

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Monday January 11, 2010**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

SUPERVISOR WRIGHT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.

Supervisor Wright verified that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted Thursday, December 31, 2009, at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, Rural American Bank and the Town of Osceola Website.

Supervisor Wright led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bob Wright and Gene Lindholm

ABSENT: Steve Stroshane

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, Ernie Vaala, Richard Vollmer, John Adam, Brad Landgren, Gerald Viebrock, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen, Pete & Kathy Shay, Ron Gammache, Daniel & Susan Burch, Jeffrey Masek, Carl Anderson, Mike Wallis, Al & Jo Henricksen, and Laura Henricksen

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: The Board audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12186 through 12220 with total disbursements of \$557,165.85.

AGENDA:

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2010 MEETING. MOTION PASSED 2/0.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM AND CARRIED TO RECESS THE TOWN BOARD MEETING UNTIL THE CHAIRMAN ARRIVES AT 7:15 PM. MOTION PASSED 2/0.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO RECONVENE THE TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION PASSED 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Knutsen commented that in light of what has happened in the last year she feels that the Town would benefit from a five member board.

According to Nancy, Tim Anderson, Polk County Planner, is processing all the land use plans from the Towns and Sara McCurdy wants the plans reformulated in the next six months before asking the Towns if they want to be in Polk County Zoning. At that point the Towns have the option to stay or opt out of County Zoning before reclassifying and rezoning are completed.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 14, 2009 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE DECEMBER 30, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS:

Second-hand Dealers License

Jackie Ammermann doing business as Quarter Mile Antiques has requested renewal of a secondhand article dealer license for 2010 totaling \$27.50.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECONDHAND ARTICLE DEALER LICENSE TO QUARTER MILE ANTIQUES FOR THE 2010 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Operator Licenses

Josephine Wilson has applied for an operator's license to work at J & L Mkt. She has a beverage server license and a background check has been completed.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO JOSEPHINE WILSON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 12, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dennis Meyer 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 completed. Due to some questions and concerns by the Board, the following motion was made.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROSHANE AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING. LINDHOLM VOTED NO. MOTION PASSED 2-1.

Chapter 14 Revisions

The Board discussed revisions that Supervisor Wright has proposed to the Nonmetallic Mineral Extraction Permit and Regulation Ordinance. Action items include:

1. Supervisor Wright will look into the ½ mile or designated area wording in the ordinance.
2. Approved revisions will be made to the ordinance.

3. Supervisor Wright will ask QRDC for a quote to review the noise specifications in the ordinance and bring back to the February 8, 2010 Town Board meeting.

Kraemer Special Exception Permit Update

On Wednesday January 6, 2010 the Land Information Committee voted 3 – 1 to deny the Kraemer Special Exception permit.

Discuss & Prioritize Future Plan Commission Projects

Chairman Stroshane has asked Sara McCurdy, Polk County Land Information Director and Ed Gullickson, Chairman for the Town of Garfield to speak at the next Plan Commission meeting regarding Zoning. The Town of Garfield is working with Stevens Engineers to develop a zoning ordinance.

The Board reviewed a list of projects that the Plan Commission may begin to work on when they meet January 25, 2010.

Town Road Plan

Chairman Stroshane is looking to schedule a meeting with Angela Popenhagen from Stevens Engineers to formulate a road plan for the Town. A draft will be presented at the February 8, 2010 Town Board meeting.

The Town has submitted a TRIP-D application to the State for funding of a project on 240th Street, between State Road 35 and County Hwy M. The proposed improvement would repave and widen the roadway from 24' to 30' and add one turn lane and one bypass lane at 84th Avenue. Total estimated cost of the project is \$382,700. TRIP-D grants usually average over \$100,000.

Capital Improvement Plan

No Action.

Joint Municipal Court Update

Due to the Joint Municipal Court dissolving April 30, 2010, the Town has the option to continue using the Osceola Police to patrol Town roads. Violations will be processed through the court in Balsam Lake after April 30.

Osceola Police chief, Tim Laurdsen and Chairman Stroshane discussed reducing winter patrol hours when speeds are lower and increasing summer patrol hours when speeds are higher.

The next Joint Municipal Court meeting is January 27, 2010

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

1. No activity
2. Next Plan Commission meeting is January 25, 2010

PATROLMAN'S REPORT:

John Adam informed the Board of the type of equipment that would be needed and what it would cost if the Town decided to use F& A's 20% salt solution on Town roads. F & A is not charging for the solution and the only cost would be the tanks and other equipment needed to get set up. The Town of St Croix Falls and the County Highway Department have been using the salt solution to melt ice on their roads.

John Adam will ask the County what their experience is with the 20% salt solution and the Board will wait a year to see how well it works for other municipalities before deciding if the Town should pursue this alternative.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Contracted Police Report - December:
 - a. Tickets Issued: 4
 - b. Warnings Issued: 3
 - c. Hours Patrolled: 18
2. Kraemer SEP
 - d. Public hearing with Kraemer rebuttal was held on December 16, 2009 at the Justice Center.
 - e. The Town was not allowed to testify or present any additional information.
 - f. A Land Information Committee meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2010 to render a decision.
3. Town has complied with the Kraemer open records request.
4. A meeting with Steven Engineering was cancelled due to inclement weather delaying completion of the updated road plan and a capital improvement plans probably until the February board meeting.
5. The Town is working on submission of a TRIP-D grant for 240th Street between State Road 35 and County Road M.
6. The Town is in discussions with WI DOT about design of the section of 248th Street submitted for TRIP grant funding (RR Tracks to County Road M). Design issues include expanding shoulder width to 4' due to the level of traffic on the road.
7. The Joint Court is schedule to be dissolved. At this time, the Town plans to continue contracted police services with tickets and citations processed by the Polk County court system.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Wright reported

1. The Comprehensive Plan has been posted on the Town's Website
2. Will bring an Office Equipment upgrade report to the next meeting

Supervisor Eugene Lindholm reported

1. Will be in Arizona January 25, 2010 – February 3, 2010.
2. Increasing the Town Board from 3 to 5 has been studied and defeated because there didn't appear to be an advantage.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of December 31, 2009 bank account balances were \$2,457.05 in the Town's checking account and \$392,018.19 in the Regular

Money Market Account and C/D's and \$624,937.71 in the tax deposit account, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$1,019,412.95.

Spring Primary

There will not be a Spring Primary in February before the General Election on April 6, 2010.

2008 Personal Property Tax Update

There are three businesses that have not paid their 2008 Personal Property Tax. They are:

1. Al Hogan
2. Nye Lawn & Sports
3. Pizzeria Peverelli

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING;

Monday, February 8, 2010 7:00 p.m.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM AND CARRIED TO ADD "INCREASE THE TOWN BOARD FROM 3 - 5" ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING. STROSHANE VOTED NO. MOTION PASSED 2 - 1.

Agenda:

- Operator License
- Chapter 14 Revisions
- Town Road Plan
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Office Equipment Review - Action
- Increase Town Board from 3 to 5

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 11, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED: 2/8/2010

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer