

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday March 5, 2019**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday March 5, 2019, 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, February 25th 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 and Dan Burch were present. Mike Wallis was in attendance by phone.

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden – Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Luebker, Craig Brunclik, Warren Johnson, Tom Magnafici, Ed Everson, Paul Baker and Suzanne Lindgren.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Check numbers 16388 through 16425 have been approved by Chairman Schmidt and Supervisor Burch totaling \$1,757,726.48. Supervisor Wallis will audit the bills at a date and time to be determined.

AGENDA:

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2019 TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Craig Brunclik, Osceola School District Board Member, said they are attending the Town Board meeting because they want to inform the people that there is an Osceola School District Referendum on the April 2nd ballot and they are trying to get information in front of people so they can make an informed decision.

Mark Luebker, Osceola Schools Superintendent, said after collecting information, the Board of Education voted at their January meeting to place an Operational Referendum question on the ballot. It would be a non-recurring levy increase for four years and the amount can be set up to the referendum amount for each year. If the district receives more money from the state, the Board has the ability to adjust the levy amount each year. At the completion of four years, the added levy drops off. Osceola is well below the state average for per pupil funding. The goal of the referendum is to move the children in the Osceola School District closer to the state average.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 21, 2019 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Request that Supervisor Wallis Join the Meeting by Phone

Supervisor Wallis is not able to attend the Town Board meeting and agreed to join the meeting by phone.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHMIDT/BURCH TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR MIKE WALLIS ATTENDING THE MEETING BY PHONE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Operator License Request

Paige Libersky has applied for an operator's license to work at Woodhill Bar & Grill. A beverage server certificate has been provided and a successful background check has been completed.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO PAGE LIBERSKY FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 5, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res 19-03 To Amend Employee Handbook

The board reviewed changes and additions they agreed to make in the employee handbook at the February 5th meeting. The following have been added to the employee handbook:

- Defined work week
- Retirement for qualifying employees under Wisconsin Retirement System
- Comp-time accrual in a calendar year

The board has agreed to limit the number of comp-time hours to 40 that can be carried over at the end of the current year. Any comp-time hours in excess of 40 hours will be paid out at the end of the year.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-03 AND AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Road Weight Restrictions

Road weight restrictions will need to be posted on town roads in a few weeks when the temperature begins to get warmer and the frost leaves the ground causing the roads to become more vulnerable to heavy truck traffic. Authority was given to Chairman Schmidt and Paul Baker to post road weight restrictions when it becomes necessary. The Town has previously followed the Counties road weight restriction dates and plans to do the same this year. A notice will be placed in The Sun to that extent.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR TOWN ROADS WHEN NECESSARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase Plow Truck Chains

Nick Keys from Gray's Inc. provided pricing for chains for the Mack Plow Truck. Paul Baker, Public Works Superintendent said the chains are a good idea from a safety perspective. He said the Town's of Alden and Garfield use chains and said it is dangerous in a big truck without chains. Once ordered, they will be shipped in a week and a half. The board agreed that was a solid investment for the town.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHMIDT/WALLIS TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CHAINS FOR THE MACK PLOW TRUCK FOR \$2,606. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Set Date for April Town Board Meeting and Annual Town Meeting of the Electors

Due to the April Town Board meeting falling on the night of an election, the meeting will need to be changed to a different night. The board agreed to change the town board meeting to Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The Annual Town Meeting is set for Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BURCH/WALLIS TO APPROVE CHANGING THE APRIL TOWN BOARD MEETING TO APRIL 9, 2019 AND SET THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS FOR APRIL 16, 2019 AT 6:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

- The Plan Commission worked on updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Public Works employees have been working hard to keep the roads plowed and sanded.
- The new Mack truck is now in service.
- There have been a few breakdowns on the International Plow Truck.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Polk County Town's Association meeting was held February 28, 2019.
 - Presentation was given on hemp farming.
- The Town Board hired Ed Everson on a part-time as needed basis to plow snow.

Supervisor Mike Wallis

- Dan Burch will be stepping down as Chairman of Allied Emergency Services as he has decided not to run for another term on the Town Board. Thank you Dan for your service on the Fire Board.

Supervisor Dan Burch

- The next Osceola Area Ambulance meeting will be coming up shortly.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of February 28, 2019 bank account balances were \$57,020.77 in the Town's checking account and \$227,716.90 in

the Regular Money Market Account and C/D's and \$312,904.42 in the tax deposit account, amounting to total Cash-on-hand of \$597,642.09.

NEXT MEETINGS

April 9, 2019 Town Board Meeting Agenda:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/BURCH TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 5, 2019 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED: 4/9/2019

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer