

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, December 08, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.  
Town Hall - 516 East Avenue North, Dresser WI**

**Call Meeting to Order** - The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday December 08, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

**CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:31 PM.**

Chairman Schmidt verified that the meeting agenda had been posted on \_\_\_\_\_ at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, First National Community Bank and the Town of Osceola Website on October 9th.

Chairman Schmidt led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Doug Schmidt, Mike Wallis and Brandon Whittaker

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bernie Desmarais, Nicholas EK Williams, Jo Everson, Ed Everson, Ron Nellessen, Jim Berg, Tom Williams, Donna Berg, Jim Berg, John Kandels, Vicki Kandels, Andrea Gray, Mike Gray, Masiel Estrada, Steven Fareday, MaryAnn Moenck, Jim Moenck, Johnny King, Ann King, Polo King, James Thanic, Neil Gustafson, Bekah Gustafson, Denise Skjerven, Mark Skjerven, Ben Melia, Lisa Melia, Tom Magnafici, Jeremy Utke, Teresa Utke, Matt Leads, Glyn Thorman, Matt Ahleldon, Mike Stephan, Kristin Stephan, Jon Ceronier, Steven Thichtl, Deb Thichtl

**AGENDA:**

**MOVED/SECONDED BY Wallis/Whittaker TO APPROVE AGENDA AS WRITTEN, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Ethics committee was formed and not notified.**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** All checks submitted were approved and signed.

**MEETINGS:**

August 4th Regular Town Board Meeting, November 10 Regular Town Board Meeting  
Whittaker played a recording from the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the ethics committee.

**MOVED/SECONDED BY WALLIS/SCHMIDT TO APPROVE AUGUST 4TH REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGES FOR SPELLING CORRECTIONS OF APPOSE TO OPPOSE**

**MOVED/SECONDED BY WALLIS TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 10 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN, NO SECOND**

**MOVED/SECONDED BY WALLIS/WHITTAKER TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 10 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WITH THE TWO NAME CHANGES OF JO EVERSON AND CINDY THORMAN, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Skjerven – At previous budget meeting wallis asked if no one was opposed to  
Don't need to ask permission to say the pledge of allegiance.

Denise Skjerven – Where do new people know where to go and how the whole  
I'd like an update on the treasurer position is Lorraine done at the end of the month  
Century Link how do we get it on the agenda

Hearing aid equipment do you need help looking into it?

Wallis – Century Link I have all 3 teams investigating and looking into

When we apply next year they will push it through and make sure th

ere late to the game but

Wallis – explained the election process.

Schmidt – if you are planning on running you have to indicate what position you are running for before they are signed.

Lisa Melin – Want to make sure that Eagle Bluff is added to next months agenda

Ryan – Can I speak during the subject matter. 11/09/2007 how we go from you guys took possession of the road but the developer did nothing.

Tom Magnifici – Have we decided the headphones work.

Schmidt they were working recommended sitting up front .

Theresa Utke – Ethics committee, asked to make a formal request to

Appalling that you have removed a veteran, he has requested formally and informally

The fact that we are not shamed a citizen a civil servant.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

General Fund \$66,121.95, General Money Market Account \$39,932.99, Tax Receipt Account \$6,958.90, Dresser Traprock Assurance \$15,038.82, CD 58320 \$31,539.49

December 11<sup>th</sup> the Treasurer will no longer be with the town.

Have had one official request

Lorraine has agreed to stay we will be hiring someone for that position

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

Still working on trimming trees (new buzz saw works really well) and brushing ditches

Working on filling potholes as long as weather holds

Grader has had oil change and snow plow attachments added in case of a big snow storm

Reminder that when shoulders and corners get tore up during snow plowing season we will fix it in the spring when it thaws

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **JAKE BRAKE ORDINANCE 20-09-01:**

There was a discussion regarding if it should be road specific or a blanket town ordinance. Whittaker stated that modified exhaust should be included on the ordinance. Noise ordinance. Illegal to modify exhaust anyways.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY Schmidt/Wallis TO accept as ammended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Asked how other towns were doing it and it was confirmed

Modify that all other regulations 349.06 instead of 349.15

Make changes and bring back to the January meeting

Mark asked that we get the least amount of signs possible. 2 on M 2 on MM.

There was discussion regarding the specific wording of the ordinance, the amount of signs needed.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-09-01 AS AMMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. accept the ordinance after deleting the town board has specific authority 342.06 TO to eliminate the town ordinance.**

Section 4 the town provisions

All other town road regulations

Bernie state law is modified exhaust. Decible readers on phone apps.

##### **EAGLE BLUFF ROADS:**

Whittaker made a timeline of

Did not make an assurance bond

Was told from county surveyor the names go on the

Was brought to attention a year ago. Sent in a year ago. Told that the town attorney would need to look at it. Wallis I was ready to send a letter stating that the developer needs to send

Whittaker they gave you a safe card of sending the letter to a lawyer before sending to the developer.

Developer promised that it was being taken care of. Public statement. What came about that it was switched to the town of Osceola on the tax role. Property taxes should be adjusted due to not getting services.

Schmidt – in spring file a

On – 09/19/07 – towns engineer invoked a bond. We did the exact same thing 2 times.

You accepted the road and did not get a bond.

You guys are going to let the companies go under without doing what they are supposed to be doing. Am I litigating against you or Roger? This board literally did the same thing

Whittaker – I don't want to

Schmidt if the town was to assume the responsibility for all the

The town does not have the responsibility to

You had another

Signs are put up

Melin – who changed the street sign from 206 to 207<sup>th</sup> st.

The town is not responsible of the road. The town will not get involved in this.

Whittaker – I will look into it for 2017.

Wallis – it is presumptuous to say that we aren't going to take over the road.

We may need to talk in closed session because there could be litigation involved.

Melin – if you send a letter and nothing what happens? What are the next actions

Schmidt – Why don't we send a letter?

Schmidt – Aren't real estate agents needed

It was agreed that Whittaker will call county, send a letter, and discuss findings at the January meeting.

Melin – We understand your position.

Wallis – we need to look back to 2006 to make sure that we did not get a bond.

Letter needs to be moved to letterhead

Wallis/Whittaker to send a letter

Motion carried unanimously

#### **DWIGHT LAKE POTENTIAL SALE:**

Whittaker asked for a rough estimate of east of the road. A house could be built there. 140k-200k East of the road where the beach is. Next step is to get a survey and need approval to sell the lot.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY / TO accept as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Asked how other towns were doing it and it was confirmed

It was discussed to possibly sell lake access to increase the sale value. There was no access as to how much could be sold.

Wallis said that there has to be a resolution to sell, not just a motion. Does not want a survey before the 1<sup>st</sup> end of the year.

Need permission to sell some shoreline as well. Ok waiting until January.

#### Sand Lake

When beach was granted, it is lake access and the town is unable to sell it.

Need to send a letter to the developer stating that we will not be able to sell the land.

#### Resolution 20-10 Amending Resolution 20-08 Adopting the 2021 Budget.

The full resolution was read

**MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/WHITAKER TO accept as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Asked how other towns were doing it and it was confirmed

Make sure that the correction is added to the DEC 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as well.

#### New Business

#### **TOWN CLERK HIRE**

Town clerk will need to be posted. Do not have an official town clerk. Post add in the paper.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY Wallis/WHITTAKER TO post A NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2 WEEKS AND OPEN UNTIL FILLED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**1 TRI-GRANT:**

Had been eligible for 20k .

Were notified that there was an error that went in the posting that we would not be getting the money this year. Option 1 – a safety card is to appeal to the state that there was an honest mistake in the paper. You can only use it once, ever and there is no guarantee that you will get the money.

Option 2 is that we do not fulfill the contract, resubmit for 2021 and it is 99.9% guaranteed to get the money.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY Schmidt/Wallis TO RESUBMIT FOR THE TRI-GRANT FOR 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Wallis: Hit harder in 2020, will make it up in 2021.**

Wallis will it hurt us on our next application date?

Citizens were asking who was responsible for the mistake.

Whittaker wanted it noted that the board needs to sign off on ads.

**APPROVE HIRING AMANDA NISSEN TO COORDINATE TOWN TAXES**

Same as last year.

\$25/hour plus mileage

**MOVED, SECONDED BY Whittaker/Schmidt TO accept Amanda Nissen doing the town taxes MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Asked how other towns were doing it and it was confirmed

**GOING VIRTUAL FOR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

Whittaker you need someone dedicated to managing the zoom meetings. It would cost \$54/month. We have other things we can spend this money on.

Schmidt – St. Croix Falls uses and loves it. County Board said it was cumbersome. EasyIT

Wallis – it's worth a discussion. Concerned about the exposure of meetings such as to the public works employees.

Whittaker –

Wallis could do public comments in writing.

Whittaker – we could do a call in number.

Bernie – it's a great conversation. We are 3 weeks away from a vaccine. This is not the time to get a new technology.

Jo – Doug was one of the worst ones who did not want to put a mask on.

Denise – Do we know how many people are not here.

**MOVED, SECONDED BY WHITTAKER/WALLIS TO CONTINUES TO HAVE IN PERSON MEETINGS AND FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**WEIGHT RESTRICTION & SIGNS ON 240<sup>TH</sup>**

There were concerns that Waste Management was using 240<sup>th</sup>. It was found that it was built for that purpose.

Whittaker there are County roads built to higher standards. With the steep ditches, residential houses. And reducing semis will save the tax payers money. Industrial park would have restrictions and would force semi traffic through downtown and create issues for the community around us as well.

Whittaker hwy 35 has heavier traffic from the quarry, we are not taxing the businesses using those roads.

If we restrict they will

ED Everson – 248 will take the same punishment as 240<sup>th</sup>. None of this started until Osceola development. Cemstone just bought a \$22k building permit.

Bernie – part of the issue is that the state might be hurried up to put roundabouts on the state roads.

Wallis – to me this is all backwards. We got a grant to build this road to a higher standard in consideration as a main transportation.

Whittaker there will still be semis allowed.

Whittaker will get additional information. Moved to next meeting to get information

**CALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORATE**

Whittaker asked what the point of increasing the wage is for.  
Dwight Lake there is no hurry, it can be pushed back to the annual meeting.  
There have been 6 clerks in the last year.  
Wallis why do we need to get all the town electorate together?  
If the town board has the authority to move it up to.

Schmidt – wanted to give the opportunity to work.

Ed why don't you tell people.  
Jo you do the Grant.

Wallis, this is the first time we have had this discussion. If we can avoid having another meeting of the electors.  
MOVED Schmidt TO discuss some of the items no second MOTION failed.

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORT**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Received the comp plan will be working on adopting it.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS**

MIKE WALLIS – Fire board meeting in January

BRANDON WHITTAKER – Embarrassed how one of our servicemen was treated to night and hope that you write a letter of apology

**January 5, 2020 AT 6:30 PM TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA:**

- Jake Braking Ordinance
- Noise Ordinance
- Eagle Bluff Roads
- Weight Restriction & Signs on 240<sup>th</sup>
- Review of the Comp plan as written – hearing on the adoption of the comp plan.
- Ethics Committee
- Disability accommodations for hearing impaired.

Therese – no body checked to see if the headphones are not working.  
Wallis will look into sound system possibilities.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 08, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Kyle Teig, Clerk