

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday January 3, 2017**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Schmidt verified that the meeting agenda had been posted Tuesday December 27th at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, First National Community Bank and the Town of Osceola Website. A complimentary meeting notice was also sent to The Sun for publication.

Chairman Schmidt led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Doug Schmidt, Mike Wallis and Dan Burch

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden – Clerk/Treasurer, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen, Lee & Barb Williamson, Warren Johnson, Suzanne Lindgren and Paul Baker

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Check numbers 15458 through 15503 have been approved for payment by Chairman Schmidt and Supervisor Burch, totaling \$24,379.06. Supervisor Wallis will finish auditing the bills following the meeting.

AGENDA:

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 3, 2017 TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Williamson, representing Sand Lake Cemetery Association thanked the board for their continued financial support over the years. She requested that the board increase their maintenance payment from \$500 to \$750 per year beginning in 2018.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2016 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE DECEMBER 20, 2016 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Village of Dresser/Town of Osceola Boundary Agreement Cooperative Plan Legal Review & Revisions Update

Tim Laux, Village of Dresser Attorney, has reviewed the Village of Dresser/Town of Osceola Boundary Agreement Cooperative Plan and has some concerns and recommendations that he would like to present to the boundary agreement committee. Laux said that he would like both municipalities to share in the cost of attorney fees to complete the project.

The Village of Dresser/Town of Osceola met for a joint Public Hearing regarding the Boundary Agreement Cooperative Plan on November 16, 2016. After the Public Hearing, the Village of Dresser sent the cooperative plan to their attorney for review. Tim Laux recommended including wording in the cooperative plan that references both the Town of Osceola and the Village of Dresser comprehensive plans. The Village of Dresser Clerk will schedule a committee meeting with Tim Laux, to gain insight in how to proceed with additions/revisions to the cooperative plan. Town of Osceola board members agreed to split the cost of attorney fees to complete the Boundary Agreement Cooperative Plan with the Village of Dresser.

68th Avenue

The board discussed abandoning the last quarter mile of 68th Avenue that continues beyond the Keith Johnson and Warren Johnson residences. Road maintenance and safety of town equipment have been a concern over the years on this dead end, quarter mile stretch due to the narrowness of the road. A cattle feeding lot and debris is within close proximity of the road. Chairman Schmidt said the road doesn't go anywhere and doesn't accomplish anything. He recommends one of two choices:

1. Abandoning the road
2. Contract out to private contractor

Chairman Schmidt said that other towns in the county have been abandoning roads that don't go anywhere. He wants to be fair to the landowners and do what's best for the town tax payers. The board discussed various agreement options with Warren Johnson, one of the landowners.

The board also discussed abandoning the last quarter mile of road. If the board decides to follow through with abandoning the road, they will need to create a resolution and call a public hearing before a final board decision is made. Chairman Schmidt has asked for proof of property ownership along the quarter mile stretch. Discussion will continue at the February Town Board meeting.

2017 Second-hand Dealers License Renewal

Jackie Ammermann doing business as Quarter Mile Antiques has requested renewal of a secondhand article dealer license for 2017 and has paid the license fee of \$27.50.

MOVED, SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECONDHAND ARTICLE DEALER LICENSE TO QUARTER MILE ANTIQUES FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Part-Time Office Assistant Position

Lynnette Zwirchitz has accepted the position of part-time office assistant. She has completed a drug test and a successful background check has been done. Her first day of work was December 29th and everything is going well.

Supervisor Burch recommended that Lynnette come in and introduce herself to the board.

Drawing for April 4, 2017 Spring Election Ballot Position

Numbers were blindly drawn for positions on the April 4, 2017 Spring Election ballot. All Town Board positions are up for election in 2017. Names of those running for Chairman and Supervisor positions for the Town of Osceola are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

For Town Board Chairman
1 – Doug Schmidt

For Town Board Supervisor
1 – Daniel Burch
2 – Mike Wallis

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

- No December meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Working on snowplowing, sanding and fixing the equipment
- Batteries on the Peterbilt truck were replaced.
- Options after removal of hollow tree at Sand Lake include planting new trees or building a picnic canopy.
- 70th Avenue 218th Street road sign is gone and needs to be replaced.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None

Supervisor Mike Wallis

None

Supervisor Dan Burch

- Next Ambulance Board meeting is January 4, 2017.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of December 31, 2016 bank account balances were 10,212.84 in the Town's checking account and \$350,144.79 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$1,023,441.84 in the tax deposit account, amounting to total Cash-on-hand of \$1,398,808.73.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 Town Board Meeting

Town Board Meeting Agenda:

- 68th Avenue
- Second Hand Dealers License
- Humane Officer & Animal Issues
- Tree at Sand Lake
- County Towns Association Meeting
- Boundary Agreement

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 3, 2017 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

APPROVED: 2/7/2017

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer