

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Monday, August 2, 2021 — 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dale Lindh called the regular meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

VERIFICATION OF MEETING POSTING: Interim Clerk Jan Carlson confirmed that the notice was posted at the Town Hall, Dresser Post Office, the First Community National Bank, the Town Web Site, and the Town Facebook page.

PLEDGE: Lindh led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PRESENT: Chair Dale Lindh, Supervisors Jo Everson, Neil Gustafson, and Mike Wallis, Jon Cronick. Also, present Treasurer Jan Carlson, Public Works Supervisor Tony Johnson. Once sworn in, Melissa Johnson Town Clerk.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Carl Thomforhrda, Cindy Thorman, Glyn Thorman, Denise Skjerven, Justin Keller, Mark Skjerven, Ed Everson, Warren Johnson, Jamie Tinney, John Warner, Donna Berg, Jim Berg, Gae Magnafici, Dan Burch, Brandon Whittaker, Kirk Carlson, Theresa Durkin, Walter Rider, Sandy Ball, Ben Krumenauer, Melissa Ward, Merle Aarthun, Diane Aarthun, Shawn Libersky, Traci Libersky, Teresa Utke, Jeremy Utke.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/WALLIS ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEMS 13A & 13B BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENS. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS  
MOVED BY EVERSON /CRONICK TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S LIST OF CHECKS AND AUTOMATED PAYMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/CRONICK TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES: 07/06/21 TOWN BOARD MEETING, 07/20/21 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Lindh called for a half hour of public comments. Three (3) minutes were allotted for each speaker.

Cindy Thorman- Expressed clarification concerns on the Spring Election Errors.

.Glyn Thorman- Stated his research and finding regarding the Polk County Dog Kennel Ordinances.

Sandy Ball- Expressed concern regarding the conditions of the Dock at Sand Lake Public Beach.

Brandon Whittaker- Voiced concerns the of appointing the Planning Commission tonight. He voiced to Stop the Bullying to The Board Members and the Staff. He also Thanked Everson and Treasurer Carlson for their hard work.

Mark Skjerven- Expressed he that the Planning Commission needs New People, New Voices going forward. His neighbors have spoken to him with concerns of hearing "Drama" and not attending the Town Board Meeting as a result.

Denise Skjerven-Thanked both Treasurer Carlson, and Clerk Johnson for keeping the Town's business going. She expressed getting new voice for the Planning Commission. A recommendation of using Zoom so all Town's constituents could watch The Town Board Meeting. She requested the status of Nuisance Properties. Denise emphasized to Please Stop Current Bullying of Town Staff and Board Members. Also, to Stop the Inordinate Public Records Costs Request at the Cost of The Town- Taking Resources -Employed and Elected.

Jim Berg-Voiced it was time to Go Forward, He Thanked the Board and Staff. He voiced the Harassment and Bullying needs to Stop.

Teresa Utke-Urged the Board to engage in a Proactive Approach with the School District on possible Referendum that will be passing the Township. It's time to Productive, Be Kind and Move Forward. She voiced her Support and Thanked the Clerk, New Board Members and the and stated Treasurer Carlson is doing a Fabulous Job. Teresa submitted one document for Chairman review.

Warren Johnson- Voiced his Appreciation of both Chairmen, Lindh and, Treasurer Carlson during this difficult time. He is concerned about Annexation, looking forward to New People on the Planning Commission, in full support of Blue Stone Sand and Gravel and the End of The Bullying. He requested the letter he wrote be added to the Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public works report by Tony Johnson outlined activity for the month of July.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Carlson reviewed current bank balances: General Fund \$20,678.41; General Money Market Account \$527,520.68; Tax Receipt Account \$164,448.77; Dresser Traprock Assurance \$15,043.82.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/WALLIS TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Johnson reported the limited part time hours training with Treasurer Carlson. Johnson Thanked Carlson for her all her help in learning the Clerk's position, while juggling a full-time job, Treasurer, Interim- Clerk and Clerk/Trainer, and has done it with Patience and Grace.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### BOAT LANDING UPDATE AT POPLAR LAKE AND DWIGHT LAKE

Supervisor Gustafson outlined update on the Poplar Lake Boat Landing, minor repairs will be completed soon. Dwight Lake only needs major repairs and should stay in old business agenda. Supervisor Wallis has been looking into Grant Money through the DNR opportunities to fund the repairs needed at Dwight Lake and will need further review. He suggested it be a possible Budget Conversation.

##### COMMITTEE'S DUTIES AND APPOINTMENTS- MEDIA /TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC WORK

Supervisor Gustafson stated it would be best that all the Committees are laid out at the same time.

#### NEW BUISNESS

##### BEN KRUMENAUER, VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA, ADMINISTRATOR SIMMON DRIVE

Ben Krumenauer, Village Administrator proposed a 2022 Capital Improvements to Simmon Drive. The projected total cost \$607,475.00 with LRIP Grant up to 50% of joint reconstructive effort's cost will be reimbursed.

##### CARL THOMFOHRDA, RURAL MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Carl Thomfohrda summarized The Town's Insurance Policy Renewal for periods 06/15/2021 to 06/15/2022. Driver's License List will need updated and sent back to Carl Thomfohrda.

##### ADOPT -A-TOWN ROAD PROGAM APPLICATION AND PERMIT

MOTION BY WALLIS/GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE APPLICATION AND PERMIT ON COUNTY RD F AND 110<sup>TH</sup> AVE. ADOPT-A-TOWN ROAD IN MEMORY OF KEGAN KOSHIOL. MOTION CARRIED.  
MOTION BY EVERSON/CRONICK TO ACCEPT ADOPTION ORDINANCE. 21-07-06 TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT

TO 25MPH ON 235<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT 90<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/WALLIS TO APPROVE DRIVEWAY TO TOWN'S SPECIFICATIONS AND PERMIT FOR WALTER RIDER AT 2370 CLARK RD WITH THE COMTINGENCY REMOVAL OF EXSISTING DRIVEWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE LARGE GROUP EVENT AND GATHERINGS NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

MOTION BY EVERSON/GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR MADISEN M. JACKSON AT BROTHERS COUNTRY MART, 2061 75<sup>TH</sup> AVE, OSCEOLA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY EVERSON/LINDH TO APPROVE TOBACCO LICENSE FOR YOUR PLACE LLC., 931 240<sup>TH</sup> ST, OSCEOLA, JOSEPH AND HANNAH PETERSON, EXPIRING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2022. MOTION PASSED

MOTION BY EVERSON/WALLIS TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE PERMIT FROM RITEWAY GRAVEL TO BLUE STONE SAND AND GRAVEL FROM 08-02-21 TO SEPTEMBER 1,2025 WITH A \$15,000.00 LINE OF CREDIT OR BOND IN ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WALLIS/ GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE OPTIONS FOR WOMEN 5K FOR LIFE APPLICATION FOR ROUTE AND USE THE TOWN'S ROADS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/CRONICK TO APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTED BY LINDH. MOTION CARRIED

Lindh stated there was 13 applicants, it's been difficult but believes the approved Planning Commission Members will bring New, Positive change.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/EVERSON TO APPOINT JON CRONICK AS TOWN BOARD MEMBER TO REPRESENT ON PLANNING COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED, CRONICK ABSTAINED.

Lindh recommended Bernie Desmarais as Chairman for the Planning Commission assuming he will accept. Lindh will confirm Bernie Desmarais acceptance and set at least one meeting for Planning Commission to learn role's and set future meetings.

MOTION BY EVERSON/GUSTAFSON FOR ADOPTION OF INITIAL TERM LENGTHS OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW COMMITTEE'S DUTIES FOR PERSONNEL AND FINANCE

The Board discussed the overviews for the PERSONNEL and FINANCE COMMITTEES. There was suggestion to have a term limit, set ordinances of committees. It was also suggested that the personnel committee conduct exit interviews.

DOG/KENNEL LETTER SENT TO POLK COUNTY ON TOWN LETTERHEAD

GUSTAFSON/WALLIS TO DRAFT A LETTER TO POLK COUNTY THAT ALL OFFICIAL LETTERS SENT FROM THE TOWN NOW AND IN THE FUTURE WILL BE ACCOMANIED BY OFFICIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/LINDH TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONS, SUGGESTED BY AUDITORS, AND TO PAY ANY ASSOCIATED FEES AND COSTS INCURRED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMIT AN INVOICE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THEIR 2020 TAXES. MOTION CARRIED.

During this discussion, an accusation by Melissa Ward was directed towards Supervisor Everson and is part of the meeting recording.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/EVERSON TO APPROVE THE DRAFTED STATEMENT BY LINDH WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY, TO BE POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY WALLIS /GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,2021. MOTION CARRIED.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Lindh asked if there was any other Election training available? Everson responded nothing.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/EVERSON

Nothing to Report.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/GUSTAFSON

Discussed going out to help clear debris from storm with Justin until about 2:00 a.m.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/CRONICK

Cronick stated he wished Melissa Ward wouldn't have left before the Board Meeting was over, as he felt she owes Everson a Public Apology for her comments she made after Public Comments were closed. Cronick is hopeful that Melissa Ward will come forward with a Very Public Apology to Everson.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/WALLIS

Nothing to Report.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- RFP to Provide Cyber Security Assessment.
- RFP proposal for business email accounts for the Town.
- RFP monthly services
- RFP for Zoom or similar
- Review/ Budget Amendment for Audio Camera Expense.
- Review/ Budget Amendments Bids Action for Office Router.
- Amend Operator's License.
- Update Blue Stone process

#### COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- a. September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m. Garfield.

#### ADJOURN

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/LINDH TO ADJOURN THE TOWN BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2021.

#### MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

**To be approved:** September 7, 2021

Approved: 9-7-2021

  
Jon Cronick, Town Board Supervisor