

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a special board meeting on Monday, February 17, 2020, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Doug Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and announced the Board will move into a closed meeting pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(G) to confer with legal counsel for the Town who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved relating to a defamation claim.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Doug Schmidt and Brandon Whittaker.

ABSENT: Mike Wallis (who was aware of the meeting)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorneys Cathy Rodli and Remz Bitar attended by conference call.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION. ROLL CALL VOTE: WHITTAKER: YES, SCHMIDT: YES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board entered a closed session at 5:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION. ROLL CALL VOTE: WHITTAKER: YES, SCHMIDT: YES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The closed session ended at 5:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Doug Schmidt and Brandon Whittaker.

ABSENT: Mike Wallis

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jo Everson.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IF ANY REGARDING DEFAMATION CLAIM ASSERTED BY ANDREW MARSHALL

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO PURSUE SETTLEMENT OF THE DEFAMATION CLAIM ASSERTED BY ANDREW MARSHALL. ROLL CALL VOTE: WHITTAKER: YES, SCHMIDT: YES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO AFFIRM THAT IF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE SETTLED WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED BY STATUTE, THEN THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY DISALLOWS THE DEFAMATION CLAIM ASSERTED BY MARSHALL, AND DIRECTS THE APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF DISALLOWANCE TO BE GIVEN TO THE CLAIMANT ANDREW MARSHALL. ROLL CALL VOTE: WHITTAKER: YES, SCHMIDT: YES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TOWN CLERK POSITION

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO ACCEPT WITH REGRETS THE RESIGNATION FROM LINDA CHABOT AS THE TOWN CLERK EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Town Board offered the position to the next qualified candidate that was interviewed for the Clerk position, who was Brenda Johnson.

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO HIRE BRENDA JOHNSON AS THE TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF OSCEOLA, TO WORK TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PER WEEK, AT A RATE OF \$20.00 PER HOUR, WITH A SIX MONTH PROBATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Doug Schmidt swore in Brenda Johnson as the new Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY WHITTAKER/SCHMIDT TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY THE TOWN BOARD THIS 17TH OF FEBRUARY, 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Jo Everson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: MARCH 3, 2020

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