

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday August 6, 2019**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday August 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Schmidt verified that the meeting agenda had been posted Monday July 29th 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 Brandon Whittaker

ABSENT: Mike Wallis

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden – Clerk/Treasurer, Justin Nelson, Steven Guhr, Tom The Moon, Phil Mattison, Gae Magnafici, Lanette Johnson, Mattea Johnson, Warren Johnson, Donna Berg, Jim Berg, Paul Baker, Brian Claussen and Glyn Thorman.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Check numbers 16571 through 16608 have been approved by Chairman Schmidt and Supervisor Whittaker totaling \$82,547.84. Supervisor Wallis will audit the bills at a future date.

AGENDA:

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO MOVE THE TRACTOR AND MOWER REPLACEMENT PLAN TO THE FIRST LINE OF BUSINESS AND APPROVE THE AUGUST 6, 2019 TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mattea Johnson spoke against the moratorium that is being proposed by Polk County Board of Supervisors regarding CAFOS. She compared farms when her grandfather was farming to current farming and quoted that large farms are some of the most heavily regulated industries in the United States with strict environmental control being regulated by the state and federal government to protect the health, safety and welfare of Wisconsinites.

Phill Mattison lives on the north side of Dwight Lake and said quite frequently they look across the lake at night and see the drug deals that are taking place at the beach. He said it's a problem and would like to see it addressed.

Tom Magnafici attended the Plan Commission meeting and said the Attorney that spoke was biased. It irritates him that there use to be forty dairy farms fifty years ago and there were no restrictions. He went on to say "why don't we do things that are going to help people who want to live here and not put road blocks in front of them and make their life hard? If we can attract more people, we can attract more tax base and make this a more enjoyable place to live."

Warren Johnson was concerned with what the Attorney said at the Plan Commission meeting. He said everything the Attorney wrote was so out in left field and that there was no way the Plan Commission could make a correct decision. He is concerned that the number of CAFO animal units could be cut from 1,000 to 500. He said the DNR has their plan, we chose to go with the county zoning and now it's the county's problem.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE JULY 2, 2019 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Tractor and Mower Replacement Plan

Supervisor Whittaker stated that the town's current mower is 20 years old and needs to be replaced.

Quote for the tractor and mower from Frontier Ag & Turf, Turtle Lake and Alamo is as follows;

John Deere 6110M, 16/16 transmission, Nokian tires, Alamo Mowing Package that includes Alamo Machete2 25' Boom, 60' Swivel Rotary Cutting Head, 48' Buzz Bar (two blades), Quick Hitch Attachment System.

\$178,991.31

Trade in Allowance for 1999 John Deere 6410

\$16,000.00

Total Cost of New Tractor and Mower

\$162,991.31

- Steve Guhr from Alamo has held his price for 9 months and claims the price will go up \$10,000 by next month.
- Price of John Deere tractor is also expected to increase.
- Yearly maintenance program will cost \$480 per year.
- Tractor would be built in Germany and the expected delivery date would be April 2020.

Chairman Schmidt said the town is also looking at renting or leasing a tractor/mower and hasn't had time to get that information. The sales reps informed the board that a lot of dealers have stopped leasing equipment because the equipment gets torn up so bad. With state contracts, if it has to be repaired it falls back on the Towns.

Chairman Schmidt said he would like the full board to make a decision on purchasing the tractor/mower and has a hard time spending the taxpayer's money without exploring it further.

Supervisor Whittaker said that he and Paul Baker have worked on this since January. Frontier Ag and Turf does not lease or rent equipment. They are all special order product. If purchased, the town would not pay any money until the tractor is delivered in 2020. If the town doesn't verbally commit tonight, they could loose upwards of \$25,000 with expected increases with both the tractor and mower.

MOVED BY WHITTAKER TO VERBALLY COMMIT TO PURCHASE THE TRACTOR AND MOWER FROM JOHN DEERE AND ALAMO AND WILL GET BACK TO JOHN DEERE AND ALAMO AFTER THE AUGUST SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING REGARDING FINAL COMMITMENT. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE TOWN BOARD SITS DOWN AND REVIEWS THE NUMBERS IN THE BUDGET FOR 2020 AT A SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING BEFORE MAKING A COMMITMENT. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOVED BY WHITTAKER TO AGREE TO PURCHASE TRACTOR/MOWER IN SEPTEMBER KNOWING THAT THE TOWN IS MISSING OUT ON \$10,000. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Chairman Schmidt confirmed that a verbal commitment would not lock the town into purchasing the tractor/mower if the board decides not to make the purchase. There is nothing signed and the town would not be held liable.

MOVED BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE MAKING A VERBAL COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE A 2020 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR AND MOWER FOR \$162,991.31 FROM JOHN DEERE AND ALAMO AND WILL MAKE A FINAL DECISION AS A BOARD WITHIN A MONTH. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Art at The Acreage Picnic License

Jean Sazevich, Philanthropy Consultant for the Horst Rechelbacher Foundation requested a picnic license for an Art at The Acreage event that will be held September 15, 2019 from 1 – 4 p.m. at 945 Pioneer Drive, Osceola. The Foundation is partnering with ArtReach St Croix, another nonprofit organization based in Stillwater but very active in Wisconsin regarding this event. The event is part of a month-long series of events ArtReach is organizing as part of its annual "Take Me to the River Festival." During the special Open House, visitors can explore the grounds and visit the Horst Gallery building and ArtReach Mobile Art Gallery. Visitors will be able to purchase food and beverages.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHMIDT/WHITTAKER TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY PICNIC LICENSE FOR THE HORST RECHELBACHER FOUNDATION TO SERVE BEER DURING THE ART AT THE ACREAGE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Sand Lake Beach Rental

The board discussed the possibility of renting out the Sand Lake picnic area. The board agreed to do some research and contact the insurance company regarding liability before deciding whether or not to rent out the area.

Operator License Request

Ethan Ledeboer has applied for an operator's license to work at Dollar General. A beverage server certificate has been provided and a successful background check has been completed.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE TO ETHAN LEDEBOER FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 6, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Nuisance Properties

Chairman Schmidt reported that this last weekend Jim Eveland straightened out his fence at 2054 75th Avenue, Osceola. The front part of the fence is pretty well done and he still wants to add a few lengths to the left side of fence. It looks a lot better than it looked last year. After a short discussion the board agreed that they would keep an eye on the property and see how it develops. At this time the town has not received any other public nuisance complaints.

2019 Road Work

- 68th Avenue is done and looks good.
- Poplar Lane is completed
- Spray patching is done
- Crack filling is done
- Flex patching and Wedging are done
- Chip Seal and center line striping still needs to be completed

Bulk Diesel Fuel Tank

Supervisor Whittaker got estimates for a bulk fuel tank instead of purchasing gas/diesel for the vehicles from Super America.

Reconditioned used fuel tank	\$5,025
Electrical for trenching power and wiring	\$2,200
Emergency fuel shut off device	\$325
Permits & labor	\$750
Concrete pad	\$2,800
Total estimate	\$11,100
Estimated fuel time and cost savings per year	\$1,050

Chairman Schmidt thinks it's a great idea but doesn't know where there's \$11,000 in the budget to pay for the fuel tank.

Supervisor Whittaker suggested asking the contractors if the town could pay in 2020 and thinks that changing over to bulk fuel is a must. He does not know how long the bids are good for.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PUTTING IN A BULK FUEL TANK. ROLL CALL VOTE; WHITTAKER YES, SCHMIDT NO. MOTION DID NOT PASS.

The bulk tank will be discussed at the budget meeting.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:

- An attorney spoke at the July 16, 2019 Plan Commission meeting regarding CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations). The Plan Commission will be deciding what language they want to put in the Comprehensive Plan regarding CAFOs. The August 22nd Polk County WTA meeting will be discussing CAFOS.
- The Plan Commission tabled a lot division until they gain additional information.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- 195th Street signs have been installed
- Beach signs have been shipped.
- Child sign was ordered for 70th Avenue by the church
- Deer signs will be installed and billed to resident requesting the signs.
- Water pump on the grader has been replaced.
- Hauled fifteen loads of gravel.
- Picked trash at the beaches
- Filled pot holes
- Trimmed trees with the pole saw

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A request was approved for a ditch alteration on Horse Lake Lane. A resident wanted to put in a small amount of fill in the right of way so the area would be easier to mow.

Last month the Chairman contacted the police department and was assured that Dwight Lake Beach would be patrolled more after seeing a drug exchange take place.

Supervisor Mike Wallis

None

Supervisor Brandon Whittaker

The Allied Emergency Services Fireboard held their meeting at the new Alden Fire Station on July 18, 2019. The new station looks very nice.

The Osceola Area Ambulance Budget Workshop will be August 16, 2019 and the next meeting will be September 11, 2019.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Rugroden reported that as of July 31, 2019 bank account balances were \$7,598.63 in the Town's checking account and \$329,582.25 in the Regular

Money Market Account and C/D's and \$1,018.26 in the tax deposit account, amounting to total Cash-on-hand of \$338,199.14.

NEXT MEETINGS

September 3, 2019 Town Board Meeting Agenda:

- Road Work

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 6, 2019 TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVED: 9/3/2019

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer