

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

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Chairman Schmidt verified that the meeting agenda had been posted Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lorraine Rugroden – Clerk/Treasurer, Gary Park, Jim Lessard, Donna Berg, L.K. Nelson, Tom Magnafici, Gil Cronick, Jim Berg, Warren Johnson, Amy Middleton, Jon Cronick and Paul Baker

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** Check numbers 15775 through 15806 have been approved for payment by the Town Board totaling \$87,975.99.

**AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gary Park said that he was representing five families at Dwight Court. In 1971 property owners at Dwight Court paved the road and the town agreed to be responsible for the road going forward. In the last ten years various families have come before the board asking them to hold up their end of the deal and repave the road. They want road work at Dwight Court to be an agenda item at the November meeting.

Jim Berg wants to know what is in the ordinances regarding campers that are parked along town roads. He said there are two run-down campers on the side of 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue and wants it on the November agenda.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AND THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Stower Seven Lakes State Trail Management**

Amy Middleton updated the board on recent talk regarding the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail. Jason Whitley, Amery Attorney, proposed that Amery take over the county's role in overseeing the trail. Amy said that Osceola has been asked if we want to be the other end of the bookend and have a seat at the table. Amery has agreed to manage the tabs which would result in very little staff time if any. According to Amy, the Friends group has been managing the trail, and the DNR has been the anchor partner. She wanted to know if the Board wanted to be a part of the conversation. The board agreed to not take any action at this time except to send it on to the Plan Commission for tracking.

**Resolution 17-11 Amending Osceola Area Ambulance Service Contract**

The Osceola Area Ambulance Service has amended their 2018 contract to increase the 2018 per capita assessment from \$10.00/capita to \$11.00/capita based on the most recent two-thirds of the population in the Town of Osceola.

Supervisor Burch explained the 2018 Ambulance budget to the board. He noted that there are two separate entities, one is the Ambulance Service and the other is the 501c3. Chairman Schmidt questioned if the money that was collected by the Friends group for a new ambulance could be used for operational expenses since there has been additional money donated to cover the cost of a new ambulance. Supervisor Burch said the money can only be earmarked for certain things and cannot be used for operational needs. The board approved the amended contract.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-11 AMENDING OSCEOLA AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT TO INCREASE THE PER CAPITA RATE FROM \$10.00 TO \$11.00 IN 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Part Time Public Works Employee**

The board discussed hiring another part-time public works employee. The town's current part time employee is working a full time position with Washington County and is not able to work early mornings if needed for snow plowing. Paul Baker, Public Works Supervisor said the main reason he would like an additional part-time employee would be for snow plowing. He would also like additional help with mowing, brush and tree cutting and putting docks in and removing them at the boat landings.

A two week ad will be placed in The Sun, the Tri County North and the County Ledger Press. A job description and application will be made available on the town website. Wages will be DOQ (Dependent on Qualifications).

**Road Damage on 218<sup>th</sup> Street**

Road damage to 218<sup>th</sup> Street occurred when a hay trailer got a flat tire and according to Warren Johnson, there were no shoulders, it was getting dark and it was driven to the nearest driveway. The rim of the flat tire cut two grooves into the road. Pictures were

taken of the damaged area and Fahrner estimated the cost to be \$2,500 to fix the damage. In the past the town has billed for damage to roads. Paul Baker, Public Works Supervisor, said if we don't fix the road it will become an issue. Water will sit in the holes this winter.

Supervisor Wallis questioned what date the chairman first knew about it, if it was handled properly and whether Fahrner's estimate was fair. Jim Berg said he finds it ironic that the road damage is being brought up a month after Warren complained that the ditches were not being mowed.

Warren Johnson claimed he pays \$16,000 in real estate taxes and \$50,000 in rent and feels he has paid for it. It happened in the town he pays taxes in. He didn't go to another town and tear up their road.

Chairman Schmidt said this is not retaliation, someone has damaged the town road. He is a tax payer like everyone else and it is totally irrelevant how much taxes he pays. We all pay taxes. Chairman Schmidt said he wants to see the road fixed. The town's protocol has been that when someone damages the road they pay for it. That has been our history.

Supervisor Burch said there's a big difference between negligence and liability, where do you draw the line? After much discussion the board made the following motion.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO NOT BILL THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR THE DAMAGE TO 218<sup>TH</sup> STREET. ROLL CALL VOTE, BURCH; AYE, WALLIS; AYE, SCHMIDT; NAYE. MOTION CARRIED 2 - 1.**

#### **TRI Road Project and Funding**

The board is considering applying for a 2018 – 2019 Biennial Local Road Improvement TRI (Town Road Improvement) and a TRID (Town Road Improvement Discretionary) grant. The board again discussed resurfacing Oak Drive beginning at CTH M in 2018 and resurfacing the other end of Oak Drive beginning at CTH MM in 2019. Due to the number of heavy garbage trucks traveling Oak Drive, the board is considering putting down three inches of asphalt. Selection criteria for the TRID grant includes an emphasis on safety, reconstruction with heavy vehicle or high-traffic volume, reconstruction with typical traffic and/or joint projects with other jurisdictions. Something more than resurfacing has to be done to meet these criteria. The town has received this matching grant up to \$100,000 in the past for 240<sup>th</sup> Street and 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The board discussed how to improve the road in order to qualify for the TRID grant. Chairman Schmidt and Paul Baker, Public Works Supervisor will drive the road, take pictures and work to develop a plan.

This year the application process for funding will be completed online. Applications are due by the end of October, 2017.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:**

- The September 18, 2017 Plan Commission meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

- Centerline painting is scheduled to be completed 10/16/17 – 10/20/17. The town could instead choose to crack fill some additional roads to zero out the funds allo-

cated for highway construction. The board agreed to stay with 13 miles of center-line painting.

- Have been mowing ditches, will get in the fields and do some brushing.
- Have been installing fire address signs.
- Paul and Brad will be attending winter maintenance training at St Cloud Thursday.
- The International plow truck has a Monroe hitch and a Universal plow. Because of this, there is more scraping on the roads than there should be. Monroe will take a look at it and figure out what needs to be done. A new hitch from Universal costs \$2,500. It needs to be fixed before plow season

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- CenturyLink has requested to install fiber optic cable along 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- Delmore Consulting Road Maintenance will be speaking at the Polk County Towns Association meeting.
- All Polk County Town Chairs are invited to the Governor's Northern Wisconsin Economic & Community Development Summit on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, at Trego.

#### **Supervisor Mike Wallis**

Attempts at severely limiting local government oversight of quarry and sand mines in the budget bill were vetoed by Governor Walker when some industry groups did not feel that it went far enough. Many feel these groups will try again to completely eliminate local oversight of sand mines and quarries.

#### **Supervisor Dan Burch**

- Osceola Area Ambulance Service (OAAS) meeting was held September 21, 2017
- 2018 proposed budget was approved
- September 28, 2017 DOG Fire Association Budget Meeting - no quorum

#### **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of September 30, 2017 bank account balances were \$22,455.08 in the Town's checking account and \$574,358.43 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$1,230.09 in the tax deposit account, amounting to total Cash-on-hand of \$598,043.60.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Town Board Meeting Agenda:

- TRI/TRID Grant
- Delmore Consulting Road Maintenance Planning
- Public Nuisances at Nye
- Dwight Court Road Maintenance
- Camper Issues

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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**APPROVED: 11/7/2017**

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer