

TOWN OF OSCEOLA ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

Town Hall - 516 East Avenue North, Dresser WI

Virtual - Open Meeting via Microsoft Teams

To join via Teams: See Meetings, Notices/Agendas on www.townofosceola.com

Agenda Can Change Up to 24 Hours Prior to Meeting

Residents attending online via Teams meeting are unable to participate in votes. Only in-person electors are able to participate in voting.

GENERAL FORMAT OF THE MEETING

OPEN MEETING

- Call Meeting to Order
- Verification of Meeting Posting
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

REGULAR REPORTS AND BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting pp 1-7
2. Chair's Report pp 8-17a
3. Annual Financial Report pp 18-20
4. Animal Control Officer Report p 21
5. Plan Commission Report p 22
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8. Osceola Area Ambulance Report pp 30-31
9. St Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services Report

UPDATE ON 2023 ANNUAL MEETING DIRECTIVES/MOTIONS

- Increase of Chair Salary to \$6000 will be implemented in April 2025
- Continued payout of Gopher Bounties at \$4 a tail
- Town continues to comply and Administer Chapter 14 Non-Metallic Mineral Extraction and Permit Regulation Ordinances as Amended in April 2015.
- Elected town officials receive pay for work as needed, determined by the Town Board.
- All employees are tracking their hours worked and are receiving pay for the hours worked.

ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY STATE STATUTES

AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE TOWN CONSTITUENTS

- Set Date for 2025 Annual Town Meeting – the third Tuesday in 2025 is April 15th
- Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Town of Osceola Plan Commission may be present at this meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors scheduled as noted above to gather information about a subject over which they have recommendation-making responsibility. The Plan Commission will take no formal action at this meeting.

Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Clerk's office at (715)755-3060.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING: I hereby certify that this notice has been posted at the Dresser Post Office, the Town Hall, the First National Community Bank, and the Town Web Site.

/s/ Dani Pratt, Clerk

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Tuesday, April 18, 2023 — 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The 2023 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Osceola was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Lindh called the 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 National Community Bank, the Town Web site, and the Town Facebook site.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lindh led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chair Lindh, Supervisors Cronick, Johnson, and Thompson

Staff attending were: Public Works Supervisor Todd Raddatz, Town Treasurer Jan Carlson, and Town Clerk Denise Skjerven.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Paul Mahler (Town's Attorney), Jim & Donna Berg, Al Bader, Merle & Dianne Aarthun, Ed Everson, Stacy Wright, Jeff Masek, Mark Skjerven, Kirk & Trish Carlson, Jim Brundage, Alissa Behl (St. Croix Valley EMS), Therese Durkin, Dan Burch, Melissa Ward, Bob Wright, Aaron Degerstrom, Jeremy Utke, Kim Kaiser, Melissa Germain, Jane & Tom Bean, Mark Ferrell, May Breitbart, Marianna Schultz, Natasha Havranek, Mike Wallis, and Darel Hall (Animal Control). Virtual Attendees: Nealy Corcoran (Osceola Sun).

Chair Lindh commented virtual meeting capability for the Annual Town Meeting will be provided as a courtesy for those that want to see/hear the meeting. But, only in-person electors will be able to participate.

REGULAR REPORTS AND BUSINESS

1. **Approve Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Annual Meeting**
Motion by Bob Wright/Mark Skjerven to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
2. **Chair's Report.** Chair Lindh provided a report, and highlighted:
 - a. A history of the Town's levied property taxes, which for many years was only increased annually at the rate of new construction and assessed valuation. The budget for 2019 increased by \$79,910.00 primarily for road improvements. There was a levy decrease (approved by Taxpayers) of \$41,864.00 for 2020, for 2021 the Mill Rate increased 54.6 to \$2.86. The levy increase of \$286,231 was primarily to support road improvements,

and for 2022, the Mill rate increased .3% to \$2.87. The levy increase of \$14,826 was based on the rate of new construction and assessed valuation. The largest levy expense area for 2022 was Public Works (60%), followed by General Government (18%), Public Safety (16%) Development & Planning (5%), and Health & Human Services (1%).

- b. The year-end cash balance was \$824,823: \$121,874 for Liabilities (payroll withholding, property taxes, and special charges collected for subsequent year); \$304,291 Assigned (Parks & Recreation: \$11,837; HVAC Upgrades to Town Hall: \$30,000 (ARPA fund); Broadband Internet Project: \$80,000 (ARPA fund); \$182,454: Public Works Projects (ARPA fund); \$398,658 Unassigned Reserve (\$15,070: Trap Rock Saving Account; \$100,718: Public Works Equipment; \$282,870: Banking Accounts); the Town has 34% of Unassigned Reserve which is in line with the Town's auditors' recommendation.
- c. Public Works Supervisor was Todd Raddatz. On March 27, 2022, Joseph Gaffney was hired as a full-time Public Works employee. The Town had one part-time employee: Ed Everson.
- d. Town road miles are 63.13:

41.81 miles	Seal Coated
9.92 miles	Hot Mix Asphalt surface
8.5 miles	Scrub Seal/Slurry
2.9 miles	Gravel
- e. 47.1% of the Town roads have a PASER rating of 6 (Good) or higher.
- f. Lindh went over the road work done during 2022.
- g. The Town maintains three properties for mowing: Town Hall, Dwight Lake , and Sand Lake. Lakefront Lawn and Dock Services was contracted to do the mowing services.
- h. The Town population was estimated to be 3,085 with 2,097 estimated to be of voting age.
- i. Chair Lindh covered monthly highlights (more detailed information can be found within the meeting packet materials):
 - i. January: The Town Board Members were Chair Dale Lindh, Supervisors Jon Cronick, Jo Everson, and Neil Gustafson.
 - ii. February: The Town purchased a 2004 Crafcro spray patcher from the City of Hudson.
 - iii. March: The Town approved partnering with Lakeland Communication Group, LLC and will contribute 10% of the project cost to expand fiber network in the Town of Osceola, up to \$80,000 contingent upon Lakeland Communication Group, LLC being awarded the PSC Broadband Expansion Grant. Joseph Gaffney was hired as a full-time Public Works employee.
 - iv. April: Jon Cronick was reelected as Supervisor and Debbie Thompson was elected as Supervisor. Bernie Desmarais was appointed as Supervisor to fill Mike Wallis's open position which expired in April 2023.

- v. May: 90th Avenue was closed south and east of the Osceola Rod and Gun Club due to a large culvert which rusted out, and the closure lasted into Fall.
 - vi. July: Lakeland Communications stated that they were approved to receive a Broadband Grant from the Wisconsin Public Service commission.
 - vii. October: The work on replacing the culvert over Horse Creek on 90th Ave was finally completed. Bernie Desmarais resigned as Town Supervisor and position as Board representative on the Plan Commission. Jo Everson resigned as Town Supervisor.
 - viii. November: The Board approved Option 3 from Polk County Land & Water Resources Department for replacing the Dwight Lake boat landing.
 - ix. December: The Town purchased a HTC 2000 Road Widener (a shouldering machine) and a 2022 22-foot Heavy Duty Tilt Equipment Trailer.
- j. In 2007, the Adopt-A-Road program was started in the Town of Osceola. Volunteers of ages eleven years or older choose an area of road at least one mile in length and provide clean-up two times annually, usually in the Spring and Fall. All supplies are provided by the Town. The Adopt-a-Road program is always encouraged for participation. Information was available for meeting attendees when they came in, and information to sign up is on the Town's website.

Motion by Mark Skjerven / Second by Trish Carlson to accept the Chairman's report. Motion carried.

2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Jan Carlson presented the financial report from the completed audit. Carlson shared the Assets (\$824,823) and Liability and Fund Balance (\$824,823) as of December 31, 2022, along with a summary of the Revenues and Expenditures for 2022. Also shared was the net change in fund balance, which started 2022 at \$582,653 and increased to \$702,949 at year-end 2022. The \$702,949 fund balance is comprised of Parks & Recreation (\$11,837), Broadband Internet Project (\$80,000), HVAC (\$30,000), Public Works Projects (\$182,454), and Unassigned (\$398,658), and bank balances as of December 31, 2022 totaled \$824,483. **Motion by Mark Skjerven / Second by Jim Berg to accept the 2022 annual financial report. Motion carried.**

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

Plan Commission Chair Jeremy Utke reported Planning Commission Members were: Dan Tronrud, Jim Berg, Warren Johnson, Cindy Thorman, Kim Kaiser, Jon Cronick (Town Board member), and himself. Building permits issued for 2022 = 43. Primary work efforts have focused on getting the Town's Comprehensive Plan updated. The data in the Town's current Comprehensive Plan is from 2009. The Plan Commission is working from revisions that were made in 2020 to the Comprehensive Plan, and inclusion of 2020 Census data will be incorporated into updated information to better reflect the current state and status of the Town of Osceola. A formal request was made to the Town Board in January 2023 to recommend Stevens Engineering for providing updates on 3 key sections of the comprehensive plan (Section 2: Economic Development), (Section 3: Housing) and (Section 7: Issues and Opportunities). In March of 2023, the Town Board formally approved \$2,625 Stevens Engineering to update the afore noted sections. The remaining 7 sections will be reviewed and updated by the Planning Commission members with a goal to have the updated 2023 Comprehensive Plan ready for submission and approval by fall of 2023. **Motion by Merle Aarthur / Second by Donna Berg to accept the Plan Commission report. Motion carried.**

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Darel Hall presented a report. Darel is the Animal Humane Officer, Animal Control for the Town as well as for 30 other municipalities in Polk and St. Croix counties. Hall noted a slight increase in the number of complaint calls as compared to the prior year (but substantially decreased from when he started back in 2016), mostly from dogs at large (trespassing), four barking complaints and one domestic animal kill. One dog was taken to Arnell Memorial Humane Society in Amery. There was one cat complaint, and one rooster complaint. Hall reminded Town residents that roosters are not allowed. Hall tends to complaints as quickly as possible. Hall's contact information is noted on the Town's website. **Motion by Jim Berg / Second by Merle Aarthun to accept the animal control officer report. Motion carried.**

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Chair Lindh presented the report provided by Ben Campbell, the Town's Building Inspector. Reported during 2022 there were permits issued for new homes (10 from 24 in 2021), for accessory buildings/sheds (15 from 8 in 2021), for additions (3 from 5 in 2021), for deck/porches (7 from 5 in 2021), for other (13 from 14 in 2021). The total valuation decreased by approximately 58% (\$4,910,225 from \$8,450,664 in 2021). Reminder that permits are required for new homes, additions to homes or accessory buildings, decks, accessory buildings, and alterations to buildings. Re-roofing, residing, refinishing of interior surfaces and cabinetry are exempt from permit requirements. Land Use permits are required from Polk County Land Information Department for any project that changes the size of an existing structure. Campbell's contact information is noted on the Town's website. **Motion by Mike Wallis / Second by Dan Burch to accept the building permit report. Motion carried.**

ALLIED EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Chair Lindh presented the yearly summary. For 2022, there were a total of 380 runs (107 fire/rescue/moto vehicle accidents, and 273 medical runs), a decrease from 403 in 2021. Allied serves 135 square miles, which includes the Town of Osceola, the Town of Garfield, the Village of Dresser, and most of the Town of Alden. In 2018, there was a name change from Dresser, Osceola, Garfield Fire Association to Allied Emergency Services, and there are three fire stations located in the Village of Dresser, in the Town of Garfield (Wanderoos), and in the Town of Alden. There are currently 64 responding personnel in total, made up of fire and first responders. Each year Allied Emergency has community fundraisers, e.g. a spaghetti dinner in April and a Mother's Day breakfast in May. With the help from community fundraisers, Allied has been able to purchase cold water rescue suits, battery operated Milwaukee rescue tools, and a Lucas 3 automated chest compression unit. **Motion by Mike Wallis / Second by Melissa Ward to accept the Allied Emergency Services report. Motion carried.**

OSCEOLA AREA AMBULANCE REPORT

Chair Lindh presented highlights from the annual report provided by Osceola Area Ambulance Service (Robyn Foster): Osceola Area Ambulance Service began providing services in 1974, when Osceola Area Ambulance Service purchased their first ambulance at a cost of \$20,000.00. The communities they served helped by raising money through donations for the ambulance and their equipment. Osceola Area Ambulance Services provides care to the residents of the Village of Osceola (100%), Town of Farmington (100%), Town of Osceola (67%), Village of Dresser (50%), Town of Alden (30%), and a small portion of the Town of Garfield. The Osceola Ambulance service is owned and operated by the taxpayers of the communities that they serve. Their service charges a \$14.00 per person assessment

and each community pays an annual amount based on the population it serves. The rest of the income comes from insurance and private payments for each emergency medical care transport through 911 dispatch. There were 112 runs in the Town of Osceola with a total of 476 runs for 2022. **Motion by Dan Burch / Second by Mike Wallis to accept the Osceola Area Ambulance report. Motion carried.**

ST. CROIX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT

Alissa Behl, Operations Supervisor from St. Croix Valley EMS, was present to provide highlights from the provided report. St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services(EMS) has two ambulances, based in Milltown and St. Croix Falls, and they service where Osceola Area Ambulance stops their services, covering portions of Taylors Falls(MN), St. Croix Falls (City and Town), parts of the Village of Dresser, Town of Osceola, north past Milltown and east of Balsam Lake. Calling the Polk County Communications Center (non-emergency line) can help residents to learn which ambulance service they fall under. They are full-time critical care levels, with a paramedic and an EMT on every ambulance run. Their run volume for the Town of Osceola was 35, out of a total run volume for Wisconsin of 2,830 calls, which was increased from 30 runs the year prior. The majority of calls are for 'treat and transport', and average run times are 1:04 (enroute) and 10:36 (to scene). The top two dispatch requests were for falls and for a sick person. They were able to add a dedicated Supervisor position (critical care/paramedic level) and added a new quick-response vehicle. They have various community outreach efforts: charitable missions, backpack program, good neighbor project, high school scholarships, and many more. Customer satisfaction scores for 911 transports average 4.80 (out of a rating of 5). **Motion by Ed Everson / Second by Melissa Ward to accept the St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services report. Motion carried.**

UPDATE ON 2022 ANNUAL MEETING DIRECTIVES/MOTIONS

Chair Lindh covered updates from the 2022 Annual meeting:

- **Location for Annual Town, Board, Plan Commission, and/or Committee Meetings**
All meetings will be held within the Town Hall. The use/availability of virtual meetings via Teams will help. The Board will continue to evaluate anticipation of meeting attendance.
Bob Wright asked clarification from the Chair in regard to Teams meeting attendees not being able to vote. In situations where attendance is large and voting is expected to occur, he would hope the Board will plan to have a facility large enough to accommodate the voters.
- **Recommendation to Polk County to Deny Conditional Use Permit Sought for Blue Rock Mining Operation.** Chair Lindh pointed out that Polk County did not directly ask the Town board for its opinion on this topic. There were discussions held that the Town was standing by the previous Board's decision, and thus did not have direct correspondence with Polk County on this topic. Bob Wright asked the question of whether the Town Board has relayed to Polk County that the Town was standing by the previous Board's decision/recommendation on the Kraemer mine? Lindh responded that no, the Board has not relayed in 2022 any such communications to the County. Wright pointed out, in the list of requirements, Polk County Environmental Services requested of the applicant to obtain feedback from the Town.

ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY STATE STATUTES

Chair Lindh opened the floor for public comment and/or motions/directives as may be authorized by State Statute.

1. Mark Skjerven brought up that in May of 2020 there was an approved motion to change the Board salaries to be set at \$3,500.00 per 5-person Board member, for a total expense of \$17,500.00—a savings of \$4,500 from the previous Chair position salary of \$10,000.00, and \$6,000.00 for each of the two Supervisors. In Skjerven's view, the Chair position is asked to put in more hours and have more responsibilities than Board Supervisors to support the Town's needs, including the running of every Town Board and Town meeting. The increase to the Chair's salary would bring the total Board salaries to \$20,000.00, which is still a savings to the Town of \$2,000.00 from the 2020 Town Board salary budget amount.
Motion by Mark Skjerven / Second by Kim Kaiser to increase the Chair position salary to \$6,000.00 a year, for a combined total Board salary budget of \$20,000.00. 29 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Abstains. Motion carried.
2. Al Bader stated his view that the Town should consider continuing to pay the gopher bounty to keep the gopher population down within the Town. **Motion by Al Bader / Second by Jim Berg to continue to pay for the pocket gopher bounty at \$4.00 a tail. 32 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstain. Motion carried.**
3. Jim Brundage proposed a motion that the Town keep, comply, and administer the Chapter 14 Non-Metallic Mineral Extraction and Permit Regulation Ordinance as Amended in April 2015. **Motion by Jim Brundage / Second Bob Wright that the Town of Osceola keep, comply, and administer the Chapter 14 Non-Metallic Mineral Extraction and Permit Regulation Ordinance as Amended in April 2015. 25 Ayes; 0 Nays; 8 Abstains; Motion carried.**
4. Denise Skjerven proposed a motion to allow elected Town officials to receive pay for work as a Town employee on an as-needed basis. Pay for time worked would be determined by the Town Board, most likely comparable to other Public Works employees. Discussions took place amongst attendees to further explain the rationale for the motion. **Motion by Denise Skjerven / Second Melissa Ward to allow Town elected officials to receive pay for work as a Town employee, e.g. assist with snow plowing. 24 Ayes; 0 Nays; 9 Abstains; Motion carried.**

Stacy Wright brought up her topic from last year's Annual Town Meeting regarding Town employees who were working more hours than those getting paid. Has this situation been rectified? Or, is it still occurring? Chair Lindh indicated the Clerk's hours are being accounted for and paid, and Treasurer Carlson indicated she is working more hours than being accounted for via her time slips. Lindh expressed it is the Board's intention to pay for all hours worked. Tom Bean asked what needs to change in order for Carlson to get paid for hours worked, and he expressed that full completion of time slips needs to occur.

Bob Wright gave an interpreted summarization of the Polk County Court Judge Tolan's April 10th, 2023 decision on Blue Rock LLC vs. Polk County Environmental Services Committee. Basically, he noted that Blue Rock LLC applied in January 2022 for a conditional use permit with Polk County, and Polk County recommended a denial of the conditional use permit or to request additional information be provided by Blue Rock LLC. Additional information was requested of Blue Rock LLC (the applicant). The applicant sued the Environmental Services Committee indicating the Committee was biased, and the request for information was deemed to be expensive and unreasonable. The Court dismissed Blue Rock LLC's lawsuit because they have not yet exhausted all of their administrative remedies with Polk County. Wright read portions of the full write up provided to the Chair by Wright.

Chair Lindh reminded attendees there is one open position on the Board. Interested people should contact any one of the Town Board members. The intention would be to appoint the new Board member at the May regular Town Board meeting.

SET DATE FOR 2024 MEETING

April 16, 2024

MOTION BY JIM BRUNDAGE / MIKE WALLIS TO ADJOURN THE 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED. The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

To be approved: April 16, 2024

Approved:

Dani Pratt, Town Clerk

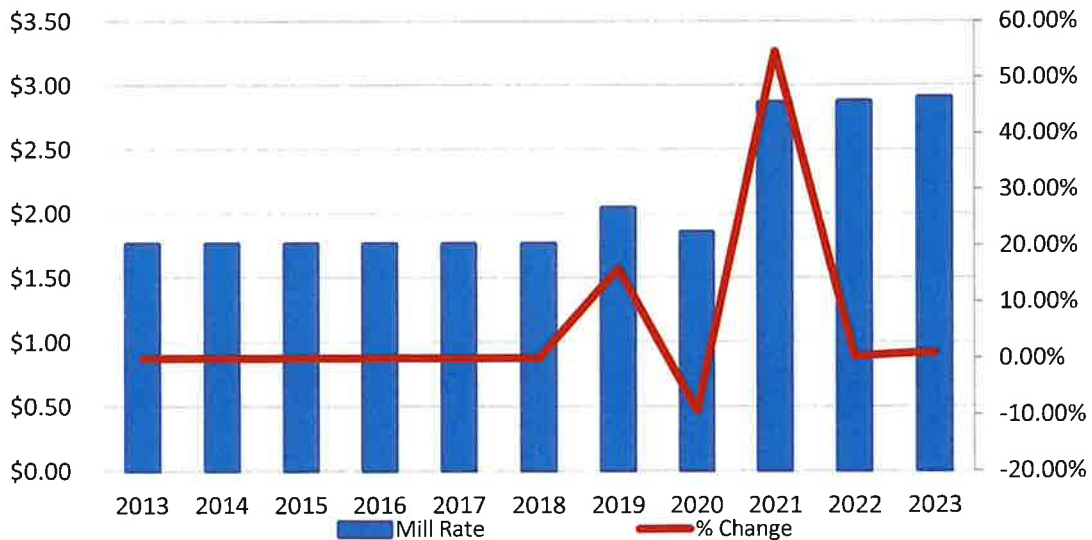
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CHAIR'S REPORT
FOR 2023**

Financial:

The history of the Town of Osceola levied property taxes as shown in the first two charts. The levy for many years was only increased annually at the rate of new construction and assessed valuation.

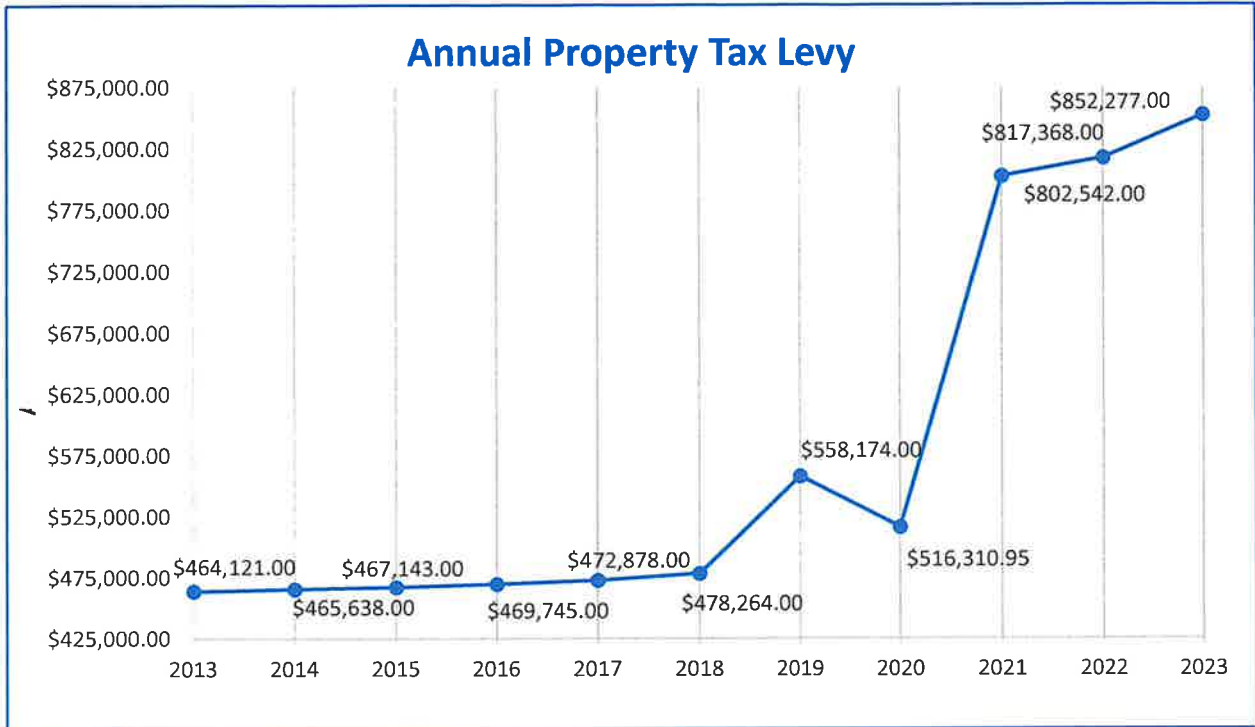
- 2019 Municipal Levy
 - Levy increase of \$79,910 for the main purpose of road improvements.
 - Mill rate was increased 15.9% to \$2.04
- 2020 Municipal Levy
 - Levy decrease of \$41,864 was approved by the Taxpayers.
 - Mill rate was decreased 9.3% to \$1.85
- 2021 Municipal Levy
 - Levy increase of \$286,231 for the main purpose of road improvements.
 - Mill rate was increased 54.6% to \$2.86
- 2022 Municipal Levy
 - Levy increase of \$14,826 based on the rate of new construction and assessed valuation.
 - Mill rate was increased .3% to \$2.87
- 2023 Municipal Levy
 - Levy increase of \$17,956 based on the rate of new construction and assessed valuation along with prior years unused levy carried forward from 2019 (\$8,071).
 - Mill rate was increased 1.05% to \$2.89

Annual Property Tax Mill Rate



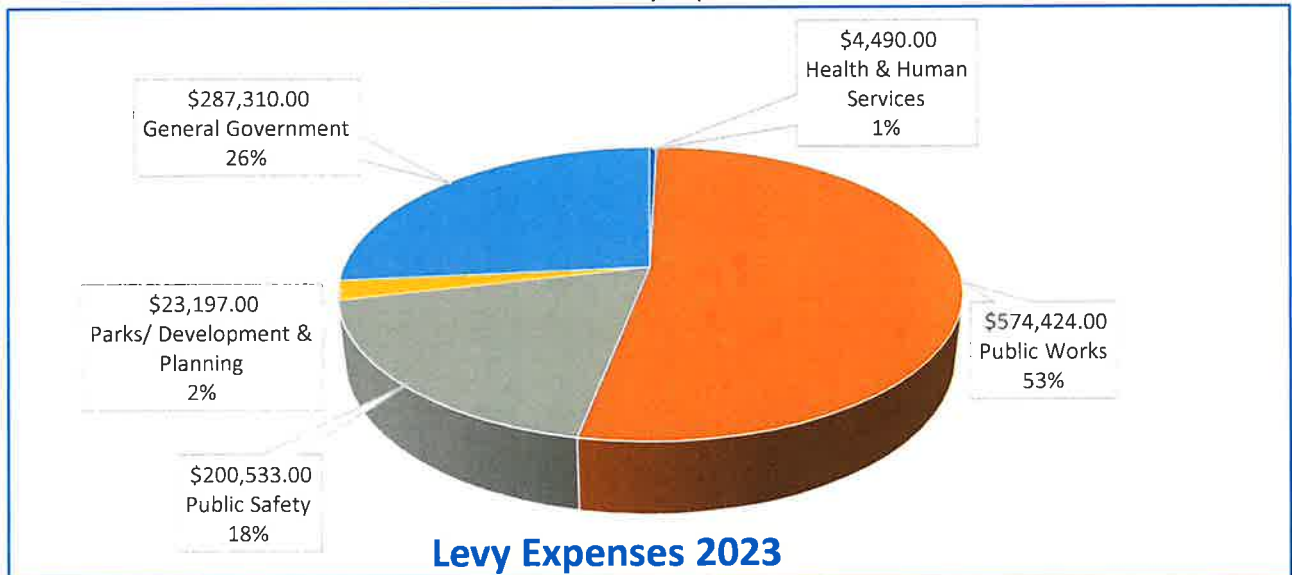
Mill Rate comes into play for property tax purposes for the calculation:
 assessed, taxable property value x mill rate ÷ 1,000 = approx. property tax amount

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Tax Levy = total amount of funds a local government may collect

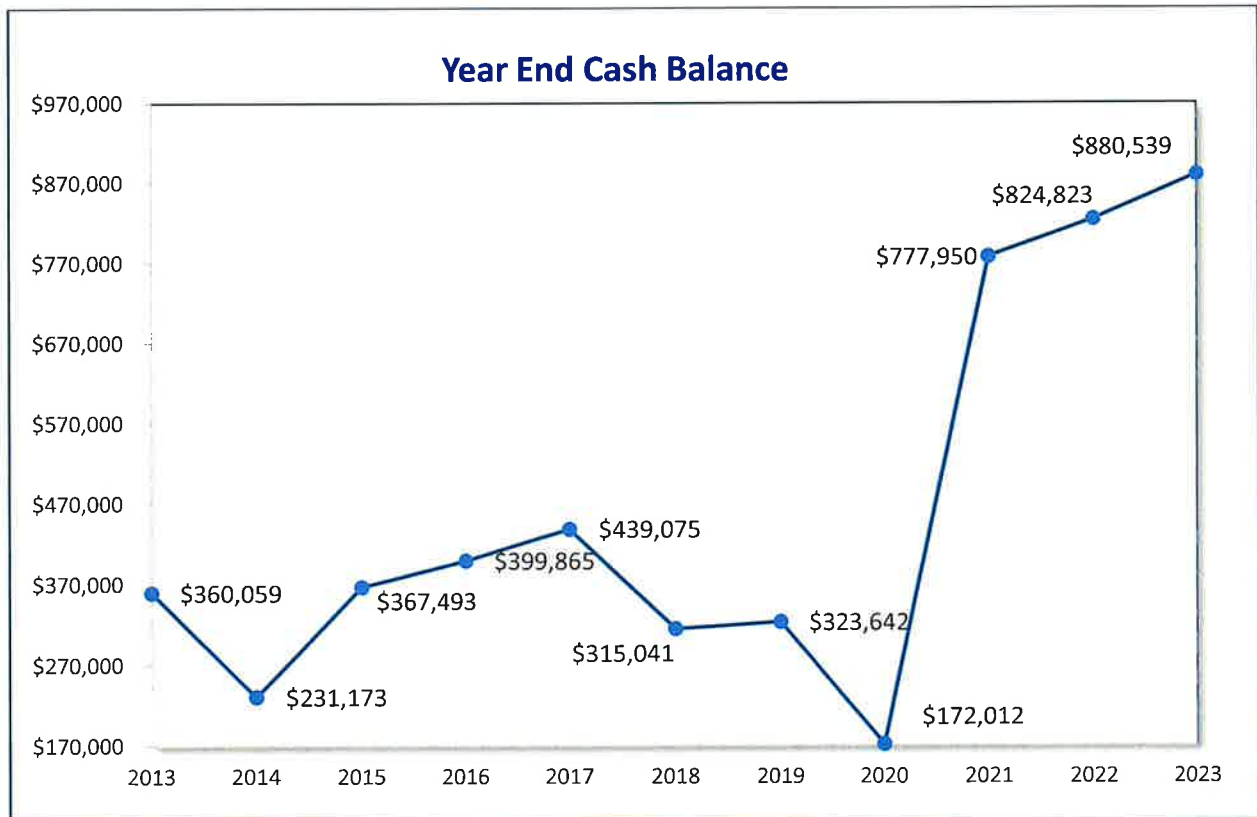
Below is a chart to show how the levy expenses for 2023 were divided.



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The Town had a year-end cash balance of **\$880,539**:

- **\$141,886** Liabilities (Payroll Withholding / Property Taxes and Special Charges Collected for Subsequent Year)
- **\$282,910** Assigned
 - \$11,837 Parks and Recreation
 - \$80,000 Broadband Internet Project (ARPA Fund)
 - \$191,073 Public Works Projects (ARPA Fund)
- **\$455,743** Unassigned Reserve (34% of General Fund which is in line with recommendations from Town's Auditors)
 - \$15,112 Trap Rock Saving Account
 - \$155,369 Public Works Equipment
 - \$285,262 Banking Accounts



**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
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Monthly Town Board Meeting Notes:

January:

Town Board Members: Chair Dale Lindh, Supervisors Jon Cronick, Tony Johnson, Debbie Thompson, (1) open Supervisor position

Clerk: Denise Skjerven

Treasurer: Jan Carlson

- Motion accepted to apply for the grant project resolution through the state of Wisconsin DNR for the renovation of the Dwight Lake boat landing.
- Motion accepted to accept Corrine Zehm to subdivide and transfer 1.84 acres to Dan Hayman adjoining the property at 2361 75th Ave.
- Consider petition for direct annexation of School District of Osceola property located in Town of Osceola to the Village of Osceola
- Appointments to Community Boards and Town Committees
 - Fire Board: Chair Lindh, Supervisor Johnson and Supervisor Cronick
 - Public Works Committee: Chair Lindh, Supervisor Johnson
- Motion accepted to approve updates to the Town website to accommodate hosting virtual meeting recordings.
- Motion accepted to approve the purchase of a new computer through connecting point for the Treasurer and transferring the Treasurer's old computer for use with virtual meetings.

February:

- Motion accepted to seek road bids for chip seal/fog on Ravine Drive from TN road 51 to Termini; 94th Ave. from Termini to 240th street; 94th Ave. from 240th street to Termini; 120th Ave. from 210th street to 216th street; 195th street from CTY road F to 110th Ave.; 240th street from Highway 35 to Termini, for pulverizing/repaving: 70th Ave. from Nye Lane to 210th street; Nye Lane from 70th Ave. to CTY road M.
- Motion accepted to order 50 swing safe swing-away mailbox supports.
- Motion accepted to not proceed with incurring expenses for performing a town survey for the town's comprehensive plan and ask the plan commission to only work on minor modifications to the town's comprehensive plan with completion sometime during 2023.
- Motion accepted to approve changing the zoning on parcel 042-01177-0000 to Residential R-1.
- Motion accepted to have Town Attorney present at the April Annual Town meeting.
- Motion accepted to post the request for bids for seasons 2023 and 2024 lawncare/mowing at the locations: 516 East Ave. North, Dwight Lake, Sand Lake, and Horse Lake.
- Motion accepted to adopt Ordinance #23-01-02 to adopt the Wisconsin municipal records schedule.
- Motion accepted to accept the amendments to code of Ordinance Chapter 3 Finance and Taxation.

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March:

- Motion accepted to accept the Fahrner road bid for a total of \$97,991.00, not including trap rock, for chip seal and fog seal road projects on Ravine Drive from TN road 51 to Termini; 94th Ave. from Termini to 240th street; 94th Ave. from 240th street to Termini; 120th Ave. from 210th street to 216th street; 195th street from CTY road F to 110th Ave.; 240th street from Highway 35 to Termini.
- Motion accepted to table the decision on lawncare bids until the April Town Board meeting to give bidder the opportunity to submit a certificate of liability insurance document.
- Motion accepted to accept Resolution 23-03-06 amendment of the fee schedule effective March 6, 2023, to include the fee amount of \$110.00 as the cost for the purchase of a swing-arm mailbox post.
- Motion accepted to approve the 2022 auditing services master services agreement and statement of work for the year ended December 31, 2022, from CliftonLarsonAllen.
- Motion accepted to contract with Stevens Engineering to update Sections 2, 3, and 7 of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

April:

- April Election results for Town Board:
 - Dale Lindh was reelected to Chair position for a two-year term.
 - Tony Johnson was reelected to Supervisor position for a two-year term.
 - Bob Wright received the most write-in votes for Supervisor position but declined the position. (position left open)
- Appointment to Plan Commission (April 2023- April 2026)
 - Jim Berg was appointed to Plan Commission for a three-year term.
 - Kim Kaiser was appointed to Plan Commission for a three-year term.
 - Jon Cronick was appointed to Plan Commission as the Town Board Representative.
- Motion accepted Scott Williamson's bid for lawncare services in the Town of Osceola for 2023 and 2024 at 516 East Avenue North, Dwight Lake, Sand Lake, and Horse Lake.
- Motion accepted mailboxes Ordinance 23-01-01.
- Motion accepted to approve the request for bids for the HVAC upgrades for the Town Hall.
- Motion accepted to approve the 2022 audit report from CliftonLarsonAllen for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- Motion accepted to approve Monarch Paving's LRIP road bid for full depth pulverization of existing pavement, water, grade and compact, projects 1 and 2, and paving a 2.5-inch compact hot mix mat (pricing to include paving into driveways and approaches), projects 1 and 2, (not including shouldering), for 70th Avenue from Nye Lane to 210th street and Nye Lane from 70th Ave. to CTY road M.

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- Motion accepted to allow virtual meeting capability for the annual town meeting. The virtual meeting option will be provided as a courtesy for those that want to see/hear the meeting, but only in-person electors will be able to participate.
- Motion accepted to contribute from the Town's cemetery fund current budget to Sand Lake Cemetery, Bethesda Cemetery and Pleasant Prairie Cemetery.
- Motion accepted to approve the current coverage on the Town's businessowners insurance policy through rural mutual insurance.
- There were no ARPA expenditures to claim since no ARPA dollars have been spent for the reporting period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. ARPA funds are anticipated to be spent toward internet updates (through Lakeland: \$80,000), HVAC updates to Town Hall, and the remainder to be allocated for roads.
- The Annual meeting was held in the Town Hall.

May:

- Appointments to Community Boards and Town Committees
 - Fire Board: Chair Lindh, Supervisor Johnson and Supervisor Cronick
 - Osceola Area Ambulance Board: Chair Lindh and Town representative Dan Burch
 - Finance Committee: Chair Lindh and Supervisor Cronick
 - Media & Technology Committee: Supervisor Cronick and Supervisor Thompson
 - Personnel Committee: Supervisor Johnson and Supervisor Thompson
 - Public Works Committee: Chair Lindh, Supervisor Johnson
- Motion accepted to appoint Cronick as the Designated Supervisor and Thompson as the Designated Alternate.
- Town received notice of grant acceptance from the Wisconsin DNR for the Dwight Lake boat landing improvements, meaning the DNR will pay for one-half of the cost of the project improvement.
- Motion accepted to approve the proposal contract from Stevens Engineers to update Sections 2, 3, and 7 of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
- Motion accepted to approve the proposed changes to the Town Emergency Operations Plan.

June:

- Motion accepted to approve Benck Mechanical's bid proposal to upgrade the Town Hall HVAC system.
- Motion accepted to approve the bid from Andrie Electric to install LED lighting in the Town garage/shop and Town Hall.

July:

- Installation of new boat landing panels at Dwight Lake was completed.
- Webley Weingarten was appointed as Town Board Supervisor to fill open position since April elections.

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- Motion accepted to proceed with making amendments to the employee handbook to include using a zero-tolerance alcohol and drug policy for all town employees and adding Appendix D Employee's Report of Injury form to the Employee Handbook.

August:

- The installation of the new boat landing at Dwight Lake is fully completed.
- Appointments to Community Boards and Town Committees
 - Media & Technology Committee: Supervisor Thompson and Supervisor Weingarten
- Motion accepted to purchase new double-sided signage for the town hall and public works location since wind knocked down existing sign in recent storm.
- Motion accepted to approve the amendments to Ordinance #19-04-03 Chapter 2 the Governing Body as noted on pages 1, 9, and 11.

September:

- Motion accepted to fix / replace gutters guards on both the town hall and public works buildings that were damaged due to heavy snow in winter.
- Motion accepted to adopt resolution 23-09-05: amendment of the Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Osceola.
- Motion accepted to approve the Employee Handbook based presented revisions dated as of September 5, 2023, to be effective January 1, 2024.
- Motion accepted for the Town of Osceola Public Works to work with the Town of Farmington, the Town of Alden, the Town of Garfield, and the Town of Lincoln during 2024 on chip sealed roads as a combined effort considering an oil cost of approximately \$2.70 / gal.
- Motion accepted to temporarily extend the Blue Stone Sand and Gravel LLC license bond through October 2, 2023.

October:

- Motion accepted to temporarily extend the Blue Stone Sand and Gravel LLC license bond for a one-month period.
- Motion accepted to propose an offer to the Village of Osceola of a \$50,000.00 payment from the town of Osceola to be used for the Simmon drive road project in light of their updated road project proposal. (The Village of Osceola declined the offer.)
- Motion accepted to propose an offer to the Village of Osceola of a \$44,000.00 payment from the Town of Osceola plus 372 tons of aggregate for road shouldering assistance to be used for the Simmon drive road project. (The Village of Osceola declined the offer.)
- Motion accepted to purchase a 2024 Mack truck chassis at a cost of \$185,344.00 and for Raddatz to obtain another estimate from Universal Truck Equipment on a box and accessories.
- Motion accepted to approve Resolution 23-10-01 amending the 2023 Budget.

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
CHAIR'S REPORT
FOR 2023**

November:

- Motion accepted to give Lakeland Communications LLC a letter of support for the latest project grant, with no monetary financial assistance at this time from the Town.
- Motion accepted to extend the Blue Stone Sand and Gravel LLC operational permit license approval through September 27, 2024.
- Motion accepted to approve Resolution 23-11-03 amending the 2023 Budget.

December:

- Motion accepted to purchase a John Deere FC15R flex wing rotary cutter from Midwest Machinery.
- Motion accepted to approve for Sand Lake the purchase of a 48' roll-a-dock with white aluminum decking with a 4' dock ramp from Warner's Dock, Inc.
- Motion accepted to appoint Dani Pratt as the new Town Clerk for a period of up to three years.
- Motion accepted to adopt resolution 23-12-04 to appoint 2024-2025 election inspectors.
- Motion accepted to transfer \$50,000.00 in the Capital Highway Equipment budget from the Town's checking account at Midwest One and into a money market account at Midwest One.
- Motion accepted that at the end of the year, the town will review the revenue and expenditure to determine the excess revenue. This excess revenue will be designated to go toward the purchase of the town's new public works truck. The actual amount of monies that will be moved into the public works capital bank account will be determined 2024.
- Motion accepted to approve Resolution 23-12-01 amending the 2023 Budget.

Town Board Members at the end of 2023: Chair Dale Lindh, Supervisors Jon Cronick, Tony Johnson, Debbie Thompson, Webley Weingarten

Clerk: Dani Pratt

Treasurer: Jan Carlson

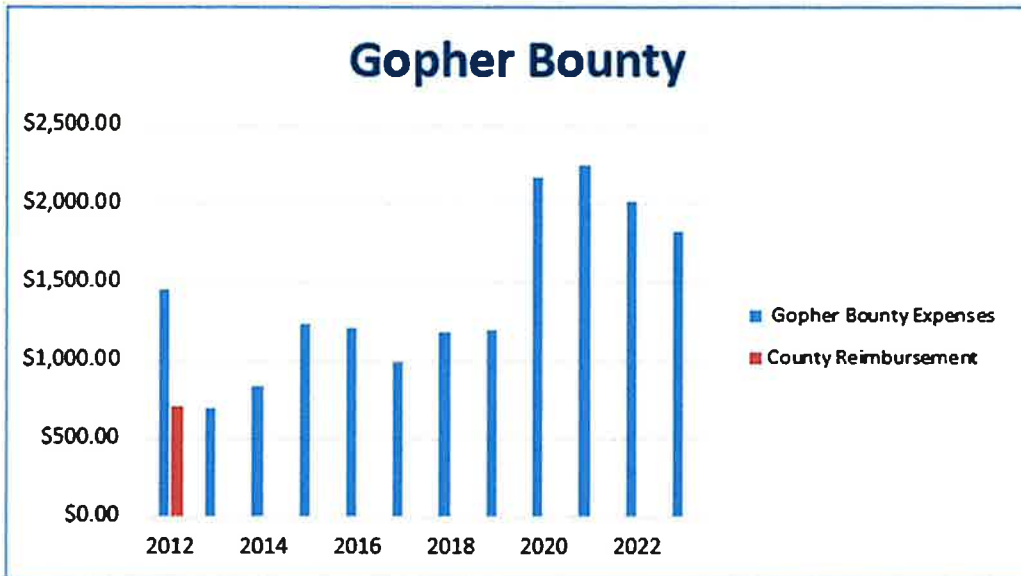
**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
CHAIR'S REPORT
FOR 2023**

Adopt-A-Road:

Town of Osceola Values our Volunteers! In 2007, the Adopt-A-Road program was started in the Town of Osceola. The Lotus Lake Association was the first group to claim an area on 90th Avenue along the Lotus Lake County Park. Now several groups and families participate in making our community a better place. Volunteers of ages eleven years or older choose an area of road at least one mile in length and provide clean-up two times annually, usually in the Spring and Fall. All supplies are provided by the Town.

Road Requested	Located Between	Group Name
195th St.	Cty F and 110th Ave	In Memory of Kegan Koshiol
200th St./Horse Lake Ln	Cty M & Horse Lake Lane	
240th	Hwy 35 and Cty M	Andrew Rixmann Family
Dwight Lane	CTH Y and Town beach	Jim Judkins
210th St.	90th Ave. - 110th Ave	Stroshane Family
90th Ave.	CTH M & Rod & Gun Club	Lotus Lake Assoc.
60th Ave.	218th - 230th	Pleasant Lake 4-H Club
240th	Hwy 35 and Clark Road	Dresser Lions Club
210th St.	60th Ave. & 70th Ave.	Doug Schmidt Family
90th Ave.	Fishing hole across Rod & Gun Club on 90th and 200th	Fogelberg & Heffernan Families
70th Ave.	CTH M and 218th St.	Viking Gas Transmission/ ONEOK Partners
100th Ave.	200th St. and CTH Y	The Rude Family
60th Ave.	216th & Cty M	In Memory of Leon Viebrock
218th St.	Cty M & 60th	The Eric Hallen Family
90th Ave.	MM & Hwy 35	90th Avenue Neighbors

2023 Gopher Bounty Report



The Town of Osceola paid \$1,824 for gopher tails as compared to \$2,016 for gopher tails in 2022. In 2023, the Town of Osceola did not make any adjustment to the gopher bounty which is currently set at \$4.00 per tail. In 2021, the Town updated the Gopher Bounty Claim form to verify that the gophers are caught within the Town of Osceola. The County does not reimburse the Town for the payment of tails as it has done in the past. The electors may vote to set the gopher tail bounty for 2024.



TOWN OF OSCEOLA
POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,022,425
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Payroll Withholding Liabilities	\$ 6,918
Property Taxes and Special Charges Collected for Subsequent Year	134,968
Total Liabilities	141,886
Fund Balance:	
Assigned	424,796
Unassigned	455,743
Total Fund Balance	880,539
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,022,425

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Local Taxes	\$ 839,309
Intergovernmental	274,485
Licenses and Permits	50,399
Fines and Forfeitures	38
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	948
Miscellaneous:	
Interest	50,130
Other	1,927
Refund of Advance to Fire Association	50,308
Total Revenues	<u>1,267,544</u>
 EXPENDITURES	
General Government	237,002
Public Safety	200,533
Public Works	574,424
Health and Human Services	4,490
Culture, Recreation and Education	19,306
Conservation and Development	3,891
Debt Service	50,308
Total Expenditures	<u>1,089,954</u>
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 177,590
 Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	 <u>702,949</u>
 FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	 <u><u>\$ 880,539</u></u>

DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

The Town's cash and investment balances at December 31, 2023 as shown in the financial statements are as follows:

Governmental Funds	\$ 1,022,425
Fiduciary Funds	828,144
Total	<u>\$ 1,850,569</u>

The above balances at December 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

MidwestOne Bank - Osceola:	
General Checking Account	\$ 29,125
Money Market - General	396,952
Tax Deposit Account	969,322
Money Market - ARPA	284,689
Money Market - Public Fund	155,369
Savings Account - Trap Rock	15,112
Total	<u>\$ 1,850,569</u>

Town of Osceola Annual Animal Control Report

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Complaint Calls	27	18	8	5	12	16	14
Dog at Large (Trespassing)	9	6	0	1	3	6	1
Barking Complaints	2	3	0	0	1	4	2
Kill Damage (Domestic Animal)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chasing Livestock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chasing Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taken to Arnell (Placed at Pound)	6	5	4	1	4dog/1cat	1dog	4dog/2cat, 1LitterKittens
Claimed by Owner (Reunited)	1	1 (Dead)	2	5 dogs	1	3	2
Destroying Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanasia	3 Raccoon	1 Raccoon 1 Fox	0	0	1 (attacked owner/surrender)	0	0
Chasing Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dog Bite (Biting Complaint)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cat	2	0	0	1	1	1	1
Other	2 (Livestock on Road)	1 Neglect	2 (Horse Fencing/Rabbit at large)	1 (cows out)	1 (unpaid vet bill/surrender)	1 (crowing rooster)	1 (cows out)

2024 Planning Commission Annual Report

April 16, 2024

Planning Commission Members:

Dan Tronrud

Jim Berg

Warren Johnson

Cindy Thorman

Kim Kaiser

Jon Cronick (Town Board member)

Jeremy Utke (PC Chair)

Permits

Permits issued for 2022 = 43

Permits issued for 2023 = 48

Comprehensive Plan

Planning commission members have completed reviewing the verbiage and data of the Revised October 2020 version of the comprehensive plan. Because the 2020 version was not officially approved by the Town Board in calendar year 2020, the Planning Commission used this opportunity to update 4 sections of the Comprehensive Plan that require local knowledge for updates – Introduction, Implementation, Intergovernmental Cooperation, and Utilities and Community Facilities.

The remaining sections of the Comprehensive Plan received no updates from the 2020 version as we wait for the final government census data to be available for our region and therefore allowing Stevens Engineering to complete their updates on 3 key sections of the comprehensive plan (Section 2: Economic Development), (Section 3: Housing) and (Section 7: Issues and Opportunities).

The Comprehensive Plan has been updated to the most current version with the available information we have at this time. It has been provided to the Town Board for review and submitted as a PDF file for their review and approval. When new census and Stevens Engineering information is available, the Comprehensive Plan will be updated in its entirety and provided to the Town Board for review and approval at that time. We anticipate receipt of the census data mid-2024.

Municipality Permits Report

1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

TOWN OF OSCEOLA		Total Value	Total Fees	Total Fines
TOS23-01	042-01317-1500	\$45,000.00	\$368.12	
TONY MINELL				
2212 73RD AVE		ADDITION		
TOS23-02	042-01310-1300	\$20,986.00	\$256.10	
GREGORY CONTRACTING GREGORY CONTRACTING 977556 LYNNE BERKEN				
2519 86TH AVE		Deck Addition/Alterations		
TOS23-03	042-00504-0000	\$220,000.00	\$1,538.16	
MARK RUDEK				
814 HORSE LAKE LANE		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING		
TOS23-04	042-00541-0000	\$5,400.00	\$151.20	
INNOVATIVE BASEMENT AUTHORITY INNOVATIVE BASEMENT AUTHORITY 996495				
765 HORSE LAKE LN		REPAIRS		
TOS23-05	042-01316-1800	\$5,500.00	\$160.00	
RICHARD R FEHLEN				
2473 82ND AVE		DECK		
TOS23-06	042-00060-0000	\$60,000.00	\$328.96	
MICHAEL LEE				
2027 110TH AVE		ACCESSORY BUILDING		
TOS23-07	042-01331-0200	\$275,000.00	\$1,198.48	
J.L. JAMES HOMES J.L. JAMES HOMES 052100578				
833 223RD ST		New Single Family Dwelling		
TOS23-08	042-01329-2200	\$234,000.00	\$1,174.72	
GARY FRANK. BRUNCLIK GARY FRANK. BRUNCLIK 14569				
2365 84TH AVE		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING		
TOS23-09	042-01072-0000	\$5,000.00	\$100.00	
RYAN LEE				
916 RIVER RD COUNTY RD S		SHED		
TOS23-10	042-00732-0000	\$675,000.00	\$1,897.20	
ANTHONY CABREANA				
2361 75TH AVE COUNTY RD M		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING		
TOS23-11	042-00753-0000	\$22,000.00	\$252.40	
BRADLEY JOHNSON				
2342 75TH AVE COUNTY RD M		ACCESSORY BUILDING		

Municipality Permits Report

1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

TOS23-12	042-00398-7000	\$25,000.00	\$223.36
NICHOLAS O'REILLY			
2396 84TH AVE		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-13	042-01326-1900	\$13,000.00	\$233.92
ROBERT HEIDELBERGER			
930 235TH ST		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-14	042-01331-0800	\$39,969.00	\$270.00
KATHLEEN ROTHLEUTNER			
2246 83RD AVE		PORCH	
TOS23-15	042-01332-3600	\$250,000.00	\$1,187.04
WILLIAM JERRY - KGM CONTRACTING LLC WILLIAM JERRY - KGM CONTRACTING LLC 042200497			
2012 120TH AVE		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-16	042-00859-0100	\$45,000.00	\$308.72
MARK GJOVIG			
615 200TH ST COUNTY RD M		ADDITION	
TOS23-17	042-00152-0000	\$1,000.00	\$158.90
NORBERT GRAHAM			
2366 CLARK RD		ALTERATIONS	
TOS23-18	042-00458-1700	\$390,000.00	\$1,697.22
Mark Vanderwerf			
812 214TH ST		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-19	042-01333-1000	\$800,000.00	\$1,511.98
CHRIS HOVE			
1976 80TH AVE		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-20	042-01322-0614	\$5,000.00	\$213.24
SCOTT PELZL			
621 A 220TH ST		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-21	042-00738-0000	\$200,000.00	\$560.40
MICHAEL PORTNER			
724 240TH ST		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-22	042-01331-0300	\$25,000.00	\$230.40
BRIAN MILLER			
22XX 83RD AVE		ACCESSORY BUILDING	

Municipality Permits Report

1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

TOS23-23	042-00541-0000	\$10,000.00	\$160.00
MARK FORDER			
765 HORSE LAKE LN		DECK	
TOS23-24	042-00647-0000	\$23,000.00	\$223.36
FB CONTRACTORS INC FB CONTRACTORS INC 060300121 BRYAN RADDATZ			
720 NYE LN		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-25	042-00188-0000	\$1,000.00	\$150.00
KASIE CULLINAN			
1037 210th St		Electrical service	
TOS23-26	042-00201-0000	\$35,000.00	\$223.36
MEGHAN BITTERSWEET			
2072 A 110TH AVE		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-27	042-00756-0000	\$713,818.00	\$2,237.98
ALLEN JOHN. WITTSTOCK ALLEN JOHN. WITTSTOCK 835629			
2326 75TH AVE CTY RD M		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-28	042-00048-0000	\$20,000.00	\$894.88
KOLTEN HEIMBACH			
2081 120TH AVE		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-29	042-01194-1000	\$25,000.00	\$270.00
ERIC GRAF			
605 240TH ST		DECK	
TOS23-30	042-00828-0000	\$90,000.00	\$820.88
TERA WELLS			
2197 60TH AVE		Move Cabin and 2 Accessory Buildings	
TOS23-31	042-00934-0100	\$125,000.00	\$470.00
JAMES & LESLIE JERDE			
2427 113TH AVE		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-32	042-00538-0000	\$500.00	\$100.00
MARISSA HENDRICKSON			
795 HORSE LAKE LN		SHED	
TOS23-34	042-01331-1900	\$400,000.00	\$1,507.36
JASON FUGATE JASON FUGATE 012000124 Fugate			
2227 84TH AVE		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	

Municipality Permits Report

1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

TOS23-35	042-01112-0000	\$30,000.00	\$666.00
BEN BROWN			
2585 STATE HWY 35		ALTERATIONS	
TOS23-36	042-00099-0300	\$1,500.00	\$150.00
NEO ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, NEO ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, 1338120			
2139 RAVINE DR		ELECTRICAL	
TOS23-37	042-01143-0200	\$350,000.00	\$1,640.24
Jessie Smith			
808 248TH ST		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-38	042-00511-0000	\$25,000.00	\$383.52
KATHLEEN MCGINNITY			
804 HORSE LAKE LN		ACCESSORY BUILDING	
TOS23-39	042-01337-0200	\$4,850.00	\$143.50
BUFFIE ELECTRIC, LLC BUFFIE ELECTRIC, LLC 1576284			
931 233RD ST		GENERATOR	
TOS23-40	042-00593-0000	\$2,500.00	\$150.00
NATHAN L. GUSTAFSON GUSTAFSON, NATHAN L, ANDRIE ELECTRIC 250465			
1924 75TH AVE COUNTY RD Y		New Service	
TOS23-41	042-01324-0800	\$406,000.00	\$1,491.08
HRHH INC			
2319 90TH AVE		23XX 90th Dresser Home	
TOS23-42	042-01334-0700	\$345,000.00	\$1,648.60
AUSTIN BARTZ			
995 207TH ST		Austin Bartz House in Dresser	
TOS23-43	042-01330-2100	\$300,000.00	\$1,374.92
GARY FRANK. BRUNCLIK GARY FRANK. BRUNCLIK 14569			
2384 84TH AVE		New Home	
TOS23-44	042-00044-0200	\$250,000.00	\$1,502.96
Tyson Arden			
1151 200TH ST		NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	
TOS23-45	042-01331-0400	\$3,500.00	\$150.00
ANDRIE ELECTRIC LTD, ANDRIE ELECTRIC LTD, 1099402 NATHAN GUSTAFSON			
2239 83RD AVE		Service	



688 Minneapolis Street Amery, WI 54001

Allied Emergency Services Inc 2023 Annual Run/Chiefs Report

Allied Emergency Services Inc serves an area of 135 square miles which is in the Towns of Alden, Osceola, and Garfield. It also serves the Village of Dresser. The fireboard is made up of three board members from each municipality and meets quarterly or as the need arises for board action. Allied operates out of three stations of which are located in the Village of Dresser, in the Town of Garfield (Wanderoos) and in the Town of Alden. We continue to see interest in people being fire fighters and first responders. We have seen a large interest in the past year in the junior fire fighting program. This program is geared to developing youth into the program and prepares them for being a fire fighter and or first responder when they turn age 18.

Each year Allied Emergency has a couple community fund raisers. One was located at the Dresser Station #1 in April. This year the Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser was on Saturday April 13th. The attendance at this event was incredible. We appreciate the response we continue to see at our fund raisers. The second one was located at the Garfield Station #2 in Wanderoos. This is a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. This event has become over time a neighbor gathering for the morning, come see us on Mother's Day. The third fund raiser was at Alden Station #3 in September. The pulled pork fundraiser turnout was again incredible.

The last years these fund-raising events has allowed Allied to purchase equipment that is outside of the normal budgeting process. We have purchased two additional automatic chest compression units. These two units in total cost were just under 40,000. We want to thank the outstanding support that we get for these fund raisers. It has truly made a difference in our service to the communities we serve.

The other communication we want to provide is that in September of 2024 a new truck will be placed in service. This truck will provide an additional 3300 gallons of water for structure fires in our service area. A state trust fund loan will be acquired to fund the remaining balance on the truck. Those payments will start in March of 2026 and the amount of payment will be very close to the current payment on the Dresser Building Loan. The last payment on the Dresser Building loan will be made in March of 2025. Thus, there is no additional increase to the budget.

Proudly serving the towns of Alden, Garfield, Osceola and Village of Dresser

JB

In August of 2023 Allied Emergency Services received a federal grant which is part of FEMA. That grant amount was \$290,419.04 of federal dollars. Allied has set aside the \$14,520.96 needed as a 5% matching fund to be used to replace all SCBA (air packs) that are used in structure fires and other incidents that require SCBA air packs.

Total 2023 run numbers for Allied Emergency Services are as follows:

Fire/Rescue/motor vehicle accidents/all other non-medical: **127**

Medical Runs: **234**

Total for 2023: **361**

Previous years:

2022= 380

2021= 403

2020= 368

2019= 347

2018= 340

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you.

Kevin Christenson

715-554-1056

alliedemrgsrv@outlook.com



OSCEOLA AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE
P.O. BOX 411
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March 15th, 2024

The Osceola Area Ambulance Service began its rich history in 1974 when new state and federal regulations imposed requirements to have licensed Emergency Medical Technicians and drivers, who were specially trained, took over the role previously provided by private services. They purchased their first ambulance at a cost of \$20,000.00. With this large cost looming, the communities they served went into action raising money through donations for the ambulance and their equipment. Today, the Osceola Ambulance Service continues to provide exemplary emergency care to the residents of the Village of Osceola (100%), Town of Farmington (100%), Town of Osceola (67%), Village of Dresser (50%), Town of Alden (30%) and a small portion of the Town of Garfield.

Osceola Area Ambulance Service employs roughly a dozen emergency medical technicians who provide round-the-clock ambulance coverage for our community. For many of these individuals, "AEMT" or "EMT" is only one of their titles. The current roster includes those with backgrounds and full-time jobs in nursing, sales, construction, manufacturing, and IT, to name a few. Many members work in a variety of different healthcare roles when they are not working for the ambulance service. Despite coming from all different walks of life, this diverse group of AEMTs/EMTs share several commonalities – successful completion of the education required to become an AEMT/EMT, and a passion for personal, community focused emergency care. We are still an on-call paid volunteer service with no full-time staff.

The Osceola Ambulance service is owned and operated by the taxpayers of the communities that we serve. The service charges a \$15.00 per person assessment and each community pays an annual amount based on the population it serves. The rest of the income comes from insurance and private payments for each emergency medical care transport thru 911 dispatch.

The Osceola Area Ambulance Service, over the last 50 years have purchased and maintained several ambulance rigs, built their current site and are able to pay for staff to ensure responses to any emergency that may arise. Staff are compensated for all the initial training, monthly training, and on-call time at \$3.50 per hour for EMT's and \$6.00 per hour for Advanced EMT's. While on-call, the individual needs to be within 5 minutes of the ambulance during their shift and is compensated \$20.00 per run. The total annual budget for 2023 was \$312,915. Compare that to the budget from 1979 at \$11,000! Many of these items have been provided through donations, volunteer work, and money that is budgeted. Several years ago, the ambulance established a Non-Profit branch called, "The Friends of the Osceola Area Ambulance Service". Having this branch now allows us to accept donations and give a tax-deductible receipt for those donations.



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The Osceola Area Ambulance Services does all of this because each member cares about our community and it's a way they give back and care for our people.

There were 103 runs in the Town of Osceola, with 510 runs for 2023.

Robyn Foster