

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Wallis, Supervisor Brandon Whittaker, Public Works Tony Johnson, Bernie Desmarais

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Ed & Jo Everson, Justin Bulman, Lisa Izamotegui, Tom & Gae Magnafici, Glyn Thorman, Jim & Donna Berg, Cole Berg, Neil & Rebekah Gustafson, James Rochford, Jan Carlson, Phil Mattison, Diana Anderson, Jeremy & Teresa Utke, Tom Williams, Katie Bruns, MaryAnn & Jim Moenck, Terilyn Wallis, Jon Cronick, Warren Johnson, Rao Stevens, C. Kotilinek, Denise & Mark Skyerven, Sandra Ball, Lisa Melin, Matt Lewis, Matt Anderson, Dale Lindh.

**CHAIRMAN WALLIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:33 P.M.**

**Chairman Wallis verified that the meeting agenda was posted at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, and on the Town of Osceola website.**

**Chairman Wallis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ROLL CALL: Chairman Wallis and Supervisor Whittaker present.**

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Chairman Wallis and Supervisor Whittaker signed and approved all bills provided by Treasurer Chris Stevens.

**AGENDA: MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER / WALLIS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 12, 2020 MEETING AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from Town Board Meeting on 12/2, 12/ 8, 12/16, 12/30, and 1/5. MOTION BY WHITTAKER / SECOND BY WALLIS TO APPROVE ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Wallis called for a half hour of public comments. Three minutes allotted for each speaker.

Denise S. – Reminded Board of top priorities: 1.) Spending vs. Budget visibility; 2.) Road Bid Process and relationship with contractors; 3.) Public comment during all meetings and engaging public where appropriate.

Ryan S. – Did not appreciate the way a veteran was treated at a previous Town Meeting.

Warren J. – Commented on the need for all of us to focus on growth. And, with growth comes change. Mentioned the Town of Osceola used to have roughly \$500K in rainy day funds, but no longer has this money. He noted the importance for us to share equipment and resources with neighboring municipalities.

Jim M. – There is a petition of sixty-seven (67) people against approving a CUP for the new owners of the Red Barn. He noted the CUP Application does not address concerns of citizens. They do not want the event center to become a bar. Considerations should be included.

MaryAnn M. – Requested an effort to find facts. Encouraged the Town to look at Dancing Dragon Fly as a similar business which does only eight wedding per year. The Town Noise ordinance should apply as well as the following for an event center:

- Alcohol only sold during events.
- Police on duty

- Hours of operation Thursday through Sunday should be limited.
- Capacity of no more than 100 people.
- Permeable parking surface.
- Live music inside only.
- No light pollution.

Tom W. – Recommendation to County to deny the CUP. Misled by original contractor and owners. Dancing Dragon Fly has a respectable employee base unlike the proposed event center. Occupancy is not at 300 people and should have:

- Sprinkler system
- Privacy fence
- WI licensed catering
- Hours of operation that work for the neighborhood

Sherise K – Argued the zoning permitted does not allow for an event center. She also expressed concern about the water quality of Poplar Lake being affected.

Lisa I. – Spoke to the need for guardrails on 90<sup>th</sup> Ave as mentioned at a previous meeting.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Tony spoke to his monthly report and mentioned salt / sand was available to the public with a pile in the parking lot of the Town Hall.

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

- Teri Wallis sworn in as the Town's new Treasurer.
- Resolution 21 – 01 – 01: Motion by Brandon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to approve. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

INTERIM CLERK – Motion by Whittaker / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wallis to appoint Bernie Desmarais as Interim Clerk at the established pay rate for the position.

OPEN SUPERVISOR POSITION – Wallis motioned that Tony be appointed to fill his term as Supervisor. Whittaker disagreed and noted the Clerk may participate in the vote in lieu of a third Board member. Whittaker motioned Warren Johnson fill the vacancy on the Board. Clerk Desmarais 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. VOTE: Yes – 2, No – 1. Motion Approved. Warren Johnson sworn in as Supervisor.

VACANCY on PLAN COMMISSION – Supervisors discussed the need to have a Board member on the Plan Commission. Supervisor Johnson expressed interest. Motion by Whittaker and seconded by Wallis to appoint Johnson to the Plan Commission. Warren sworn in as Plan Commission member.

TOWN JAKE BRAKE / NOISE ORDINANCE – Moved to next month.

EAGLE BLUFF / LOTUS RIDGE ROADS – Chair Wallis noted a certified letter sent to developer at last known address in Stillwater, MN. Agreement to search for evidence of a bond. Discussion of tax implications of living on a private road. Suggestion was made to determine costs to have Town Public Works plow the private road. Agreement to keep the topic on the Town Board agenda as appropriate to make progress toward resolution.

EVENT CENTER C.U.P. – Considerable time was dedicated to enumerating the conditions the Town of Osceola would put forth the Environmental Services Committee (ESC) at the upcoming hearing on January 20<sup>th</sup> for the proposed Event Center. Motion by Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Whittaker to forward conditions on behalf of the Town. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 0. Motion passed. These conditions were summarized in a letter from the Town of Osceola and forwarded to the County on January 19, 2021. (See the letter of details of these conditions).

TOWN HALL SOUND SYSTEM – Chairman Wallis reviewed bids submitted by two separate vendors to install sound system in the Town Hall building. Additional work is needed to confirm specifications and evaluate the bid amounts. No action taken.

90<sup>th</sup> AVE GUARDRAILS – Supervisor Johnson mentioned having tear down guard rail components available. Phase 1 of this project is on Public Work’s project list for 2021.

TOWN HALL SECURITY – Supervisor Whittaker discussed plan to replace current locks and improve security at the Town Hall. Working with CWS, we would install coded doorknobs and security fobs allowing us to keep track of all who enter / leave the building. Motion by Chairman Wallis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Johnson to move forward with the project. Vote: Yes – 3, No – 0; Motion passed.

**PLAN COMMISSION** – Chair Wallis mentioned an upcoming Plan Commission meeting and the need to appoint a Chair of the Commission.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – Chair Wallis noted the Ethics Committee established by the former Chair should be put on HOLD until the new Board is elected. He also noted that road grant money is still available.

**SUPERVISORS’ REPORT** – Supervisor Whittaker noted he attended the Fire Department Board meeting the that of the Ambulance Board. Supervisor Johnson requested help in setting up a new email address for Town business and mentorship regarding his new role.

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** Next Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2021. Supervisor Whittaker requested the Board reschedule to February 9<sup>th</sup> because of a conflict.

- Update on Eagle Bluff / Lotus Ridge / Sherwood Forest Development
- Noise Jake / Brake Ordinance
- Sound system update / proposal
- Guard Rails on 90<sup>th</sup> Ave from Public Works
- Discussion of Committees and Commissions and how they should operate in conjunction with Town Board.
- Agenda to be issued one week prior to Town Board Meeting.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITAKER / JOHNSON TO ADJOURNTOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:50 P.M.**

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Wanchena \_\_\_\_\_