

TOWN OF OSCEOLA
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes

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

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Ed & Jo Everson, Kirk Johnson, Glyn Thorman, Jim & Donna Berg, Neil & Rebekah Gustafson, James Rochford, Jan Carlson, Phil Mattison, Diana Anderson, Jeremy & Teresa Utke, Jon Cronick, Denise & Mark Skyerven, Matt Lewis, Matt Anderson, Dale Lindh, Susan & Kevin McNutt, David Peterson.

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

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

Chairman Wallis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Wallis, Supervisor Whittaker, Supervisor Johnson present.

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

AGENDA: MOVED AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER / WALLIS TO APPROVE THE February 9th MEETING AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from Special Town Board Meeting on 1/19 were missing.

1/12 – Town Board Meeting

MOTION BY WHITTAKER / SECOND BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

1/28 – Special Town Board Meeting

MOTION BY WHITTAKER / SECOND BY WALLIS TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Jo Everson – Stated Commission and Committees should be discussed by the New Town Board elected in April and nothing decided before they are in place.

Mark S. – Finds the Town Plan Commission chaired by Town Chair odd, or not consistent with his prior experiences in other communities in which he and Denise lived.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Tony spoke to his monthly report and the amount of snow removed in past weeks.
- EZ IT Guys to check on issue with WiFi in garage.
- Dead End signs on 94th Ave. will be installed in Spring. One already purchased.

- Tony authorized to bid on behalf of Town to secure Spray Patch Truck from St. Croix County at auction for no more than \$12,000. Supervisor Whittaker noted we spend \$20K annually for outside firm to patch roads. Doing it ourselves should allow us to save money and extend the life of roads.

MOTION by Whittaker / 2nd by Johnson to authorize purchase of patch equipment truck for \$12K. Vote: Yes 3 – motion passed. Money to come out of road repair budget.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Board noted receipt of Year End Budget vs. Actual as well as monthly expenditures.

MOTION by Whittaker / and by Johnson to approve Treasurer’s Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swearing in of new Clerk, Roxanne Birrenbach. Board explained the new Clerk decided not to take the position as family circumstances had changed.
2. Operator’s License for Bobbi Daly / Woodhill. **MOTION by Whittaker / 2nd by Johnson to approve license. All in favor, 3 voted Yes and motion passed.**
3. Public Nuisance Complaint – Resident called complaining of a large TRUMP sign in someone’s yard. **Board agreed NO ACTION to be taken at this time.**
4. Re-zone of Sutherland Property – Board discussed Plan Commission’s recommendation to approve the re-zoning from AG5 to R1. Johnson expressed concern over the safety of adding driveway to already dangerous section of road. Seeing as Sutherland was not present, Board decided not to take any action until next month. Clerk to contact Mr. Sutherland to have him attend.
5. Eagle Bluff / Lotus Ridge Roads – Board shared the letter to developer came back undeliverable and search for the bond turned up nothing. Agreement as to a need to understand process and ensure it does not happen again. Further, Board agreed for new Board / future committee to meet with residents affected to see what solution could be reached in a joint working session.
6. Jake Brake / Noise Restrictions – Board agreed to focus only on Jake / Engine Braking Restrictions in key areas on 218th St. (MM). Whittaker and Clerk to find DRAFT of resolution and finalize for next meeting.
7. Town Hall Audio System – **MOTION by Johnson / 2nd by Whittaker to purchase system bid by Central Acoustics.** Motion passed with all three voting Yes. Agreement to stipulate CA must be at our first meeting to be certain system and training are successful. Money to come from Fuel Tank budget for 2021.
8. Plan Commission – **MOTION by Whittaker / 2nd by Johnson to dissolve Plan Commission and its current membership until a new Board is elected.** Vote: 2 Yes, 1 No. No discussion of adding new Plan Commission members.
9. Committees to Be Activated by New Board – Existing Board agreed with the direction of considering new committees / commissions to be established and staffed by town residents. The new five (5) member Board should be responsible for doing this based on input and ideas from this Board. All agreed to forward ideas for new committees based on Town of Osceola’s 2021 Priorities.
10. Legal Representation – Supervisor Whittaker suggested using an attorney from Polk County and having he or she in place in time for the new Board. He suggested Jarchow Law (Adam Jarchow) of Clear Lake, WI. **MOTION by Chair / 2nd by Johnson to use an RFP process to select an attorney from three (3) candidates.** Clerk to update RFP forwarded by current attorney and send to law firms interested in municipal law / representing the Town of Osceola. Board to submit attorney names from Polk County.

PLAN COMMISSION – No further action until new Board is elected and the Annual Meeting takes place in April.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chair Wallis noted the availability of Scholarship from the WTA.

SUPERVISORS' REPORT – Supervisor Whittaker mentioned the Ambulance / Fire Station meeting with Allied Services and detailed projects accomplished. Reminded all present of the Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser which will be a drive-thru event this year.

Supervisor Johnson updated public on the County's Stower Trail decision to include motorized sports and horses.

- Plan to finish trail in two Phases to Lotus Lake.
- History of the trail was to make it multi-use because Polaris is a major employer.
- Sale of Polk County Lime Quarry of \$1.5 million will be used to fund Trail expansion.
- Town of Osceola has an opportunity to step as we are at the west end of the Stower Trail.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Next Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021

- Further clarification of the Town's stance on the Stower Trail
- Jake / Engine Brake Ordinance
- Dissolve Ethics Committee
- Clerk Candidate
 - Interview questions to Supervisor Johnson
 - Interview time Monday or Thursday of next week (February 15th).
- Agenda to be issued one week prior to Town Board Meeting.

ELECTION UPDATE – Jo Everson noted the Primary Election on Tuesday February 16th for the State Superintendent of Schools. In-person voting happening all week.

MOTION BY WALLIS 2nd BY WHITAKER TO ADJOURN TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.