

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

MINUTES

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

CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M.

Chairman Schmidt verified that the meeting agenda had been posted Monday October 30th 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, James Eveland, Gary Park, Jim Lessard, Tom Magnafici, Susanne Lindgren, Warren Johnson and Paul Baker

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Check numbers 15807 through 15839 have been approved for payment by the Town Board totaling \$189,106.39.

AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 3, 2017 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AND THE OCTOBER 11, 2017 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Plan Commission Member Appointment

Chris Shermach has resigned his position as a member to the Plan Commission effective October 12, 2017. Chris has been unable to attend many of the meetings and it has been hard to get a quorum for some of those meetings. Chris Shermach's term was set to ex-

pire April 30, 2018. Chairman Schmidt appointed a new member to finish out his term. Chairman Schmidt nominated Kim Hoverman as member to the Plan Commission

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPOINT KIM HOVERMAN AS CITIZEN MEMBER TO THE PLAN COMMISSION BEGINNING NOVEMBER 7, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Nuisance Properties

Chairman Schmidt informed everyone that the trailers that were reported to be parked along 68th Avenue, have been removed.

Chairman Schmidt acknowledged that the board has been under pressure from town residents to get property owners to clean up their properties. He voiced his concerns about who decides what is junk, who determines what gets removed and who determines when enough has been removed. Wisconsin Towns Association attorney said that if the town has wording in their ordinance regarding abatement, the town could get a warrant to clear the junk. The town's Public Nuisance ordinance is valid and enforceable.

Chairman Schmidt has been in contact with Jim Eveland, owner of property across from Brother's Mart at Nye, regarding cleaning up his property. According to State Statutes only one unlicensed vehicle is allowed on the property and Jason Kjeseth, Polk County Zoning Administrator has been working to bring that part into compliance. The Board discussed various options. Jim Eveland claimed that there are three properties in that area with vehicles and piles of stuff as well as a makeshift calf shelter, deer stand, 250-gallon water barrel, backhoe, tractor, plow and pickup toppers belonging to several other people. Jim says he has been working to clean up the area.

Tom Magnafici, Nye resident, stated that he has come to the board in the past, asking them to look at the entire area at Nye and 200th Street. He now claimed that he and others have had enough with the board not enforcing the Public Nuisance ordinance and threatened to file a class action suit against the town, have all the taxes reassessed and the taxes lowered. He said that he tried to sell his house for four years and realtors told him that the biggest detriment to selling his house was when you drove through Nye because of all the trash and stuff. He went on to say he has worked for everything he has ever gotten and does not want his house devalued.

Jim Eveland agreed to keep working on cleaning up his property, showing noticeable improvement in four to six weeks. The town will look further at other public nuisance properties.

Dwight Court Road Improvement

Gary Park and Jim Lessard spoke during public comment at the October meeting and have returned to the November meeting to ask the board to repave Dwight Court.

A lot has happened since a month ago. Paul Baker provided a fresh assessment of the condition of Dwight Court. There has recently been some patching along seam lines and edges of the road. According to Paul Baker, Public Works Supervisor, Dwight Court does not need to be repaved. The plan is for scheduled maintenance in 2019 when 70th Avenue is scheduled to have work done. Work would include chipseal and may include some

spray patching with the cost estimated to be \$2,000 - \$3,000. Jim Lessard said he would be happier if they would do it in 2018.

Chairman Schmidt explained that we have a road plan that we need to follow. Some years we have to move things around if roads break up earlier than expected. Road work is based on the monies that are available, the condition of the road and on the traffic count. If a road has a low traffic count it does not have as high of priority as a road that has 800 cars a day. Chairman Schmidt concluded that he will not promise the town will do the project in 2018 but if the town will be working on 70th Avenue in 2019, that is something that they can look at then.

Village of Dresser Request to Rent Plow Truck

The Village of Dresser contacted Supervisor Burch asking to use the town's truck. Supervisor Burch reported that the truck is no longer needed, their truck has been fixed. Chairman Schmidt contacted the town's insurance, Rural Mutual, regarding the town's liability if the village were to borrow the truck. Rural Mutual said if the town wants to let Dresser use the truck that is fine but you don't want to become a leasing agent.

Ord. #17-09-03 Amending Public Works Ordinance

The board discussed revisions to the driveway section in the proposed amended Public Works Ordinance. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the amended ordinance to the Town Board during their October 17, 2017 meeting. The board agreed to amend the ordinance to include the following:

If an official from the Town Board or Public Works is not able to determine if a driveway request meets town specifications. The Town Board shall be the final approving authority for driveway applications. Deviation from the specifications required by this ordinance may be approved by the Town Board in extenuating circumstances.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPROVE ORD. 17-09-03 AMENDING THE PUBLIC WORKS ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ord. #17-12-04 Amending Building Code Ordinance

The State has asked the Town to update the commercial building code ordinance. The town is in the process of making changes to this ordinance and the board will address this at their December 5, 2017 meeting.

Delmore Consulting Road Maintenance Planning

Chairman Schmidt has requested information from Delmore Consulting that was presented at the Polk County Town's Association meeting. The town has not received the information as of yet and this topic will be put on the December agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

- At the October 17, 2017 Plan Commission meeting the Plan Commission recommended approval of the driveway section of the Public Works ordinance to the Town Board.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- All road work is finished for the year.
- Mowing ditches, will get in the fields and do some brushing.
- Filled pot holes and installed address signs.
- Traffic counters were put down on Oak Drive.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- TRI Road Project has been submitted to Polk County
- Legislators Harsdorf and Jarchow attended the Polk County Towns Association Meeting.
- Paul Schneider from Eureka, agreed to sit on the Arnell Board as a representative from the Polk County Towns Association.
- Attended Governor's Northern Wisconsin Economic & Community Development Summit
- Damage was done to the road at 235th Street.
- The road was damaged at 210th Street when a deer was hit and dragged. Road will need to be repaired.
- CenturyLink ran heavy equipment on 93rd Avenue by the Fish Hatchery. Repairs need to be made to the road.

Supervisor Mike Wallis

- October 18, 2017 DOG Fire Association Meeting
- Approved bid to fix walls at the Dresser Fire Hall
- Exhaust vents are positioned to blow into the building and stains the walls
- Update on progress of new fire hall in Alden
- Municipalities are encouraged to work together to save money wherever possible.

Supervisor Dan Burch

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of October 31, 2017 bank account balances were \$18,961.49 in the Town's checking account and \$447,235.60 in the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$1,230.20 in the tax deposit account, amounting to total Cash-on-hand of \$467,427.29.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Town Board Meeting Agenda:

- Delmore Consulting Road Maintenance Planning
- Public Nuisances Ordinance
- 93rd Ave

- TRI Grant
- Public Health Ordinance

Closed Session

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION UNDER WIS.STAT. 19.85,(1)(c) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATIONS AND WAGE. SCHMIDT, YES; WALLIS, YES; BURCH, YES;

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. SCHMIDT, YES; WALLIS, YES; BURCH, YES;

The Town Board of Supervisors returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO APPROVE OFFERING TONY JOHNSON THE JOB OF PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$18.00 PER HOUR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

APPROVED: 12/5/2017

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer