

TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola initially met at 5:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, WI 54009 pursuant to the following Statutes:

Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(G) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved.

Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION BY WALLIS/GUSTAFSON TO MOVE INTO CLOSED PURSUANT WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85(1)(G) TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVISE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.

AND WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85(1)(C) CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY.

ROLL CALL: WALLIS, GUSTAFSON, LINDH, CRONICK, EVERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD ENTERED CLOSED SESSION AT 5:05 P.M.

OPEN SESSION:

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/CRONICK TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION. The Board entered open session at 5:05 p.m. The Board discussed the closing of the Magnafici lawsuit, and the return to work of the Public Works employee.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/EVERSON TO RECESS UNTIL 6:30 P.M. FOR THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. RECESSED AT 5:58 P.M.

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 6:31 p.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, Once sworn in, Melissa Johnson Town Clerk.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Alec Mortel, Robert Zuzek, Jim & Donna Berg, Mark Skjerven, Melissa Ward, Trish & Kirk Carlson, Merle & Dianne Aarthur, Glyn & Cindy Thorman, Gae Magnafici, Diana Anderson, James Rochford, Teresa & Jeremy Utke, Ed Everson, Dave Peterson, Carrie Carpenter, Sandra Ball, and Bob Wright.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chairman Lindh and Supervisor Everson reviewed, approved, and signed all bills provided by Treasurer Jan Carlson, as part of the Finance Committee.

MOVED BY EVERSON /CRONICK TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS CHECK #1575 - #17615 AND ACH PAYMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA

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

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY CRONICK /EVERSON TO APPROVE WITH MINOR CORRECTION DUE TO TYPOS THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES: 6/7/21 TOWN BOARD MEETING, 6/10/2021 TOWN MEETING, 6/15/2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, 6/17/2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND 6/22/2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Teresa Utke recommending the Board look at the Hi-Speed internet proposal Broadband Grant and, also using some of the monies from the Covid Grant to help pay for hook up from the ditch to house.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report was given by Gustafson outlining public works activity for the month of June.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Carlson reviewed current bank balances: General Fund \$21,765.60; General Money Market Account \$499,200.59; Tax Receipt Account \$214,426.24; Dresser Traprock Assurance \$15,043.20.

CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION LAKELAND COMMUNICATION – POSSIBLE ACTION

Alec Mortel with Lakeland Communications would like to commend the Town of Osceola for applying for the Broadband Grant. Mortel said Lakeland is trying to get the unserved areas identified along County Road M/75th Avenue to get a stronger network.

Lindh questioned what are the chances are of the Town getting the Grant approved? Mortel explained that Teresa Utke had collecting affidavits from the town's people regarding their poor internet service with proof of the internet speed tests.

Willis questioned are the speed tests being done at different times? Teres Utke brought one of the affidavits to Wallis to look at. She also shared an example of 1.6 speed and currently being told they are receiving 25 mbp download and 3 mbp upload, but actual average is 2-5 speed.

Cronick asked what is the average cost from the road to house? Alec Mortel replied the average is \$2,000 per household. Alec also said he is not exact on the number of residents in the Grant. Currently 133 are identified as underserved. Alec shared the timeline is very tight on the Grant and needs to be submitted by July 27th. He also shared he had been working with the Township of Alden who has pledged 10% from the ARPA Grant money and encouraged the Town of Osceola to do the same, as it would help to build a stronger case for grant approval.

Alec Mortel said 100 miles of fiber are planned to be installed by the time the snow flies in 2022, with parts of the map to have hi-speed internet.

Wallis asked for clarification of the grant area.

Cronick asked if the grant would be completed in 4 years?

Gustafson opened the mic for public comment.

Diana Anderson shared her Grandkids frustration regarding teaching kids.

Glen Thorman questioned if any other providers committed to the project?

Gustafson commented that we are not committed to Lakeland however, Lakeland is the only provider to reach out to the Town for the Broadband expansion grant.

Alec Mortel stated that Northwest Communications are coming to the Sand Lake area.

Trish Carlson thanked Lakeland to providing service.

Teresa Utke stated a citizen told her that they had to sell their home 20% less the value because of the lack of hi-speed internet.

Gustafson asked if the Town committed money from the road to house hook up, how will the money be distributed? Alec Mortel recommended a flat dollar amount. Gustafson asked how many homes we serve?

Wallis asked if the Town set money aside for project and it is not complete by 2024 deadline what happens to the money? Alec Mortel said the money goes back to The Town of Osceola.

Wallis asked would Lakeland commit to expanding into other parts of the Town then what the Grant covers?

Alec Mortel verbalized the 10% commitment by the Townships builds a strong case for the Public Service Commission to grant it, that is why Lakeland is pushing for the commitment.

Teresa Utke commented that potential is have hi-speed internet service for the entire school district of Osceola, not just the Town of Osceola.

MOTION BY GUASTAFSON/ CRONICK TO HAVE THE TOWN OF OSCEOLA DRAFT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION IN SUPPORT OF LAKELAND COMMUNICATION'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOARDBAND EXPANSION GRANT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/EVERSON TO CONTRIBUTE 10% OF THE TOTAL COSTS FOR THE TOWN OF OSCEOLA EXPANSION OF BROADBAND FIBER NETWORK, UP TO \$80,000.00 CONTINGENT UPON LAKELAND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING THE PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT AND FULFILLING THE INSTALLATION WITHIN OUR TOWN BY DECEMBER 31, 2024.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ADDITIONAL USE OF THE ARPA GRANT MONEY TO POTENTIALLIY OFFER A STIPEND TO RESIDENTS TO CONNECT THEIR HOME TO ANY FIBER OPTIC LINE.

CONSIDER/APPROVE POSSIBLE BANK CD'S

Treasurer Carlson reported that the Town has received the first ARPA Local Recovery Funds payment of \$151,141.39. The second half will be received June of 2022 and funds need to be expended by December 31, 2024. Carlson stated that the current rate at RCU .50 for 12 Months was the most competitive, but the Town would need to open a savings account with a \$5.00 balance. Other bank rates were also considered by the Board.

MOTION BY EVERSON/WALLIS TO OPEN A 12 MONTH CD OF \$151,000 AT ROYAL CREDIT UNION FOR .5% RATE AND ALSO, OPENING A SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH A BALANCE OF \$5.00. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Melissa Johnson was sworn in as the new Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION 21-03, TO APPROVE SIGNATURES ON DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON/WALLIS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-03, APPROVING THE SIGNATURES ON DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS THAT INCLUDE MIDWEST ONE BANK, AND ROYAL CREDIT UNION. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW/BUDGET AMENDMENT

No action taken until year-end.

POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COMPUTER/ROUTER EXPENSE

Purchase of the computer was coded correctly. No further action is needed at this time. However, the router will be reconsidered at the next Board Meeting.

BOAT LANDING AT POPLAR LAKE AND DWIGHT LAKE

Gustafson stated an excavator is needed for the slab and the current Town of Osceola equipment will not do the job at Poplar Lake landing. Lindh stated that we should wait for Tony Johnson to return. Wallis would like to add to the August Agenda so he and Gustafson can look at it. No action was taken.

POSSIBLE ACTION PUBLIC RECORDS RETENTION

The Town has an existing Ordinance regarding Records Retention, although it needs to be reviewed and amended. No action was taken at this meeting.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

Supervisor Gustafson submitted his work on descriptions of the Media & Technology Committee and Public Works Committee. Supervisor Everson did not have those completed yet for the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee. Further review on duties for committees will occur at the next Board Meeting. Eventually they will be incorporated in a Town Ordinance.

2021-2022 OPERATOR LICENSES

MOTION BY WALLIS/ GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OPERATOR'S LICENSE'S THAT EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-53 JAMES BOHN, OSCEOLA ROD & GUN CLUB

21-54 MACKENZIE PIPPENGER, KROOKER KREEK GOLF COURSE

21-55 MARC HARDAHL, WOODHILL BAR & GRILL

21-56 TARYN MADSEN, WOODHILL GAR & GRILL

APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMEBERS

Appointing members to the Planning Commission was tabled to the August Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New owner of the Blue Stone Sand & Gravel needs to complete paperwork to transfer the permit and agree to the terms and conditions of the permit application on file and Chapter 14 of The Town of Osceola Ordinances.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/EVERSON

Discussion regarding the noise ordinance and assembly of a large gathering of people at Wood Hill Bar & Grill.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/GUSTAFSON

Nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/ CRONICK

Continue working on the Lakeland Communications broadband expansion grant.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/WALLIS

Make sure to get a competitive quote on technology.

FUTURE AUGUST AGENDA ITEMS

- Rural Mutual Insurance.
- Ben Krumenauer, Village of Osceola, Administrator Simmon Drive.
- Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance regarding Speed on 235th Street at 90th Avenue.

- Review RFP from ITT Companies to provide Cyber Security Assessment.
- Review ITT Companies proposal for business emails accounts for Town Account.
- Router Expenses.
- Large Group Gatherings.
- Personal/Finance committee duties
- Planning Committees.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY WALLIS / GUSTAFSON TO ADJOURN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING THIS JULY 6, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved: _____

8/2/21

Melissa Johnson, Town Clerk