

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Monday August 9, 2010**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday August 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN STROSHANE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M.

Chairman Stroshane verified that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted Friday July 30, 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, Shannon Tretsven, Jessica Smith, Susan Burch, Pete & Kathy Shay and Dodd Knutsen.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: The Board audited the bills and approved for payment check numbers 12434 through 12454 with total disbursements of \$23,486.11.

AGENDA:

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 9, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE JULY 12, 2010 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS:

Operator's License

Rochelle Johnson has applied for an operator's license to work at Trap Rock Inn. She has a beverage server license and a successful background check has been done.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO ROCHELLE JOHNSON FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 10, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

200th Street Speed Limit

Shannon Tretsven had previously requested that two 45 MPH speed limit signs be reinstalled on 200th Street during public comment at the July Town Board meeting. She is concerned with a combination of excessive speed, children on the roadway and her driveway that appears to be hidden from the north.

The Town has found no evidence of an ordinance lowering the speed limit to 45 MPH, allowing the Town to conclude that the 45 MPH signs that were installed on 200th street were advisory only. The Town Board has the ability to lower the speed 10 MPH. Historically the Board has not adjusted speeds for most roads in the Town. A traffic study was previously done on 200th Street showing daily traffic of over 500 vehicles. The Board agreed to put a traffic counter out to get an updated traffic count and will install a warning sign. Shannon Tretsven was asked to take the 45 MPH sign down that they put up since the last meeting and to not write on the road.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/WRIGHT TO INSTALL A WARNING SIGN SIMILAR TO CURVES AHEAD, NORTH OF FIRE NUMBER 861 ON 200TH STREET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Procedure for Handling Animal Complaints

Supervisor Wright described a recent dog incident in the Town where immediate assistance was needed and the Animal Warden was not available. The incident was reported to the Polk County Sheriff's department, but response time was slow due to staffing levels. The Board discussed various solutions.

Supervisor Wright reviewed the Town's animal ordinance and spoke to State Humane Officer Dr. Yvonne Bellay regarding use of a certified Humane Officer as noted in Chapter 951 of the State Statutes. He made the following motion.

MOVED BY WRIGHT TO REVISIT ANIMAL ORDINANCE TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO CHAPTER 951 IN THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND REMOVE ALL THE DUTIES THAT GO ALONG WITH IT FOR THE TOWN'S ANIMAL WARDEN. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Chairman Stroshane will discuss with John Adam, Public Works Superintendent the possibility of backing up the Animal Warden when he is not available to take action regarding animal complaint calls. Supervisor Wright indicated that he would be willing to respond to emergency calls when John Everson is not available. Chairman Stroshane will talk to

County Dispatch to suggest advisory information that may be given to callers with animal complaints, also informing them that Town officials may be unable to respond during the day due to working their day jobs. The Town will pursue a back-up arrangement with the Village of Osceola police in the event that the Town is able to join the municipal court.

Joint Court

Chairman Stroshane met with Neil Soltis, Village of Osceola Administrator, to discuss joining with the Village's Joint Municipal Court. The Board reviewed a document provided by Chairman Stroshane that included changes made that would amend an agreement for formation of a joint municipal court. The document was sent to Neil Soltis to bring before their Administrative Committee for review. The Board discussed the changes that were made and will wait to hear back from the committee.

Shared Police Services

No action.

Gregory Special Exception application requesting to build two mini storage units.

Richard Gregory is requesting a special exception permit to build two more storage units at the corner of 90th Ave. and Hwy 35. There are currently 5 storage units on the lot. The Polk County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 24, 2010 at 8:30 a. m. in the Government Center at Balsam Lake.

The Town will send a response to Gary Spanel, Zoning Administrator, stating that the Town Board of Supervisors are not opposed to the special exception permit to build two more storage units.

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROSHANE/LINDHOLM TO NOT OBJECT TO THE GREGORY SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

1. Planning Commission
 - a. The Strom lot division was discussed and recommended for approval.
 - b. Questions as to the ownership of education drive were raised. Clarification will be sought from the School District of Osceola.
 - c. The Town of Troy on will be presenting on the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) as a means of preserving farm land at the August 23, 2010 meeting.

PATROLMAN'S REPORT:

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Contracted Police Report
 - a. Tickets Issued: 0
 - b. Warnings Issued: 0
 - c. Hours Patrolled: 0
2. Widening of the shoulders of 248th Street has started with grinding and repaving expected the week of August 9, 2010.
3. A draft agreement for re-establishing the Town of Osceola as a member of the joint court with the Villages of Dresser and Osceola is being created.
4. Polk County Zoning Department has been asked to proceed on the public nuisance complaint since the Town of Osceola is no longer a member of a joint court.
5. The Dresser-Osceola-Garfield fire department continues to examine options for the purchase of a replacement tanker.
6. The Osceola Area Ambulance is experiencing a significant increase in write-offs and Medicare/Medicaid reductions.
7. The School District of Osceola does still own section of Education Drive from the Village limits to 248th Street. They would like to turn it over to the Town and will be checking with legal counsel on the process. It was an oversight that it was not previously requested.
8. Public nuisance complaints have been received from properties at:
 - a. 2361 75th Avenue/County M (debris and unmowed yard)
 - b. 2196 88th Avenue (unmowed yard)
 - c. 2054 75th Avenue/County M (cars/debris) → turned over to County

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Wright reported that

1. External drive used to back up office computer is not working properly (Windows 7 does not appear to like it). I am researching both external and on-line backup solutions.
2. 200th Street – Residents at FN861 have erected a small 45 mph speed limit sign and “Slow Children Playing” sign along the road. They appear to be in the ROW. I intend to advise them against defacing the road again after it is seal-coated.
3. Dog complaint on Horse Lake Ln – Resident trying to restrain 2 dogs that killed one of his pet rabbits and continued to lunge at the others had difficulty getting timely assistance.
4. Polk County Towns Association meeting on July 29th at Garfield Town Hall
 - a. Jane Olson of DOT provided an update on the round-about to be constructed at the intersection of Hwy 8 and 208th (Menard's road). Construction is slated to begin and be completed in 2011.
 - b. Republican candidates for Polk County sheriff gave short presentations
5. Citizen's Advisory Committee for Polk County Land Use Ordinance Rewrite meeting on July 28th
 - a. Discussion of ag districts was concluded and residential districts initiated
 - b. Discussion of ag districts was tending towards a series of transitional uses based on categories of parcel size, animal grazing units (AGUs), etc.
 - c. Discussion of residential districts was tending towards identifying a maximum lot size (2 acres was gaining traction) below which ag-related uses would be unrealistic and therefore not allowed. This would resolve the cur-

rent inconsistency in which a 1-acre parcel can be ag or residential, which has been the source of land use conflicts.

Supervisor Eugene Lindholm reported

1. Opposed to a joint municipal court with the Village of Osceola.
2. Talked to the police officer at the Village of Dresser who said that he could not guarantee that he could get part-time officers to help patrol the Town of Osceola.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of July 31, 2010 bank account balances were \$5,249.79 in the Town's checking account and \$529,560.03 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$2,127.18 in the tax deposit account, amounting to combined total Cash-on-hand of \$536,937.00.

Nancy Knutsen and Carl Anderson are registered to take the Baseline Chief Inspector Training Session for Chief Election Inspectors on August 25, 2010 at the Polk County Government Center.

The Clerk/Treasurer will be attending the 30th Annual Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association conference in Green Bay August 18, 2010 – August 20, 2010

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING;

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

Agenda:

- Joint Court
- Education Drive

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 9, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED: 9/13/2010

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer