

Brigham Town Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Brigham Town Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the Barneveld-Brigham Municipal Building located at 407 Business ID in Barneveld Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Jason Carden at 7:03 PM. In attendance (besides Chair Carden) were: Town Supervisor Jeff Zander, Supervisor Kyle Thompson, Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Rue and Bill Carden, Steve Thoni, Mary Davis, Jerry Davis, Travis Disch, Frank Sandner, Caroline Beckett, Kevin Bollinger, Wendy Bollinger, Greg Hilden, Jean Parks, Tess Parks, Dan Patzner, Doug Carden, Elizabeth Ravindran, Don Gaines, Bill Lorenz and Jeff Billerbeck.

The Public Notice was approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

The August 2, 2017 meeting minutes were approved by on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

Chair Carden asked for **Public Comment**.

- Jerry Davis – commented on the ad-hoc committees and how they are run. Indicated Brigham is looked at as the “bottom of the barrel” by Iowa County.
- Greg Hilden – commented on Scott Godfrey’s recommendation to the ad hoc committees.
- Elizabeth Ravindran – comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan process and the survey results of the last comp plan work.
- Dan Patzner – commented that he agrees with all the comments so far
- Bill Lorenz – comments on the percentage of people that really want a survey
- Caroline Beckett – commented to send the survey to see how many come back
- Jeff Billerbeck – commented that he would like to see a survey done
- Jean Parks – commented that she would like a survey done

5. Travis Disch – ATV/UTV Ordinance: This is for an ATV/UTV route on a section of Urness Road. The State is currently looking at a route on Hwy 191, the Town of Ridgeway has passed the ordinance and the Town of Moscow has passed the ordinance. Disch indicated they are pushing for no intoxicants on the machine. They are seeking Brigham’s support on ½ mile of Urness Road.

Supervisor Zander moved to modify the Town of Ridgeway’s Ordinance to fit the Town of Brigham and further move that Brigham move forward at the next Board meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson and carried.

6. Town Board and Plan Commission Meeting Minutes: It was noted the minutes have been done the same for 9 years. Board shared documents on how others record minutes. Comments from Jerry Davis, Greg Hilden and Elizabeth Ravindran.

Board suggested pros and cons of issues to be recorded – ie. Only record names who opposed issues and name who favored issues.

Motion by Supervisor Zander to investigate what the County does to record pros/cons and follow their lead. Motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Carried.

7. Financial Responsibility and Birch Lake: Doug Carden noted the dam is owned by the State and the remainder of the park is owned by Iowa County. Going forward, plan is to have the County maintain the dam. The Village of Barneveld doesn't want the "pooling area" – they want to eliminate that from their responsibility.

Carden noted he is representing the people who have given over \$110,000. He is looking for Brigham to take on financial responsibility.

With regard to the weed cutting – Doug noted that for a small amount we need done, the Friends of Birch will purchase a machine and Brigham can mow twice each year.

Carden felt a Land Use Agreement between the Village, Town and County needed to be drawn up.

Chair Carden feels the cost would be approximately \$5,000/year. The mowing estimate should be \$3,000. Chair Carden noted he doesn't like the unknown cost. He also felt the parking lot and driveway should be fixed up before we take it over. Carden shared concerns of costs and the possibility of "scope creep".

Chair Carden suggested the park should be part of the Ag and Natural Resources ad hoc committee.

Motion by Supervisor Thompson to have the Friends of Birch Lake have a potential maintenance plan added to the Ag/Natural Resources ad hoc committee. Motion seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

8. Ad Hoc Committee Meetings: Suggestions to have more notices on the Ad Hoc Meetings. Chair Carden noted we've asked for the front page of the Shopper and the notices are on the town Website. It was also suggested the meeting notices be posted on all 4 bulletin boards around town.

9. Iowa County's request with regards to Public notification/town procedures related to rezones and CUP's: It was noted that about 4 of the 14 municipalities in Iowa County – send letters to neighbors of rezones and CUP's. Some of the municipalities make the applicant send the letter.

Various attendees at the meeting noted reasons to notify neighbors include: Best Practices, transparency and due process.

Motion made by Chair Carden to adopt a rule to institute a policy to notify adjoining property owners of rezone and conditional use meetings. Motion seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

10. Report on Economic Development meeting: Supervisor Zander reported the August 20th meeting included a speaker on USDA grants. Next meeting is September 25th.

11. Vouchers: Motion by Supervisor Zander to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion Carried.

12. Items for future agendas: Meeting on October 4, 2017

ATV Ordinance

Finalize new Rezone and CUP Process

13. Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Thompson, Seconded by Supervisor Zander to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

Audrey Rue, Clerk