

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
Monday November 9, 2009**

**MINUTES**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

**CHAIRMAN STEVE STROSHANE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Chairman Stroshane verified that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted Friday October 30, 2009, at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, Rural American Bank and the Town of Osceola Website.**

**Chairman Stroshane led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Steve Stroshane, Gene Lindholm and Bob Wright

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, Gene Shaffer - Dairyland Power, John Adam, Roger Kuehn - Eagles Bluff Development, Ron Strom, Dan & Susan Burch, Pete & Kathy Shay, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen, Mark Pierce and Greg Hustad

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** The Board audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12091 through 12147 with total disbursements of \$42,238.15.

**AGENDA:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 5, 2009 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES, THE OCTOBER 7, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 15, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUSINESS:**

**Operator Licenses**

Michael Doll has applied for an operator's license to work at J & L Mkt. He has a beverage server license and a background check has been done.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF OPERATOR LICENSES TO MICHAEL DOLL FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Matt Springer has applied for an operator's license to work at J & L Mkt. He has completed beverage server training and a background check has been done. Board members listened to comments from Matt Springer and J & L Mkt owner, Lois Jantz who spoke in support of Matt.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/STROSHANE TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF OPERATOR LICENSES TO MATT SPRINGER FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Roger Kuehn – Eagles Bluff Development Update**

Roger Kuehn, president of Sherwood Forrest Development which owns Eagles Bluff Development, south of Cty Hwy F, came before the Board with an update. There had been previous complaints of garbage being dumped within the development. Mr. Kuehn said that the garbage has since been hauled away. They will eventually be blacktopping the road but would like to wait till they have sold 4 of 18 available lots.

Two main concerns that the Town has:

1. The road was not constructed in the platted road right-of-way
2. The Town Engineer said that the longer the road sits unfinished, the more it may deteriorate.

As the development moves forward, the Town wants to be contacted when an engineer is needed to inspect the road also the Town wants to be kept in the loop on future progress.

**Dairyland Power – Chisago Project Update**

Gene Shaffer from Dairyland Power gave an update on the Chisago Project that will be coming across the St Croix River from Chisago City into Polk County. New high voltage lines and single steel poles approximately 90 feet tall will be constructed in the north east section of the Town. Construction will begin in January on Hwy 8 coming from Apple River substation and it is anticipated work to begin in the town in August or September. Mr. Shaffer is offering himself as a contact person, stating that he works ahead of construction and at the end of construction.

Concerns:

1. Pole may be too close to radius of the curve at the 208<sup>th</sup> Street and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection.
2. It is recommended against using 205<sup>th</sup> Street as a major entry point to the project due to previous road issues that have occurred.

3. Mark Pierce voiced concern on behalf of him and his neighbors that live in Poplar Lake Estates, after just now first hearing about the project. He wanted to know if they could have input in the project going through their development.

Mr. Shaffer said that he will look into the concern of the pole distance at the intersection of 208<sup>th</sup> Street and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue to see if there may need to be some changes. He also said that he would be happy to meet with Mr. Pierce and his neighbors to discuss their concerns.

**Resolution 09-10 to Reallocate Contingency Funds Between Categories**

A resolution has been written to move \$15,000 from the contingency fund to several accounts that have gone over budget for this year. They include:

Consulting Fees	\$8,000
Legal Fees - Municipal	7,000

**MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-10 TO REALLOCATE CONTINGENCY FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET CATEGORIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Resolution is attached.

**Larson Allen Audit Agreement**

Larson Allen submitted an agreement for the 2009 year end audit. Estimated fees will range from \$3,500 to \$4,000 for the audit.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FROM LARSON ALLEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:**

1. Planning Commission
  - a. A presentation from Richard Ihrig, Attorney for Town of Laketown was made on
    - i. Town performing Reclamation Plan Review
    - ii. Large Scale Development Ordinance
  - b. Next Plan Commission meeting is January 25, 2010

**PATROLMAN'S REPORT:**

1. All highway construction that was contracted in 2009 is completed.
2. Traffic counting is continuing.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

1. Contracted Police Report - October:
  - a. Tickets Issued: 18
  - b. Warnings Issued: 20+
  - c. Hours Patrolled: 24

2. Gerald Smith has paid for his portion of the 205<sup>th</sup> Street Repairs per agreement and the letter of credit has been released.
3. Kraemer SEP
  - a. The Town Board members separately made presentations at the SEP hearing
  - b. The Town Board hired consultants to make separate presentations.
    - i. Cathy Munkittrick
    - ii. Scott McCurdy, Cedar Corporation
    - iii. Dr. Allei, QRDC Inc.
  - c. Future meeting from County Land Information Committee is unknown and Town is not expected to be involved.
4. TRIP Grant of \$18,831 was awarded for 248<sup>th</sup> Street (RR Tracks to County M)

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Supervisor Wright reported**

1. The Town found out that the Village of Osceola was considering pulling out of the Joint Municipal Court on the same night that the budget was up for approval. The Village of Osceola eventually decided to continue to participate in the Joint Municipal Court if salaries were reduced due to court caseloads declining. The judge was adamantly opposed.
2. Most everything relating to the Kraemer SEP has been posted on the website since the hearing.
3. Supervisor Wright's presentation that was given at the Kraemer SEP Hearing was given two days later at a professional conference in Duluth, and focused more on the mapping aspect. Presentation is also on the website.

**Supervisor Eugene Lindholm reported**

1. In Wisconsin the word Town is considered a municipality and township is considered a surveyor's reference. Many people use the words Town and Township incorrectly. In the state of Wisconsin and New York the word Town is used instead of Township. All other states use the word Township instead of Town.
2. At the WTA Convention a legal consultant talked about the impact of changes to the Prevailing Wage Law. Road construction will end up costing Towns more.
3. Department of Commerce has taken over building inspections for areas that haven't been using building inspectors. All houses will be inspected.

**CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of October 31, 2009 bank account balances were \$6,728.99 in the Town's checking account and \$411,765.29 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$418,494.28.

Lite House Movers from Balsam Lake has received approval to move a house on November 19, 2009 along 240<sup>th</sup> Street between State Road 35 and Cty Hwy M in the Town.

**SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:**

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING;

Monday, December 14, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Chapter 14 Revisions
- Discuss what is next for the Plan Commission

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 9, 2009 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**APPROVED: 12/14/2009**

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Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer

# TOWN OF OSCEOLA

## Polk County, Wisconsin

### RESOLUTION 09-10

### A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE CONTINGENCY FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET CATEGORIES

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Osceola budgeted \$15,000 into the contingency category in the 2009 budget and,

**WHEREAS**, the contingency category was intended to be reallocated throughout the year for unbudgeted and unanticipated expenditures and,

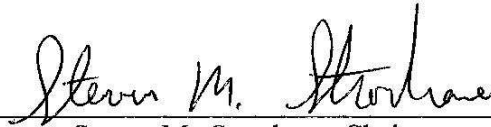
**WHEREAS**, \$15,000 remains unallocated from the contingency fund as of November 9, 2009 and,

**WHEREAS**, Consulting and legal fees have exceeded original expectations due to greater expenses than anticipated in analyzing the Kraemer Mining and Materials zoning change/SEP and developing the Chapter 14 Ordinance and,

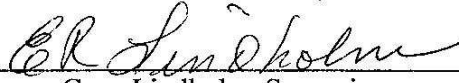
**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** that the Town of Osceola Town Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the transfer of funds from the contingency category to the following budget items:

Consulting Fees:	\$8,000
<u>Legal Fees - Municipal:</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
Total	\$15,000

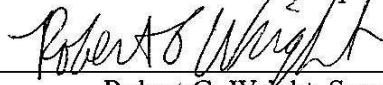
Dated this 9th Day of November, 2009



Steven M. Strohane, Chairman



Gene Lindholm, Supervisor



Robert G. Wright, Supervisor

**ATTEST:**

I hereby certify that the Resolution, of which the above is a copy, was duly passed by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, State of Wisconsin, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, at a meeting duly called and held and at which a quorum was present and acted throughout.



Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer