

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021, 1:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a Special Board Meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

**CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Chair Mike Wallis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**VERIFICATION OF MEETING POSTING:** The Chair verified the meeting was posted on February 26, 2021 at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, First National Community Bank and the Town website.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mike Wallis and Warren Johnson

**ABSENT:** Brandon Whittaker

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jo Everson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY JOHNSON/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Wallis announced that the Board would be moving into closed session as posted.

MOTION BY JOHNSON/WALLIS TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE §19.85(1)(C), TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM TOWN CLERK WITH CANDIDATE. AYES: JOHNSON, WALLIS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Board entered closed session at 1:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mike Wallis, Warren Johnson, and Jo Everson.

**OPEN SESSION**

MOTION BY JOHNSON/WALLIS TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION. AYES: JOHNSON, WALLIS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Board entered open session at 1:43 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mike Wallis, Warren Johnson, and Jo Everson.

**APPOINT AND SWEAR IN INTERIM TOWN CLERK**

Interim Clerk Bernie Desmarais resigned his position effective February 24, 2021. Until a new Clerk is hired, the Board agreed to appoint another Interim Clerk.

MOTION BY JOHNSON/WALLIS TO APPOINT JO EVERSON AS THE TOWN OF OSCEOLA INTERIM CLERK UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Wallis gave the oath of office to Everson.

*Do you, Jo Everson, swear that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Town Clerk to the best of your ability? So help you God.*

Everson explained that she is on the ballot for the upcoming April 6<sup>th</sup> election for a position on the Board as Supervisor. Despite the fact that the Wisconsin Elections Commission has given their opinion that Wisconsin Statute §70.30 allows a Clerk to have access to the election process regardless of the fact that she/he is on the ballot, Everson stated that she intended to appoint Cindy Thorman as Deputy Clerk *(as allowed in Wisconsin Statute §60.31- Each town*

*clerk may appoint one or more deputies for whom the town clerk is responsible...after taking official oath and bond). In doing so, Thorman would be able to initial all absentee ballots, alleviating the appearance of mishandling the election by someone who is on the ballot.*

**2020 TOWN AUDIT**

Chair Wallis explained that he had signed the engagement letter for the auditing firm Clifton Larson & Alan in early January 2021 and notified them to begin the 2020 Town audit without first obtaining Board approval. When the Town Attorney advised Wallis of the error it was recommended that the work be discontinued until further notice and the Board approve the contract as soon as possible. Discussion continued with the fact that Town Treasurer Teri Wallis had resigned her position, therefore the Board needed to appoint someone who would work with the auditing firm going forward.

MOTION BY JOHNSON/WALLIS TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR CLIFTON LARSEN & ALAN TO CONDUCT THE 2020 TOWN FINANCIAL AUDIT AT A COST OF \$4,950.00. (on file)

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE INTERIM CLERK JO EVERSON TO WORK WITH CLIFTON LARSON & ALAN TO FINALIZE THE 2020 TOWN FINANCIAL AUDIT BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JOHNSON/WALLIS TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF OSCEOLA HELD THIS MARCH 1, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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Jo Everson, Interim Clerk