

TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 17, 2022 — 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a Special Town Board meeting Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lindh called the Special Town Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

PRESENT: Chair Lindh, Supervisors Cronick and Thompson

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Clerk Skjerven, Treasurer Carlson, Jamie Tinney, Ed Everson, James Rochford, Shay Rysdam, Liz Rochford, Brian & Reegan Matter, Kirk & Trish Carlson, Sandy Ball, Connie Clark, Merle & Dianne Aarthun, Brooke Kulzer, Kim Kaiser, and Jim Brundage. There were two virtual attendees.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED AGENDA

MOTION BY CRONICK/THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS NOTED. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS FROM TWO TOWN SUPERVISORS

Chair Lindh noted that on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 he received an email from former Board Supervisor Bernie Desmarais wherein Desmarais informed Chair Lindh he was submitting his resignation from the Town Board, including his position as Board representative on the Plan Commission, and his participation on the Board's Media & Technology Committee. Lindh went on to read the letter of resignation from Desmarais.

Chair Lindh went on to note that on Thursday, October 13, 2022 he received an email from former Board Supervisor Jo Everson wherein Everson informed Chair Lindh she was submitting her resignation from the Town Board effective immediately. Lindh went on to read the letter of resignation from Desmarais.

Lindh expressed disappointment in receiving the two Board member resignations and recognized the many years of service Everson gave to the community and the historical knowledge she brought to the Board. Lindh also expressed disappointment with the difficulty the Town has had in filling the last open Board position—which took over six months.

MOTION BY CRONICK/THOMPSON TO ACCEPT THE TOWN BOARD RESIGNATIONS OF JO EVERSON AND BERNIE DESMARAIS. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER POSTING OPEN POSITIONS FOR TOWN SUPERVISORS

MOTION BY THOMPSON/CRONICK TO POST THE OPEN POSITIONS FOR TWO TOWN SUPERVISORS.

Discussion: Chair Lindh asked whether the Town Board Supervisor positions should be left open until the Spring election in April 2023, since the terms of the two open Town Board Supervisor positions end in April of 2023, at which time the Town can elect the desired individuals to fill these Board positions. In waiting for the April 2023 timeframe to fill the open Board positions, the current Town Board members may be limited in what actions they can be passed and/or taken due to there being only three sitting Board members of the five-person Board. Chair Lindh will contact the Town's attorney to get clarification on Board voting rights with three sitting Board members of the Town's five-person Board.

AYE: NONE; NAY: LINDH/CRONICK/THOMPSON. MOTION FAILS.

The two open Town Board positions recently vacated by Bernie Desmarais and Jo Everson will not be appointed; rather, the positions will seek to be filled at the Spring Election on April 4, 2023.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR TO PLAN COMMISSION

MOTION BY LINDH/THOMPSON TO APPOINT JON CRONICK AS THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT AND DISCUSSION OF BOARD ASSIGNMENTS:

i) DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR (FIRST ALTERNATE TO CHAIR)

Chair Lindh appointed Supervisor Cronick as Designated Supervisor (First Alternate to Chair).

ii) DESIGNATED ALTERNATE (SECOND ALTERNATE TO CHAIR)

Chair Lindh appointed Supervisor Thompson as Alternate (Second Alternate to Chair).

iii) OPEN POSITION FOR ALLIED EMERGENCY SERVICES, AKA FIRE ASSOCIATION/BOARD

Chair Lindh decided to leave this position open at this time.

iv) COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee meetings will not be able to be held with only three sitting Board members. Chair Lindh assigned Board members to each of the following Committees:

Finance: Supervisor Cronick; Media & Technology: Supervisor Thompson; Personnel: Supervisor Thompson; Public Works: Chair Lindh.

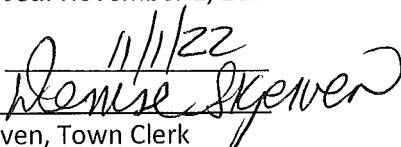
Osceola Area Ambulance Services Board: Chair Lindh (and Dan Burch as citizen member)

ADJOURN

MOTION BY CRONICK/THOMPSON TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

To be approved: November 1, 2022

Approved:


Denise Skjerven, Town Clerk