

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

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN STROSHANE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Stroshane verified that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted Friday February 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, Jeffrey Masek, Tim Lauridsen, Village of Osceola Police Chief, Pete & Kathy Shay, Dan & Suzy Burch, John Adam and Jason Haas.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: The Board audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12259 through 12297 with total disbursements of \$1,898,230.39.

AGENDA:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROSHANE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 8, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS:

Contracted Police

Due to the Joint Municipal Court disbanding in April, the Town has some decisions to make regarding contracted police services with the Village of Osceola. Tim Lauridsen, Chief of Police for the Village of Osceola was on hand to explain options. In order to have citations processed through the county court system, it would be necessary for the Village

of Osceola officers to be deputized by the County. Mr. Lauridsen said the sheriff is not willing to do that at this time.

The Board discussed retaining the existing shared service contract but stop patrolling until an agreement can be worked out with the new municipal court. The Town may contact the City of St Croix Falls to see if the Town can join their municipal court.

Supervisor Lindholm does not agree that the chairman should be the only board member that has the responsibility of working with the Osceola Police Department.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROSHANE TO CONTINUE THE TOWN'S CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PATROL TOWN ROADS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRESSION. LINDHOLM VOTED NAYE. MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

Ditch Mowing – Village of Osceola

The Village of Osceola has requested either the Town of Osceola or the Town of Farmington mow their ditches due to the Village having decided not to replace their mowing tractor. The Board questioned if the Town wanted to share services with the Village of Osceola or charge hourly for mowing the ditches. The Public Works Superintendent said that he does not want the extra work so the Town discussed bringing in part time help to complete the job.

John Adam, Public Works Superintendent will look into what needs to be done before a determination is made as to if the project would be mutually beneficial. No action was taken at this time.

Haas & Sons conditional Permit Approval for Pre-existing Operations

Haas & Sons have completed a conditional permit application for a pre-existing nonmetallic mining operation in the Town of Osceola. Haas & Sons operate a gravel pit near Lotus Lake and come in to crush gravel for several weeks every two years. The Board reviewed the application and Jason Haas was on hand to answer questions that the Board had for him. Jason claimed that there is enough gravel to be mined for the next 10 years.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE HAAS & SONS CONDITIONAL PERMIT, WAVING THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A LIST OF ALL LANDOWNERS WITHIN 2,640 FEET, WAVING THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A WELL AND STRUCTURE GUARANTEE, WAVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STORM-WATER PERMIT OTHER THAN WHAT IS REQUIRED THROUGH OTHER AGENCIES AND WAVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR BONDING. HAAS & SONS MUST NOTIFY THE TOWN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO BEGINNING CRUSHING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Road Weight Restrictions

Weight restrictions will need to be posted on town roads next week due to recent warmer temperatures causing roads to become soft and vulnerable to heavy truck traffic.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR TOWN ROADS WHEN NECESSARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town of Osceola Charitable Fund

Supervisor Lindholm contacted the Department of Regulations and Licensing to get information about the Town setting up a charitable fund. He was told that there are no regulations if the Town takes in less than \$5,000. The department didn't see any problem with mailing a charitable fund form with the Town's tax notices in order to save the cost of postage. The Wisconsin Town's Association says that a charitable fund mailing should be separate and not included with the tax notices.

Supervisor Lindholm recommended that the Board ask the residents at the Annual Meeting in April if the Town should operate a charitable fund. Supervisor Wright will follow up to get clarification as to what the Town can do regarding a charitable fund.

Office Equipment Review

After reviewing the office equipment situation, Supervisor Wright provided a detailed analysis and recommendation to the Board. Recommended upgrades include:

1. Graphics card for new computer
2. New computer operating system upgrade
3. Copier upgrade
4. Color laser printer
5. Network connectivity at Town Board table
6. Recycle old computers
7. Antivirus subscription renewal

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR WRIGHT TO PROCEED WITH THE PLAN TO UPGRADE THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Road Plan

Stevens Engineering has been working with Chairman Stroshane and Public Works Superintendent, John Adam in order to develop a five year Road Capital Improvement Plan for the Town. The Board reviewed the plan, noting that it is a guideline that should be updated annually after a road plan has been established.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ACCEPT STEVENS ENGINEERING ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN THAT WILL BE REVISED ANNUALLY AS NEEDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Final Revisions of Ordinance #10-01-01 Nonmetallic Mineral Extraction Permit & Regulation Ordinance

Supervisor Wright provided the Board with updated revisions that he and Dr. Allaei, QRDC consultant recommend for Chapter 14 Nonmetallic Mineral Extraction Permit & Regulation Ordinance.

Chairman Stroshane provided the Board with an analysis and recommendation regarding permit fee for existing operations. The Board discussed each recommended revision before the following motions were made.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 14 THAT WERE PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROSHANE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISIONS THAT WERE MADE TO CHAPTER 14 NONMETALLIC MINERAL EXTRACTION PERMIT & REGULATION ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

1. Planning Commission
 - a. The topic of the Town performing its own zoning was again discussed
 - b. Ed Gullickson, Chairman, Town of Garfield discussed his town's reasons and approach to town zoning.
 - c. Bill Hughes, Chairman, Town of St. Croix Falls discussed his town's experience with town zoning.
 - d. Sara McCurdy, Polk County Land Information Director is scheduled for the March 22, 2010 meeting.
 - e. Next Plan Commission meeting is March 22, 2010
 - f. Amy Middleton is working on getting someone from West Wisconsin Land Trust to speak at the April meeting.

PATROLMAN'S REPORT:

The Town is buying tires for the Peterbilt truck.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Contracted Police Report - February:
 - a. Tickets Issued: 7
 - b. Warnings Issued: 6
 - c. Hours Patrolled: 12
2. Town has been working with Stevens Engineering on a 5 Year Road Plan.
3. A salary and benefits survey has been mailed to all towns within Polk County.
4. The Town has made adjustments to the contracted police service to react to changes within the joint municipal court system.
5. Rear tires are need for the 2005 Peterbilt truck. Front tires are needed in 2011.
6. The Capital Equipment Plan was revised based on comments from the February Board meeting and should be reviewed and updated annually at the time the budget is created.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Wright reported

1. There is nothing to report on the Joint Municipal Court.
2. Work continues on the Town website.
3. Jolene Jones, JJ Web Services encouraged do-it-yourself editing for the website.

4. A full report on the website will be provided at the next meeting.

Supervisor Eugene Lindholm reported

1. The Department of Transportation is no longer able to continue the Primary Arterial Study that bypasses the Village of Osceola.
2. Funds will need to be designated by the legislature in order to continue the study.
3. The DOT provided a book with maps showing different routes that have been studied.
4. The Primary Arterial Study will be posted on the website.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of February 28, 2010 bank account balances were \$1,848.12 in the Town's checking account and \$368,747.42 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$270,945.76 in the tax deposit account, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$641,541.30.

Tim Anderson, Polk County Planner is inviting a representative from each Municipality to participate in the rewrite process of Polk Counties land use ordinances by being a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Meetings will be scheduled the last Wednesday of each month.

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Web-site Update

ANNUAL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 8, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED: 4/13/2010

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer