

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
Monday November 8, 2010**

**MINUTES**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday November 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

**CHAIRMAN 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 26, 2010, 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 & Bob Wright

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, Ron Gamache, Bev Kobs, Janis Masek, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen, Ken & Cheryl Miller, Daniel & Susan Burch, Pete & Kathy Shay, Cindy Stimler, Bill Perron, John Adam, Marcia Dressel, Mike Wallis and Amy Middleton.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** The Board audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12536 through 12580 with total disbursements of \$30,979.29.

**AGENDA:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Susan Burch read a statement stating that she would like the town board of Osceola to plan for and implement the voted on and passed motions to increase the Town Board from three to five in the 2011 budget. She does not expect the Board to take a cut in pay to accomplish this.

Nancy Knutsen thanked the Board for their service, stating that it was greatly appreciated, but was concerned that board members were not able to collaborate without breaking open meeting laws. She feels that a five member board is necessary and is willing to pay for it.

Cindy Stimler expressed her support for a five member board and stated, "Looking to the future, we need to look at what the town wants."

Ron Gamache has served on the Town Board for many years, and acknowledged that some years were very busy with new subdivisions and all, but does not think that there is as much work for a five member board at this point in time. He stated that now is not the right time to go to a five member board.

Kathy Shay shared a written statement emphasizing that for the past two years the town has been challenged by the Kraemer proposal, and claimed that the board has spent countless hours studying and analyzing the proposal from every angle. She maintained that if there would have been a five member board, the task would have been much less costly and much less consuming of the boards own personal time. The ability to delegate to sub committees and the ability for board members to speak to each other are two of the benefits of a five member board. Once the Census acknowledges that the town's population has reached 2,500 residents, the voters can give a directive to go to a five member board. She ended by saying that for three individuals to represent the interests of over 2,500 town residents is not good government.

Dodd Knutsen said that the board needs to have a contingency plan in place for once the census goes over 2,500 residents, otherwise the town won't get a five member board until 2013.

Pete Shay does not feel that it would be hard to get two more good people that want to be on the board and says that it doesn't make sense not to go to a five member board.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/STROSHANE TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 11, 2010 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES THE OCTOBER 11, 2010 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE OCTOBER 21, 2010 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED 2 - 1. WRIGHT ABSTAINED**

**BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 10-05 to Accept Education Avenue as a Town Road**

The Town was told that a traffic study would need to be completed on Education Avenue in order to keep the speed limit at 25 mph. It will take another month to do a traffic study and put the traffic counters out to get a traffic count. The Town will then provide the Wisconsin Department of Transportation with the findings and why they think the speed limit should remain at 25 mph.

The School District of Osceola has had a survey completed of the area that includes Education Avenue. Resolution 10-05 will be placed on the agenda once the traffic study has been completed.

**Resolution 10-06 to Reallocate Contingency Funds Between Budget Categories**

A resolution has been written to move \$12,200 from the contingency fund to several accounts that are expected to go over budget for this year. They include:

Public Works Wages:	\$5,000
Equip Repairs & Maintenance	2,000
Road Maintenance & Repair	3,000
Park Expenses-Misc. & Other	700
Joint Municipal Court Expense	1,500

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-06 TO REALLOCATE CONTINGENCY FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET CATEGORIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Resolution is attached.

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:**

1. Nolan Wall from Stevens Engineers was present to discuss possible action items for implementation of the comprehensive plan.
2. Surveyors Ron Hoffman and Wayne Swenson have requested to come before the Plan Commission with lot divisions. A meeting may be scheduled for December 6, 2010

**PATROLMAN'S REPORT:**

1. Tire repairs are scheduled for the mowing tractor and parts are on order.
2. Could use some help in the shop and help to take down trees due to wind and storm damage.
3. All contracted road work for 2010 has been completed.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

1. Crack filling was completed on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue
2. Shouldering work continued through the town
3. Another traffic counter was stolen. This is the second unit stolen this year.
4. No progress has been made with the Village of Osceola and the joint municipal court. The Village of Dresser is happy with the new arrangement and the lower costs.
5. Accepting Education Avenue at 25 mph will require a traffic study to maintain the lower speed. The study must be completed by an engineer. The survey of the road is underway.
6. The Dresser-Osceola-Garfield fire department:
  - a. Now serves a larger area in the Town of Alden
  - b. Has purchased a new tanker to replace one which was rolled over earlier this year
  - c. Continues to struggle with truck fleet replacement issues

7. A request was sent to Sara McCurdy, Land Information Director at Polk County to allow a Town a way to exit county zoning once the new ordinance is adopted. Possible suggestions were:
  - a. A window once every five years
  - b. A 3 year termination notice
8. The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 but the Chairman was unable to attend due a work commitment which happened on short notice.
9. After further consideration, the Chairman does not see the need for a 5 member board as economically beneficial to the taxpayers in the Town of Osceola. Given the fact that the last motion to form a 5 member board failed by a 2-1 vote, no further action is anticipated.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Supervisor Wright** followed up with comments regarding a five member board:

1. Willing to lower board salaries to gain a 5 member board.
2. Initially proposed something that was revenue neutral which meant there would be no additional cost for salaries. The board can do this with little cost if we chose to do so.
3. As everyone indicated we've been through this several times, have had an informed discussion of the pros and cons and the will of the people is pretty clear.
4. Was under the impression that Chairman Stroshane would let the people decide at the budget meeting if they were willing to pay for a five member board or not. People did not have that opportunity.

**Supervisor Eugene Lindholm**

None

**CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of October 31, 2010 bank account balances were \$3,876.85 in the Town's checking account and \$448,138.77 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$5,897.85 in the tax deposit account, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$457,913.47.

There were 1,001 voters who cast ballots at the November 2, 2010 General Election.

**SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:**

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING;

Monday, December 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Education Avenue

**MOVED BY WRIGHT TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING THIS WEEK TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE BOARD FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/STROSHANE TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 2 - 1. WRIGHT VOTED NAYE.**

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**APPROVED: 12/13/2010**

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Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer

# TOWN OF OSCEOLA

## Polk County, Wisconsin

### RESOLUTION 10-06

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Osceola budgeted \$15,000 into the contingency category in the 2010 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 8, 2010 and,

WHEREAS, Severe thunderstorms and wind storms caused significant tree damage within the Town and extra public works efforts were required to remove the trees on the road, in the shoulder, and leaning towards the road, and

WHEREAS, the public works department performed an above average amount of shouldering work through the construction season and,

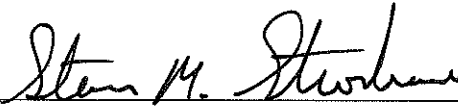
WHEREAS, Two traffic counters were stolen throughout the year and required replacement and,

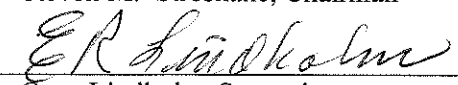
WHEREAS, Expenses are greater than budgeted in park expenses and joint court expenses and,

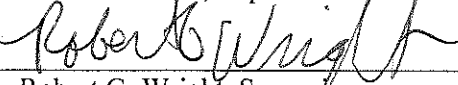
**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** that the Town of Osceola Town Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the transfer of funds from the contingency category to the following budget items:

Public Works Wages:	\$5,000
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance:	\$2,000
Road Maintenance & Repair:	\$3,000
Park Expenses-Misc. & Other:	\$700
Joint Municipal Court Expense:	\$1,500
Total	\$12,200

Dated this 8th Day of November, 2010

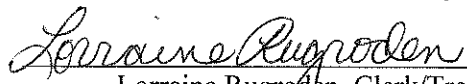
  
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Steven M. Strohane, Chairman

  
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Gene Lindholm, Supervisor

  
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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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, at a meeting duly called and held and at which a quorum was present and acted through.

  
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Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer