

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday April 13, 2010**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday April 13, 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 April 2, 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, Bev Kobs, Jon Fogelberg, Geralyn Karl - Friends of Amery - Dresser State Trail, Dena Worman - Family Pathways, Pete & Kathy Shay, Tom Isley - Open Arms, John Adam, Doug Schmidt, Dan & Suzy Burch, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen, Chuck & Kay Burch, Ron & Caroline Gamache, Marcia Dressel, Teri Wallis and Nathan Deprey.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: The Board audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12298 through 12334 with total disbursements of \$83,273.14.

AGENDA:

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO AMMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE CHARITABLE FUND UPDATE AHEAD OF FINAL REVISIONS OF ORDINANCE AND APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 13, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Family Pathways

Dena Worman spoke on behalf of Family Pathways, a non-profit social services organization located at St. Croix Falls and seven other locations in Minnesota. Family Pathways have been in operation for 32 years. The thrift store and food shelf at the St Croix falls location have been in operation for a year.

Dena Worman asked the Board to consider a purchase service agreement of \$250.

Open Arms

Tom Isley spoke of a new program that has just started at the Alliance Church of the Valley to reach out to people in the community. Open Arms will be providing free meals on the 4th Tuesday of each month for people in need. Garden produce will be given away in June, July and August when available and backpacks and school supplies will be given away in August.

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

BUSINESS:

Operator License

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. It was noted that Dennis Meyer was approved for an operator's license in 2004.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO BRING DENNIS MEYER'S OPERATOR LICENSE REQUEST BACK TO THE TABLE FOR DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/WRIGHT TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO DENNIS MEYER FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 14, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gandy Dancer and Amery-Dresser State Trails Link

Geralyn Karl and Jon Fogelberg, board members of the Amery-Dresser State Trail brought the Town up-to-date on the latest happenings and vision for the trail. Friends of Amery-Dresser State Trail serve the state and Polk County by providing volunteers to maintain & publicize the non motorized trail. It is their hope that the Town will consider partnering with them in connecting the Gandy Dancer Trail to the Amery-Dresser State Trail. There is currently a move underway to change the name of the trail to the Stover Seven Lakes Trail. Limestone paving will begin this summer.

Osceola Public Library Update

Teri Wallis, Marcia Dressel and Nathan Deprey representing the Osceola Public Library, were on hand to provide an update of the Library's present status and future plans. Teri Wallis represents the town and Marcia Dressel represents the schools on the library board. Nathan Deprey works for the library and is president on the Polk County Library Board. The Osceola Public Library has outgrown their space and the building committee is looking at an expansion for future growth. It was noted that the cost of circulation would increase once the library moves to a bigger facility.

Currently Act 150 reimburses 70% of the circulation costs and the Village of Osceola picks up the remaining expenses. The library accepts donations and there is a large Friends group that raises money for the library.

Plan Commission Appointments

Chairman Stroshane made the following appointment recommendations.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO REAPPOINT MIKE WALLIS TO THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2010 AND ENDING MAY 1, 2013. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO ROTATE THE SUPERVISORS ON THE PLAN COMMISSION AND APPOINT BOB WRIGHT TO REPLACE GENE LINDHOLM FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S POSITION ON THE PLAN COMMISSION FROM MAY 1, 2010 TO MAY 1, 2011. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Osceola Ambulance Board Appointments

Doug Schmidt has come forward and indicated a desire to serve the community as a member of the Osceola Ambulance Board.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/WRIGHT TO APPOINT DOUG SCHMIDT (CITIZEN MEMBER) AND STEVE STROSHANE (TOWN BOARD MEMBER) TO THE AMBULANCE BOARD FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2010 THROUGH MAY 1, 2011. LINDHOLM VOTED NAYE. MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

Pleasant Prairie Cemetery Meeting Approval

Gene Lindholm will open the Town Hall for the meeting.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/STROSHANE TO ALLOW THE PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETERY TO USE THE TOWN HALL FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 21, 2010.¹ MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2010 Lawn Mowing Bids

A lawn Mowing Bid was received from Willey's Lawn & Outdoor Service to mow the lawns at Sand Lake, Dwight Lake and the Town Hall. The bid is the same amount as the two previous years.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ACCEPT ERIC WILLEY'S BID TO MOW GRASS AT SAND LAKE, DWIGHT LAKE AND THE TOWN HALL FOR 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Charitable Fund Update

The Town has been trying to find out if they can include solicitations for the Charitable Fund in with the property tax mailings to Town residents. The Wisconsin Towns Association attorney has previously indicated that it shouldn't be done. Supervisor Wright talked to Yolanda McGowan, Director of the Bureau of Business and Design Professions, which includes Charitable Organizations. She recommended that the Town get an opinion from the Town's attorney.

¹ Meeting date has been changed to April 27, 2010.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO RECESS THE TOWN BOARD MEETING IN ORDER TO BEGIN THE ANNUAL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO RECONVENE THE TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 9:50 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The Board discussed the conditional use application process for existing sites and the requirement of a public hearing before making final changes to the ordinance. Noise meters were discussed and the board decided to wait till there was a need before purchasing one. The flow chart will be updated to include "designated area."

A public hearing for the Nonmetallic Mineral Extraction Permit & Regulation ordinance will be held at 6:30 or 7:00 on May 10, 2010.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

1. Planning Commission
 - a. Sara McCurdy, Land Information Director for Polk County provided an update on both County zoning and the status of the comprehensive zoning ordinance rewrite
 - b. Chairman Stroshane will participate on the citizens committee for the zoning rewrite.
 - c. Ten other citizen members were present at the first Citizens Committee meeting.
 - d. Next Plan Commission meeting is April 26, 2010
 - e. A representative from the Western Wisconsin Land Trust will present on conservation style developments and other land conservation techniques.
 - f. May agenda item will be Amery-Dresser State Trail.

PATROLMAN'S REPORT:

No decision has been made at this time as to if the town will be mowing ditches for the Village of Osceola.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Contracted Police Report - March:
 - a. Tickets Issued: 2
 - b. Warnings Issued: 0
 - c. Hours Patrolled: 6
2. The 5 Year road plan was completed.
3. A salary and benefits survey has been mailed to all towns within Polk County and responses are still being returned.
4. The Town's TRIP-D grants application for 240th Street was successful with a grant award in the amount of \$182,441.50.
5. Supervisor Lindholm and John Adam, Public Works Superintendent will set a date to do the Annual Road Tour.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Wright reported that

- The operating system needs to be uninstalled and reinstalled
- Still waiting for the copier upgrade.
- Laser Printer has been installed
- Cable line needs to be run for internet in the meeting area
- Pacer/Wisler software issues
- Website changes that were made using Contribute software were viewed. This allows the Town to make more changes to the website with less administration costs.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROSHANE TO PURCHASE CONTRIBUTE SOFTWARE TO EDIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT A COST OF \$200. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Eugene Lindholm reported

None

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of March 31, 2010 bank account balances were \$8,604.71 in the Town's checking account and \$341,513.45 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$271,193.80 in the tax deposit account, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$621,311.96.

There were 311 Town residents that voted at last Tuesday's spring election.

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING;

Monday, May 10, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Ordinance #10-01-01 Nonmetallic Mineral Extraction Permit & Regulation Ordinance
- Status of Lotus Lake & Horse Lake

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 13, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

APPROVED: 5/10/2010

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer