusta Area Sportsman's

Class B Beer & Intoxicating Liquor: Beaver Bowl, Edelweiss, LLC

Supervisor Bruce Logterman made a motion to approve the above liquor licenses – Seconded by Steve Weiss.

Motion carried: Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Steve Weiss (aye)

Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Logterman – Seconded by Supervisor Steve Weiss Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3: 50 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye);
Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – JULY 16TH, 2015
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call board members present: Chairman Jeff Gerike, Supervisors: Dean Solie, Bruce Logterman, Lynn Norheim, Treasurer, Tamy Moss, Clerk, and Patti Warner
(ABSENT: Supervisor – Steve Weiss)

Also Present: Scott Bertrang, Wendy Strauch, Joe Eklund, Eli Gingerich, Vic Werlein, Wes Warner, Jane Schmidt, Carol Mayer, Bernice Strauch, Carol Peuse, Dawn Werlein

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve agenda was made by: Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The Financial report was presented – motion to approve was made by Supervisor Bruce Logterman. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

No public comment

Old Business:

Clerk stated that the checks that had not been cashed - were cashed on June 19th so there is no need to get a certified check from the bank.

Update on 5 Star – Clerk spoke with Troy Morey and he stated that Scott Bertrang trucking will be hauling sand for them. They may come to City of Augusta as they are patrons of Carol's DJ Mart & Steve Goss. He stated he received a letter from the City of Augusta's attorney that the police chief had received complaints about Bertrang's trucks going through the City of Augusta. He stated that he told the trucking company that they need to come to the board to get approval to haul sand through the city – but it will all be contingent on the City of Augusta also approving it. Otherwise they are going north with the loads and will increase the trucks they are using to at least 6.

New Business:

Scott Bertrang – spoke to the board and stated that they have a contract with 5-star to haul out around 9 ton/month. There will be 7 trucks hauling 3-4x/day. He thinks it will take about 20 working days to provide 9K ton to Marshfield. The most is 28 trucks a day loaded and coming back. He tried to get a hold of Mayor Delton Thorson twice but he's on vacation now. Lynn Norheim asked if they are going through Augusta now. Scott stated that they have been doing backloads from J&J at least 1 truck goes over to Goss's and they fill up at Carol's Spur – and they have also taken some loads to farmers.

Lynn Norheim suggested that the trucks don't wait and bunch up and go all at once. Dean Solie stated we need to check with our attorney. Also suggested a couple board members attend meeting with Scott Bertrang. Scott Bertrang stated he purchased all but two of 5-star's trucks. All he's asking for is support from the board. The board has no issue with them traveling south through the City of Augusta only if they get approval from the City to do so.

Discussion on building permits: Bruce Logterman said we have to get language right on the permit as he though someone told him it would be good for only a year. He doesn't see anything wrong with having Amish issue permits - He disagrees with multiple buildings on permits. But feels we should have a time limit on it. Jeff asked Eli about issuing permits. Eli Borntreger stated that it might be better to have permits at the stores to hand out.

After discussion Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion that building permits are limited to a year – and multiple buildings can be on one permit. Seconded by Bruce Logterman. Motion carried: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Supervisor Lynn Norheim made a motion to go into closed session. 2nd Bruce Logterman 8:04 pm

Motion to resume regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

All bills were audited and paid

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Bruce Logterman – motion carried meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – AUGUST 20TH, 2015
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call – Board members present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Dean Solie, Bruce Logterman, Steve Weiss & Lynn Norheim; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Others Present: Josef Eklund, Carol Peuse, Vic Werlein, Eli Borntreger, Dawn Werlein, Wes Warner, Levi Hershberger & Dawn Werlein

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss, Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment: none

The minutes were read and motion to approve was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim after discussion regarding building permits was held. Stating they are only good for one year and for what is on the initial application – you cannot keep adding buildings to the permit throughout the year. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Financial report was presented and a motion to approve was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Bruce Logterman. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

Johnson Valley Dam - Patti Warner, Clerk stated she read an article about the dam being worked on and Hi-Crush is helping the City of Augusta along with other engineers etc. Supervisor Dean Solie stated the farm agency had a tour Tuesday and they expected to get it done by next week.

Supervisor Steve Weiss asked about Building permits that Amish will hand out. Eli Gingerich stated that they will be placed at Bent & Dent and J&J metals. Patti Warner, Clerk stated maybe once a month someone can go and pick them up if there are any. Patti Warner, Clerk also stated that these permits do not take care of anything that the county needs to issue.

New Business:

Patti Warner, Clerk spoke about a letter she received our Attorney Rick Schaumberg that was sent to 5-Star in regards to Bertrang Hauling South. The letter basically stated that only Bertrang trucking could haul south – that the Town Board is not giving permission to any other trucking companies to go South. The only reason Bertrang is allowed is because the City of Augusta made an agreement with them to haul south until their meeting in November. The letter was sent at the request of Chairman, Jeff Gerike. Supervisor Lynn Norheim stated he drove by the site and in his opinion it was very clean going in and out.

Chairman Gerike brought up discussion re: Ricky Strauch and the June minutes. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated that Ricky Strauch came and talked to him and wanted the June minutes changed where it spoke about the checks that had not been cashed. He told him that he was never notified about them and would like that part removed from the minutes. There is an email that had been sent asking about the December checks with a response back from Wendy Strauch. Supervisor Bruce Logterman stated he feels this request

should have been a written request or he should appear at the meeting in person. Supervisor Steve Weiss stated he also received a copy of the email that shows a request was made in regards to the checks and that there was a response to the email. After discussion it was decided nothing will be changed unless he appears and address's this himself.

Joe Eklund asked if the township could get a different lawn mower – like a commercial zero turn. The current one is hard to get around areas. Dale always has to fix it because of a bad carburetor. He would like permission to get a new one – Pete's got to go over it twice in order for it to cut decent. He would like the ok to go looking. Supervisor Steve Weiss stated there's money in the recycling fund. Bruce asked what there is to mow. Supervisor Steve Weiss stated it is about 4 acres – and it takes 4-5 hours to cut it. Supervisor Steve Weiss felt we should be able to sell the old tractor with mower. Supervisor Dean Solie said they had one like it for the legion and the most they could get for that type was 1,000. Supervisor Lynn Norheim stated he would be willing and so would Dean Solie to go look at mowers with Joe to get prices for next month's meeting. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated the one they used at the school is an X-Mark – and Supervisor Bruce Logterman stated he recently purchased a Kubota for 4800.00.

Treasurer, Tamy Moss stated that Barb Balliet came out and weeded the flower beds out front by the road and it took her some time to do it. Discussion was held to either have Diane Gerike take care of the flower beds and Joe Eklund stated that Pete could do it too. Discussion was held to send Barb a thank-you and a gift certificate. This will be on next month's agenda.

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Dean Solie, Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2015
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members Present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors Dean Solie, Bruce Logterman, Dean Solie; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Supervisor: Steve Weiss (absent)

Also Present: Joe Eklund, Pete Eklund, Wes Warner, Judge Brian Wright, Bernice Strauch, Kelly Jacobs (Eau Claire County), Bernie Strauch. Victor Werlein, Eli Gingerich & Dale Kirchoff

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve agenda was made by: Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Bruce Logterman Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Judge Brian Wright – came tonight to introduce himself. He is the newly appointed Circuit Court Judge Branch 1. As an attorney he previously represented Lake Hallie and the Village of Cadott and has been able to see the importance of the work that Town boards have to do.

No public comment

Minutes – The clerk stated she would correct Eli Gingerich from Borntreger to Gingerich on the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Financial report was presented. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Logterman. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

Re: building permits that will be at Bent & Dent and J&J Metals for any Amish to pick up. Lynn Norheim volunteered to stop at J&J Metals to see if any are turned in there. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated he can stop out to Bent & Dent once a month.

New Business:

Kelly Jacobs – Spoke to the board about going into an Intergovernmental agreement with the county. This agreement is in regards to work that is done in the township it's an option we can pursue if we want too. Copies of the proposed agreement were handed out to town board members that didn't have it. She stated some of the town projects may require input from DNR & EPA – she's hoping the town and county can work together on it. Really clarifies the town projects that the county should receive notice on – also involved would be the land conservation office – if there is any land disturbance over 400 sq feet of surface. There are alternatives to the agreement. Bruce Logterman asked what does the agreement mean. Kelly said agreement would mean we wouldn't be required to pay the permit fees, Lynn Norheim asked no fees whatsoever?? Kelly said no. Question was asked if we have to contact them to replace a culvert. We won't have to as long as culvert isn't smaller than original one. Dean Solie asked what kind of projects would require county to do a plan? She stated some of the requirements to have county involved is if we are replacing a culvert or bridge of smaller capacity. Expanding shoulders – or doing major ditching work – they want to make sure run the possible run off would not contaminate water supply....for these they need notice 30 days in advance. They could also field complaints that come into their office. Dean Solie asked when Dale replaces a culvert would he need to contact county if he's cleaning out on both sides of the road. Sometimes jobs don't take as long. Option could be give a list to the county in January or after road tour – give them a call and give them a list – then county could go look at it – and they could move on to any of those projects any time of year.

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked how soon do we have to sign this. Kelly stated they haven't done any enforcement action yet and would hope there would be an agreement before the end of the year and start fresh January.

Bruce Logterman asked about permits? Kelly said she would like to use an intergovernmental one. The state has reviewed it and the state is ok with the Eau Claire County ordinance. Erosion control would be handled by Chad Berge. Dean said if we did sign this with a 60 day notice we could opt out but would have to adopt our own ordinance. If we have a project that we need engineering – it's \$50/HR. Bruce asked why it wouldn't be county assistance. This agreement only discuss's the town projects.

Discussed letter from Rod Eslinger in regards to the new culvert on Krueger. The township has been requested to have a flood study done. Skyler came out and took some elevations. Top & bottom of culvert. Chairman Gerike stated – the one on RR failed. The new culvert on Krueger road did better than the bridge on Krueger. Clerk to email Scott McCurdy and ask if he can do the study. Kelly Jacobs said Rod Eslinger didn't write a deadline on the letter – she doesn't think Skyler could do it. Kelly said getting a study done before winter is important. Clerk to contact Cedarcorp.

Discussion was held regarding purchasing a new riding lawnmower. Lynn stated they checked out a Kubota 54" cut \$7900 with a 2 yr warranty at Value Implement. Mondovi had a small John Deere commercial 60" deck with a 3 yr warranty for \$7800 – Today Lynn got them to knock another 500 off of price so it would be \$7300. He stated there is a parts drop off in Fall Creek if we need parts. Dean Solie stated that the lawn mower is

being paid for by fees collected through the recycling center. After discussion a motion was made by Lynn Norheim to purchase the John Deere for \$7300 Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Discussion was held regarding the pick-up = Dale Kirchoff reported two people offered to buy it – he has a check from Bob Meyer who wanted it first and Dale has money tonight. Board accepted the check for the pick-up for \$750.00. The tractor has not received any bids on it. They are asking 4,000 or best offer. Bruce Logterman stated he has a \$1,000 offer from a guy in Augusta on it. After discussion it was decided if nothing else they will wait until spring to try and sell.

Discussion was held regarding landscape timbers – to be put around where the flowers and flagpole are to try and keep fewer weeds from coming in. After discussion motion was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim that Diane Gerike will take care of weeding & watering the flowers – and Pete Eklund is going to put landscape timbers around the site. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

Chairman Jeff Gerike pointed out Diane left footprints on the wall and did not clean them off so everyone could see them. Apparently this has happened more than once where people are leaving the hall a mess. We need to put up a sign in regards to use of hall and expectations. After discussion held of adding a deposit to the rent – motion was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim, Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie to keep the rent at 50.00 but add on a 50.00 deposit to cover costs if this happens in the future. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman, Jeff Gerike (aye)

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Logterman. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 15TH, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Dean Solie, Lynn Norheim & Bruce Logterman; Treasurer, Tamy Moss & Clerk, Patti Warner

Absent: Steve Weiss (absent)
Bruce Logterman arrived at 7:48 pm

Also Present: Fred Poss, Christine Yellowthunder, Vic Werlein and Dale Kirchoff

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Christine Yellowthunder stated there are a lot of rumors floating around about what is going on with Hi-Crush and she wondered why they didn't let the board know about anything. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated we did receive a letter notifying the town board what is going on in regards to the layoff. The clerk read the letter from Hi-Crush. Christine stated she would like to hear an update at the next meeting on what they are doing and/or planning on doing there with the sand. She would like to see it as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Hi-Crush sent the Chairman a letter regarding the lay off of 27 hourly employees – due to unforeseen circumstances the Augusta Plant will not be operating – they will be terminated - November 9th – and they don't know how long the layoff will be.

Motion to approve agenda was made by: Supervisor Dean Solie Seconded by Lynn Norheim.
Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The financial report was presented. Motion by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

Lynn Norheim asked if there was any interest on the tractor. Dale stated no. Discussion was held and we will try and sell it again in the spring.

Lynn asked if anyone used the new lawn mower yet. Dale said Pete did and it did a really good job.

Dean Solie stated he seen Kelly Jacobs and she wondered if we were working on the agreement – he stated he wondered why Ludington didn't sign up – Kelly would like all townships to let her know by Jan 1st if they are going to sign the agreement

Discussion was held and we are going to ask Randy Horlacher to come to our next meeting from Town of Ludington.

New Business: (Bruce Logterman arrived 7:48)

Fred Poss spoke to the board regarding work on the lake. He feels what he brought to the lake association - the decisions on lake management resources should be left to science. It is becoming the most beautiful lake it possibly can be. He feels it is good for our township. They have had 30K hits on their website - Lake Eau Claire.org. Since he came a year ago and asked for a donation. Their management has improved fish, and the sediment situation, the blue/green algae problem the lake had is now cleared up. They have a 56 page scientific report. 183 scientifically designed fish cribs in Eau Claire Lake now. He builds them in July & Sept. They put them in shallow water because fish don't spawn in deep water. They GPS each crib and send reports to the County & DNR. DNR put 50 tree falls in. The bio mass – Lake Eau Claire has 300% more fish than it had 4 yrs ago.

The county & DNR will let them go in treble waters and gravel pit in January and dredge. Aeration system they have 15 systems and they have signs asking people not to drop anchor there and no one has so far. 5 airlines in each raceway – that go to aerator. They have been strategically placed. Lines are producing a turnover of 26 gallons per second. 20 million gallons of water turned over every day in Lake Eau Claire. They test the oxygen and life every week. They will turn aerators off in about a week. Deep end of lake is fully oxygenated in every corner. Fred offered if the board would like a tour to see the aeration to let him know and he would give them a tour. Chairman Jeff Gerike asked what the life expectancy is – Fred said could last 100 yrs....as long as no one drops an anchor on it. Pipelines 20-25 years maybe longer. Compressor – warranty depending on what part is 5-8 yrs. Kaiser compressors are built in Germany well made they are hoping to double that. They have 3 retired engineers that run tests – have maintenance agreement with Kaiser and he checks each month. Can things be replaced with solar – probably not – due to location of lot would have to have 3 phase power.

Motion by Supervisor Lynn Norheim seconded by Dean Solie to go into closed session 8:11. Regular meeting resumed at 8:44 p.m.

Clerk stated that the recycling fee for 2015 tax bills will be \$12.00 – needs to go on November agenda to be approved.

Motion made by Supervisor Bruce Logterman to adjourn. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
BUDGET HEARING
NOVEMBER 19TH, 2015
7:15 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman: Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Dean Solie, Bruce Logterman, Lynn Norheim, Steve Weiss; Treasurer: Tamy Moss; Clerk: Patti Warner

Discussion was held regarding the proposed budget for 2016.

After discussion of proposed budget a Motion was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Bruce Logterman that the township levy for 2016 will be 278,893.00 which is an increase of 3,993.00 from 2015 – total budget will be 635,611.00 Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Motion was made by Supervisor Dean Solie to adjourn budget hearing. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 19TH, 2015
7:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Roll Call: Chairman: Jeff Gerike; Supervisors: Dean Solie, Bruce Logterman, Lynn Norheim, Steve Weiss; Treasurer: Tamy Moss; Clerk: Patti Warner

Also present: Randy Horlacher, Eli Gingerich, Victor Werlein and Carol Peuse

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve agenda was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Public Comment (none)

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Dean Solie - Seconded by Steve Weiss. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The financial report was presented and approved on a motion by Steve Weiss. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Old Business:

The clerk stated that Eau Claire County asked the board to pass a resolution to place \$12.00 recycling fee on the tax bills for this year. Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion to allow Eau Claire County to add the 12.00 recycling fee. Seconded by Steve Weiss Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Update on Hi-Crush – they are only working one shift out there now - wet plant is shut down for winter. They are averaging about 65 hr/week for those that are working – they will continue loading cars. The back pile of sand is almost gone. As far as sand leaving the plant – it all depends on their orders.

The clerk stated that she spoke to Scott Bertrang and the City of Augusta approved for them to continue trucking sand from 5-Star with no restrictions. It will not be revisited.

New Business:

Randy Horlacher spoke to the board in regards to the contract pending with Eau Claire County. He stated by signing the contract it takes away all control on our roads. This is why Town of Ludington did not sign the contract and instead are taking care of their own perHe stated they were given a template to follow that isn't as strict as the county. If he would have any issues with the county his answer to that would be would you want to start proceedings or do I. State is still not done with erosion control. If we don't sign it – we pay 260 or 280 on every culvert we install. He's issued 6 or 7 erosion control permits – They charge 50.00. Have to fill out a form for the state – it's an inspection site report. Report comes from the DNR – he stated they have been really good to work with. If you don't have your own erosion control plan then you have to go with them. They get around 100.00 per house for building permits and it goes by square footage. They also use their own building inspector. Health Department still does well and septic inspections. They do all driveway, erosion, building and driveway permits. Their inspector doesn't do any commercial permits the county does those. They pay Ludington and they pay the inspector. They charge 60 for electrical permit and they keep 10. The do not issue any permits for sheds etc. only homes. Jim Engels and Randy will come to the next meeting. He also stated they went with the state statutes which are more lenient. Put on agenda for next month – compare it to counties.

Treasurer, Tamy Moss spoke to the board about the need to raise fees for dog licenses. Eau Claire County raised their fee last year – with raising the fee we would keep 1.00 of each license. After discussion Supervisor Lynn Norheim made a motion to raise the dog license fees as follows: Neutered & Spayed 7.00 – Male & Female 17.00 – Kennel License to 37.00. Seconded by Dean Solie. Motion carried: Supervisor: Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) and Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Lynn Norheim. Motion carried meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1ST, 2015 – 3:00 PM
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 2:45 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman Jeff Gerike, Supervisors: Bruce Logterman, Lynn Norheim, and Dean Solie.

Discussion was held to pass a resolution for the ordinance to bond with Eau Claire County for tax collection. Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Motion carried

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by: _____ Seconded by _____

Meeting adjourned

Patti Warner, Clerk

TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY – DECEMBER 17TH, 2015
7:30 P.M. TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Gerike at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Board members present: Supervisors: Steve Weiss, Dean Solie, Lynn Norheim and Bruce Logterman, Chairman, Jeff Gerike; Treasurer, Tamy Moss; Clerk, Patti Warner

Also present: Randy Horlacher, Jim Engel's, Eli Gingerich, Vic Werlein and Dale Kirchoff

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Vic Werlein – spoke to the board and stated he wanted it on record that he is against zoning – he has also talked to many people who feel the same way. He wants to see the township have control over as much as they can without having to have Eau Claire County involved.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by: Supervisor Dean Solie. Seconded by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Motion carried: Supervisor Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Financial report was presented – motion to approve was made by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Seconded by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Motion carried: Supervisor Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye)

Old Business:

Supervisor Steve Weiss asked if fuel was checked into. Chairman Jeff Gerike stated no.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding building inspectors. Supervisor Steve Weiss stated that he checked and there are a few in Eau Claire County but the one in Trempealeau sounded more interested. Randy Horlacher spoke to the board and stated that for permits their inspector gets a flat fee. Electrical is 60.00 per permit and their township keeps 10.00 of it. Randy also stated they can fine someone if they are trying to sneak something in without getting a permit.

Jim Engels stated he believes they have a contract with their building inspector – if they do he'll share it. Also the building inspector is a subcontractor and they carry their own insurance. Jim said the county has been advised that they issue their own building permits and if someone shows up at the county they will send them out to the town or give them contact information. Normally they do about 5 homes a year. If there's no electrical in an outbuilding there do not issue a permit. Bruce Logterman asked how many inspections would an Amish home get. Randy Horlacher stated 4 or 5. Sanitary permit is still issued through Eau Claire County. Ludington does driveway and erosion control permits. On a County Road they have to get a driveway permit from them. Their residents get their own culverts.

Supervisor Dean Solie asked what do they do if there is a culvert in a wetland – Randy stated they will call the DNR and they will come out and work with them on it. Jim stated that the County and Towns

have struggled for over 1 ½ yrs to come up with an agreement with the County. They weren't able to do so. They went to all the meetings that they had. He stated we are allowed by state law to develop our own site erosion and storm water management program. They contacted Terry Moulton – and asked him for a copy of the ordinance for the state. He came back and said that ordinance had never been finalized but there was a model ordinance. However the state DNR has developed guidelines and they have developed them into a model ordinance – they have not gone through the regulatory process. Senator Molten and the DNR stated that won't be done for at least 2 yrs or more. Consequently with EC putting pressure on to sign an agreement with them - they said they would do their own.

Discussion was held regarding bridge on Krueger Road and the costs we have incurred so far – and what we may have to do yet to get Eau Claire County to approve the project. Jim Engels thought if we decided to pass our own ordinance we would be entitled to draft a letter to the county stating we are putting a freeze on the project – and that the town is in process of getting an ordinance. When we get the ordinance we will complete the rest of the project. There are two ordinances not zoning – construction & site erosion and storm water management ordinance – that they took from state guidelines.

Supervisor Dean Solie asked if the county would check building permits and erosion – Randy Horlacher said we would only have to deal with the DNR. Jim Engels said if there's a big project come along like commercial their ordinance says to go out and get someone that can do it. Jim Engels stated MS4 regulations deals with areas highly populated – the County has adopted MS4 regulations for the entire County – reason being they have taken an EPA grant – there are only two counties in the state that did this Dane & Eau Claire County.

Jim Engels stated that the one thing you can rely on is the 2 ordinances and they say you should use best management practices – BMP by state can be determined on effectiveness, necessity and economics - if we think there would be a better management practice you don't have to take it because economics of situation just don't require it. Best management practice is common sense.

Will put on the agenda for next month to discuss and possibly pass ordinances.

Supervisor Dean Solie said that Wilson bought some solar energy panels and he wondered if Ludington did as well. Randy Horlacher stated that Ludington hasn't heard anything about them.

Chairman Jeff Gerike brought up nominating election clerks for 2016-2017 election cycles. The clerk stated the following are the names willing to serve. Alexandra Marifke, Beatrice Nehring, Joyce Bertram, Diane Gerike, Geraldine Erdman and Tamy Moss. Elections to have 3 serve at normal elections with exception of presidential where the clerk may opt to have 5 serve. Supervisor Dean Solie made a motion to approve the election clerks. Seconded by Lynn Norheim Supervisor Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (ABSTAIN)

Chairman Jeff Gerike said there was concern raised from Ricky Strauch about the horse manure on the roads – he said in Fairchild they are going to use a rubber blade on their town roads also wanted to know if we'd talk to the Amish to see if they'd leave their bags on until they got home. Eli Gingerich stated that it would not be very pleasant having to have the bags on until they get home – due to flies etc. that are attracted to the manure. Ricky also told him if it gets too bad the county is going to pass an ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding absentee voting. Supervisor Dean Solie stated he had been approached as well as Supervisor Lynn Norheim by Ricky Strauch with concerns raised over in person absentee voting. Ricky and others would like to have someone of their choice be present for all in person absentee voting – they expressed concern that Amish may have been coerced into voting in the April

2015 election. The clerk stated she has no problem having an election clerk with her for all in person voting – the election clerk would need to be reimbursed for being there. If anyone else wishes to sit there they can – only they have to maintain a distance from the table and can have no input to voters. After discussion Supervisor Lynn Norheim made a motion to allow the clerk to have another election clerk present while doing in person absentee voting. Seconded by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Motion carried: Supervisor Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

The clerk brought up discussion on whether or not to charge for Fire# signs. If the board chooses to do so the county would collect the fee and submit it to the township. Discussion was held and Supervisor Bruce Logterman felt we should continue to not charge for them as they are already paying the county a fee. Motion was made by Bruce Logterman to not charge for Fire# signs. Seconded by Supervisor Lynn Norheim. Motion carried: Supervisor Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

Chairman Jeff Gerike asked the board for approval for Caucus to be held on Saturday January 9th at 10:00 a.m. Supervisor Steve Weiss made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Supervisor Steve Weiss (aye) Dean Solie (aye) Lynn Norheim (aye) Bruce Logterman (aye) Chairman Jeff Gerike (aye)

All bills were audited and paid.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Steve Weiss. Seconded by Supervisor Dean Solie. Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Patti Warner, Clerk