

TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024 — 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

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

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

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

PRESENT: Chair Lindh, Supervisors Cronick, Johnson, and Weingarten. Supervisor Thompson Arrived at 7:15pm.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Clerk Pratt, Treasurer Carlson, Public Works Supervisor Raddatz, Jeremy Utke, Teresa Utke, Patrick Nickel(Hiawatha Bank), Warren Johnson, Ed Everson, Shabana Lundeen, Kim Benson, Sandy Ball, Gae Magnafici, Tom Magnafici, Jim Brundage, Bob Wright, Merle Aarthun, Dianne Aarthun, Teams meeting attendees: Jody, J e, MW, Lisa Ross Trish, J, WW and Brock Geyen

CHECK PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

A packet of check detail was provided by Treasurer Carlson.

MOTION BY CRONICK/JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE LIST OF FROM MARCH 7- APRIL 8, 2024 CHECKS AND ACH PAYMENTS 19276 to 19318 FOR A TOTAL OF \$70,470.93. MOTION CARRIED.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED AGENDA

MOTION BY LINDH/JOHNSON TO AMEND ITEMS 13A and 13B TO BETWEEN ITEMS 6 AND 7. MOTION CARRIED.

13a Consider Results of Audit: Presentation by Brock Geyen, a representative from the Town's Auditing Firm presented a high-level overview of the 2023 External Audit. Audit opinion is that the disclosures presented by the town were correct. The Finances of the town are broken into two parts, cash collection from taxes, settlement is complete by August, portions of other taxing agencies (Schools, County). Good to amend the budget throughout the year, which the town does do. Budgeted for a balanced budget and finished with a higher revenue than expenses.

13b Consider Future Road Financing Costs: Considering possible future road costs with year-to-year costs. The town has 60 miles of roads, with 25 Miles of striping, with a road lifespan of 30 years. Patrick Nickel, municipal lender, presentation included an overview of how a town can save money on interest and inflation, by borrowing a larger sum to complete higher amounts of road construction updates ahead of schedule. Most projects require an engineering firm to provide an overview of the road

system, what roads have the highest traffic and what roads are the priority for repairs. There are costs and fees to consider. Benefits include completion of work in a timely manner, interest rates are competitive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION BY CRONICK/JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE 03/04/2024 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Warren Johnson, operates a family Farm on 68th Ave, comments on importance of road improvement, improves safety to the community.

Shabanna Lundeen, Polk County Clerk, commenting on item M Consider use of Voting Machines. Machines provides fast and accurate counting, hand counting of ballots can require a significant amount of time, multiple contests need to be counted, many municipalities are facing a poll worker shortage. Human error is a significant contributor to miscount errors, there are overvotes, undervotes, crossvotes.

Jim Brundage, regarding item M, from the "Telegram" and website "Election Watch" the Election Management System source code, includes 2.5 million lines of code to count votes, leaving open the possibility to cheat in counting. Jim encourages citizens to send letters to municipal clerks, county clerks and state election officials. Jim states that the machines disenfranchise electors.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Raddatz gave a detailed report of work efforts done throughout March.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balances as presented.

MOTION BY CRONICK/JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Pratt gave a report on work activities during the month of March, including information on the April 2 election.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Cronick reported that a current version is being compiled and edited, there is information still to come from Stevens.

CONSIDER ARIP

Agricultural Grant Application. Contacted the towns of Alden and Garfield to coordinate efforts for road repairs for 60th to 218th. The AGRIP Grant was applied for on April 5, there are two rounds to apply for this grant and if not approved, the Town will re-apply in August.

CONSIDER NUISANCE PROPERTIES: Webley Weingarten indicated that the list of properties still needs to be photographed and letters sent to property owners. Photos will need to be taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Using Delmore Consulting for WISDOT 6–20-foot Culvert Inventory Inspection.

MOTION BY LINDH/THOMPSON TO USE DELMORE CONSULTING FOR THE WISDOT CULVERT INVENTORY INSPECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER PETIONING THE COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY ROAD BRIDGE GRANT

With road closure on 200th Street, due to culvert failure, Polk County needs an official petition for aid. MOTION MADE BY LINDH/CRONICK FOR PETITIONING THE COUNTY FOR AID FOR EMERGENCY ROAD BRIDGE AID.

CONSIDER PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETARY ASSOCIATION USE OF TOWN HALL FOR APRIL 9, 2024

MOTION BY CRONICK/THOMPSON TO ALLOW PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETARY ASSOCIATION TO USE THE TOWN HALL ON APRIL 9, 2024.

CONSIDER 2024 CEMETARY FUNDING REQUESTS

MOTION BY CRONICK/THOMPSON TO FUND SAND LAKE CEMETARY \$750 , BETHESDA CEMETARY \$625, AND PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETARY \$625. MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDER OPERATOR LICENSES FOR K. JOHNSON, P. BEAVER, AND B. EVENSON.

MOTION BY THOMPSON/CRONICK TO APPROVE OPERATORS' LICENSES FOR K. JOHNSON, P. BEAVER, AND B. EVENSON FOR REMAINDER OF 23/24 YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER LAKELAND COMMUNICATIONS GRANT UPDATE

Lakeland Communications communicated that they were denied an award for grant for fiber optics to expand in the Town of Osceola.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET RESOLUTION 24-04-01. ROLL CALL VOTE: LINDH: YES, CRONICK: YES, WIENGARTEN: YES, JOHNSON: YES THOMPSON: NO

CONSIDER OUTCOME OF SPRING ELECTION

Jon Cronick was re-elected to Supervisor position, Tom Magnafici was elected by write-in with 20 votes, and has accepted the position of Supervisor.

CONSIDER PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER 3 YEAR APPOINTMENT (APRIL 2024- APRIL 2027)

Jeremy Utke and Dan Tronrud have agreed to be appointed to Plan Commission for another three term to serve the Plan Commission. MOTION BY LINDH/CRONICK TO APPOINT JEREMY UTKE AND DAN TRONRUD TO THE PLAN COMMISSION TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM (APRIL 2024- APRIL 2027). MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LINDH/CRONICK TO APPOINT JEREMY UTKE TO CHAIR THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO PLAN COMMISSION

MOTION BY LINDH/WEINGARTEN TO APPOINT JON CRONICK TO PLAN COMMISSION AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER OPERATIONS FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

2024 April 16 Annual Town Meeting to be held in the Town Hall.

CONSIDER USE OF VOTING MACHINES

Supervisor Thompson voiced concerns about the possibility of fraud involved by the use of machines. After some discussion on the benefits of machine counting and benefits of hand counting, Supervisor Thompson requested to have no action taken on the agenda item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Allied Emergency Services Spaghetti Dinner on April 13, April 18 Emergency Response training for communities

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/CRONICK (including Plan Commission update)

Haas Quarry is moving forward in rezoning request for a subdivision housing development.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/JOHNSON

Attended Polk County Board of Adjustments Meeting on March 21, 2024 regarding the Blue Stone Quarry, the Board of Review will review conditional use permit and the Board of adjustments will complete a summary review.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/THOMPSON

Nothing to Report

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/WEINGARTEN

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: CONSIDERATION/REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Finance: Nothing to Report

Media & Technology: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Nothing to Report

Public Works: Nothing to Report

REQUEST FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- New Business:
 - Election of Supervisors new to committee seats
- Old Business:
 - Consider Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Consider Nuisance Properties
 - Future Road Financing
 - County Emergency Road Bridge Grant

OTHER APRIL BOARD MEETINGS:

None

COMMUNITY MEETINGS BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND

Polk County Board of Supervisors Meeting, April 16

Fire Board Meeting, April 17

Towns Association Meeting, April 25

NEXT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Plan Commission Meeting – Rescheduled to Wednesday April 24, 6pm

NEXT PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 25, 2024

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2024 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tues., April 16, 6:30 p.m

ADJOURN

MOTION BY THOMPSON/WIENGARTEN TO ADJOURN THE TOWN BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

To be approved: MAY 6, 2024

Approved: May 6, 2024

Demi Pratt
Town Clerk