

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Monday July 12, 2010**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday July 12, 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 July 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, Shannon Tretsven, Scott Geddes, Terry Mattson from Scott Construction, Jim Pearson from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Barbara Singerhouse, Ron Gamache, Daniel & Susan Burch, Pete & Kathy Shay, Dodd Knutsen and John Adam.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Chairman Stroshane and Supervisor Wright have audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12405 through 12433 with total disbursements of \$41,145.28. Supervisor Lindholm will also be auditing the bills.

AGENDA:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 12, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shannon Tretsven requested that two 45 MPH signs be put back on 200th Street due to the speed and volume of traffic. The two original signs on 200th Street are believed to have been advisory only.

The Town will confirm whether or not there is a Town ordinance or resolution that officially lowered the speed limit on 200th Street to 45 MPH. If there is none, then it would have to be discussed by the Town Board and a motion made to lower the speed on 200th Street. The clerk will notify Shannon Tretsven of the results of the findings.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE JUNE 14, 2010 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOSLY.

BUSINESS:

Consider Operator's License

Kerry Dahl has applied for an operator's license to work at J & L Mkt. He has a beverage server license and a successful background check has been done. Kerry was issued a Provisional Operator's License on June 28, 2010.

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

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO KERRY DAHL AND DARRYL WILLIAMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 13, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dairyland Power Request to Exceed Weight Limit on 120th Avenue

Gene Shaffer from Dairyland Power was in attendance to request a letter of approval from the Town to exceed posted weight limits on 120th Avenue from 208th Street to County Y in order to facilitate construction activities related to the Chisago Project and Poplar Lake Substation.

The Town shares 120th Avenue with the Town of St Croix Falls. All of roads in the Town of St Croix Falls are class B roads which limit truck weights. To simplify the town border road, the Town of Osceola similarly passed a weight limit restriction on 120th Avenue. Dairyland Power has already been given approval by the Town of St Croix Falls to exceed posted weight limits.

Chairman Stroshane proposed that the Town give a letter to Dairyland Power, granting them permission to exceed the weight limits on 120th Avenue from 208th Street to County Y throughout the duration of the Chisago Project and Poplar Lake Substation construction with the exception that if the project was delayed into the spring, then they would have to abide by the seasonal weight limits. Dairyland Power would be responsible for any damage to the Town roads as a result of its own or its Contractor's construction activities.

Gene Shaffer asked the Town's permission for Dairyland Power to access 205th Street. The Board said they would like Dairyland Power to avoid using 205th Street if at all possible due to the history of a weak base that was cause for the road to recently be resurfaced.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO RECIND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON 120TH AVENUE PER CHAIRMAN STROSHANE'S LETTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

113th Avenue Status

Terry Matson from Scott Construction was on hand to address the Town's concerns with the condition of 113th Avenue. Scott Construction performed a wedge and overlay with cold mix on 113th Avenue in the late summer of 2009. The road showed significant cracking in the spring and the Town is not satisfied with the result of the project.

Terry Matson said that Scott Construction has been keeping a close watch on 113th Avenue to see if the top cracking will seal itself back up. He said that some cracks have sealed themselves since spring. Scott Construction will give an extended warranty to the Town on any asphalt failure on 113th Avenue through October 2011.

Consider Dresser Trap Rock Conditional Permit Approval

Dresser Trap Rock has submitted a conditional permit application for a pre-existing non-metallic mining operation in the Town of Osceola. Dresser Trap Rock operates a trap rock pit north of Ravine Drive in the Town of Osceola and the Village of Dresser. The Board reviewed the application and noted that the bulk of the operation was not in the Town but in the Village of Dresser. The conditional permit will remain in effect for five years.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO ACCEPT DRESSER TRAP ROCK'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Award 2010 TRIP Town Road Improvement Project Bid

PULVERIZE & RE-LAID PAVEMENT

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO AWARD MONARCH PAVING THE BID FOR THE TRIP TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OF 248TH STREET FROM CTH MM TO RR TRACKS NOT TO EXCEED \$53,684. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Award 2010 Town Road Improvement

ASPHALT OVERLAY

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO AWARD MONARCH PAVING THE BID FOR 250TH STREET FROM HWY 35 TO 87TH AVENUE NOT TO EXCEED \$31,773. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO AWARD MONARCH PAVING THE BID FOR OAK DRIVE FROM FIRE #2276 TO FIRE #2306 NOT TO EXCEED \$47,126. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHIP SEAL

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO AWARD SCOTT CONSTRUCTION THE BID TO CHIP SEAL ALL ROADS BID, NOT TO EXCEED \$40,095. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RUBBERIZED CRACK FILL

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO AWARD FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS THE BID TO CRACK FILL THE TOWN ROADS BID IN PROJECT AREA #1, NOT TO EXCEED \$10,715. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CENTERLINE STRIPING

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO AWARD FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS THE BID TO DO 44,877 FEET OF STRIPING, NOT TO EXCEED \$4,893. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FILL DIRT

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BOSS EQUIPMENT TO HAUL FILL DIRT FOR 248TH STREET PROJECT AS NEEDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Due to some unknown costs with the 248th Street project, the Board will wait to see if there is any remaining money in the budget before proceeding with awarding the bid for project area #2 to crack fill 90th Avenue.

Joint Court

Concerning the joint court, Supervisor Lindholm stated that he gave the paperwork to the Police Chief at the Village of Dresser and was not able to connect with him June 12, 2010 (the day of the Town Board meeting) because the Police Chief went home sick. He also stated that there was not any additional information from the City of St Croix Falls about joining with their municipal court and that more time is needed.

Chairman Stroshane stated that it would be easiest to reestablish a relationship with the Village of Osceola. Supervisor Wright agreed due to the neutral response from the City of St Croix Falls and the Police Chief at the Village of Dresser.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROSHANE TO REESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA FOR JOINT COURT SERVICES. LINDHOLM VOTED NO. MOTION CARRIED 2 - 1.

Shared Police Services

No progress.

Purchase Replacement Traffic Counter

The Town received an insurance check from Rural Mutual Insurance for a traffic counter that was stolen from 90th Avenue in the Town. The Town will proceed with purchasing another traffic counter.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRAFFIC COUNTER NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Verizon Conditional Use Permit to add back-up generator

Verizon Wireless is requesting approval to modify a conditional Use Permit that was granted September 11, 2002 to pour a concrete pad for a backup generator at 783A 190th St/County Rd Y in the Town of Osceola. The Polk county Land Information Committee will hold a public hearing on July 21, 2010 at 8:30 a. m. in the Government Center at Balsam Lake.

Chairman Stroshane prepared a sample response stating that the Town Board of Supervisors are not opposed to the modification of a conditional use permit to add a concrete pad for a back-up generator. Letter will be sent to Gary Spanel at Polk County Land information.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO NOT OPPOSE VERIZON MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

1. Planning Commission
 - a. Discussed connection of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail with the Gandy Dancer Trail. A couple of route options were discussed with follow-up expected with the Village of Dresser and City of St. Croix Falls at a future date.
 - b. Attended the Polk County Citizens Committee meeting for the zoning rewrite. The committee is determining the different zoning areas and is presently working through the agricultural zones considering the working lands initiative.
 - c. The Plan Commission is still hoping to arrange a presentation from the Town of Troy on Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) as a means of preserving farm land.

PATROLMAN'S REPORT:

1. Purchased new rim for the front of the mowing tractor
2. Looking to find a blade bar for the mowing tractor
3. A lot of time was spent working with Chairman Stroshane on the road improvement projects

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Contracted Police Report:
 - a. Tickets Issued: 0
 - b. Warnings Issued: 0
 - c. Hours Patrolled: 0
2. A stock pile of black dirt has been relocated from the Dairyland Poplar Lake Substation and the Town has completed its arrangements with Dairyland Power Cooperative for the transfer of the material.
3. One of two traffic counters used by the Town of Osceola was stolen. A replacement will be ordered in the near future.

4. No activity on shared police enforcement or joint municipal court with the Village of Osceola has progressed as Supervisor Lindholm desired to obtain information on establishing a similar arrangement with the City of St. Croix Falls.
5. Road bids were due July 9, 2010 and discussed at the July 12, 2010 town board meeting.
6. A dock was purchased from Dresser Welding and has been installed at Horse Lake Boat Landing

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Wright reported that

1. Office computer required a couple of evenings of tweaks to get it back to full functionality after the operating system upgrade.
2. North-facing yield sign at 90th and MM is illegible (faded)
3. 200th Street
 - a. Speed limit sign near north end (west side) I was told it has been missing since spring and have confirmed that there is no sign there.
 - b. Residents on west side of road, first property north of 85th, have spray-painted "Caution" and "Please Slow Down" type messages on the road in front of their house. I have spoken to them and encouraged them to bring their concerns about traffic to the Board.
4. Residents of the Horse Lake area met last Friday to discuss improving the quality of the lake. Seventeen were in attendance and the majority agreed to form a lake association.
5. Nuisance Properties
 - a. Remodeling refuse at 727 200th St still not cleaned up
 - b. Property at 2054 75th Ave has gotten worse.

Supervisor Eugene Lindholm reported

1. Disappointed with the results from trying to contact the City of St Croix Falls and the Village of Dresser Police Chief about a shared municipal court and police services.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of June 30, 2010 bank account balances were \$8,650.26 in the Town's checking account and \$517,975.07 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$1,481.06 in the tax deposit account, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$528,106.39.

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING;

Monday, August 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Joint Court
- Police Services

**ADJOURNMENT:
MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE JULY 12, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

APPROVED: 8/9/2010

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer