

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday February 7, 2017**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday February 7, 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 January 31st 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, Ed & Lynn Zwirchitz, Warren Johnson, Jim Berg and Suzanne Lindgren

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Check numbers 15504 through 15556 have been approved for payment by Chairman Schmidt and Supervisor Burch, totaling \$951,102.05. Supervisor Wallis will finish auditing the bills following the meeting.

AGENDA:

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2017 TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Tolan, Polk County Circuit Court Judge-Branch 1 and former Assistant District Attorney is running for Polk County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1. Tolan stated that he is from Luck, Wisconsin, graduated from U of W Green Bay and from Hamline University School of Law in 1996. He opened a private practice in Luck in 1997 in the area of family law. In 2000 he began doing special prosecutor work for Polk County and in 2007 he started serving as half-time assistant district attorney for Burnett and Washburn counties. In March 2016 he accepted a full time position as Polk County Assistant District Attorney. As Polk County Assistant District Attorney he has been involved in almost every facet of most kind of cases, from criminal misdemeanors to felonies, etc. He said it is important that your judge have a broad background. He wants to be judge because he has been in the system since 2009 and knows what works and what doesn't work. As a lawyer he has tried to treat the people the same way he would want to be treated, to listen to them, be

respectful and to be fair. He hopes that those in attendance will read the brochure that was handed out and if they like what he has to say, to spread the word and vote in the primary and general election.

Lynnette Zwirchitz was recently hired to work approximately eight hours a week as an office assistant for the Town of Osceola. Lynnette and her husband moved to the town from the Abbotsford/Dorchester area after her husband retired in April of 2016. She said they will be married forty years this year and have two grown children and four grandchildren living in Minnesota. She said she is enjoying her new job and has learned a lot since beginning her new the job.

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

Operator License Request

Kelsie Knops has applied for an operator's license to work at Brothers Country Mart. A beverage server certificate has been provided and a successful background check has been completed. Kelsie was issued a provisional operator's license that is in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance.

MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO KELSIE KNOPS, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2017 Second-hand Dealers License Renewal

Jim Dallager doing business as J & N Antiques has requested renewal of a secondhand article dealer license for 2017 and has paid the license fee of \$27.50.

MOVED, SECONDED BY SCHMIDT/BURCH TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECONDHAND ARTICLE DEALER LICENSE TO J & N ANTIQUES FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

68th Avenue Maintenance

The board continued discussion of abandoning a portion of 68th Avenue. This road is .889 miles and is located just south CTH M and west of 218th Street. It is shared by five houses and a dairy farm that is owned and operated by Keith and Warren Johnson. The blacktop portion of the road is approximately .629 miles and ends just beyond the last mail box on the road. The remaining .26 miles of road is gravel and is used for farming activity. The board looked at two options:

1. Abandon the road beginning where the blacktop ends and the gravel road begins and going west and then north approximately .26 miles to the end of the road.
2. Abandon the road beginning .15 miles west of where the blacktop ends and the gravel road begins, further on down the hill by the feed lot and going north approximately .11 miles to the end of the road.

Supervisor Burch stated that the town shouldn't take a road away from the landowner (Keith and Warren Johnson) entirely. He wants the Town to maintain .14 miles of the gravel road to the bottom of the hill before abandoning the remaining .11 miles stretch of road.

Warren Johnson noted that whenever there's a snowstorm, he has the gravel portion of the road plowed by 7 a.m. so the road crew doesn't need to plow that section of the road if the plow truck gets there after 7 a.m. Jim Berg said that in general the road crew doesn't plow 68th Avenue. He said he is on the fire department and first responders and can't get out if the road isn't plowed. He went on to say that it is totally unacceptable if he comes home at 5 p.m. and the road hasn't been plowed. Because of the number of houses and the number of vehicles that use the dead end road, it is not considered a high priority road and there are other roads that need to be plowed first. Warren and Jim agreed that they are not as concerned of the prioritization of the road as they are with it getting done. The board will look into where 68th Avenue is on the schedule of roads to be plowed.

The town board agreed to move forward with the second option to abandon the road beginning .15 miles west of where the blacktop road ends and the gravel road begins, further on down the hill beginning by the feed lot and going north approximately .11 miles to the end of the road. A resolution will be brought before the town board at the March meeting to initiate the process to discontinue .11 miles of 68th Avenue. The board will also discuss a road maintenance agreement for the .15 miles of gravel road that extends westward beyond the blacktop road.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

- No January meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Sign on 70th has been put up.
- Much time is spent on salt sanding and plowing
- Mixing salt sand with trap rock chips is very effective on the roads (5% salt sand)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Polk County Town Association Meeting was held January 26, 2017
 - The April 27, 2017 meeting will include a briefing on incident chain of command.
 - New house building permits will be required to be filed electronically with the state beginning in 2018.
 - County Animal Control Officer was voted down by the Polk County Town Association members.
 - The Towns Association can have a representative on the Arnell Board.
- Bitworks installed a second monitor and performed service work on the office computer.
- Letter was sent to owner of barking dog incident and they are talking to the Clerk of Courts.
- Polk County Environmental Services Public Hearing will be held February 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Mike Wallis

- Town of Osceola/Village of Dresser Boundary Agreement Update
 - Attorney, Tim Laux reviewed boundary agreement and recommend changes.
 - Committee will meet February 20, 2017 to add text from both municipalities comprehensive plans to the agreement.
 - The Village of Dresser and the Town of Osceola will share the cost for the attorney to review the boundary agreement.
- Dresser Osceola Garfield Fire Association Meeting was held January 19, 2017
 - Ed Gullickson will send a cost estimate of the new Alden Fire hall to Polk Burnett Electric.
 - Discussed a high capacity well for the Alden Fire Hall.

Supervisor Dan Burch

- The last Osceola Ambulance meeting was January 4, 2017
 - Discussed new ambulance funding.
 - Renewed of Life Quest contract

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of January 31, 2017 bank account balances were 6,651.42 in the Town's checking account and \$363,494.48 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$1,788,195.32 in the tax deposit account, amounting to total Cash-on-hand of \$2,158,341.22.

NEXT MEETING;

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Town Board Meeting

Town Board Meeting Agenda:

- Boundary Agreement
- 68th Avenue Road Abandonment
- 68th Avenue Plowing agreement

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 7, 2017 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

TO BE APPROVED: 3/14/2017

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer