

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA BOARD PROCEEDINGS

January 11th, 2022

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular meeting on January 11, 2022 at Village Hall. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Brad Lutz, Bruce Gilliland remotely Holly Walsh, Joel West, Deb Rose, and Van Burch
Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Ron Pedrys, Shelby Friendshuh,
Others present: Nealy Corcoran from The Sun, Dave Rasmussen of MSA, remotely Mike Forecki, Lisa Curry, Rose Statler, Trudy Lorenz, and other citizens

Motion by Walsh and seconded by Rose to approve the agenda
Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Burch and seconded by West to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting dated December 14, 2021
Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker) Lisa Curry of 397 Ridge Road thanked the Board for their work and commented on last week's Planning Commission meeting regarding the Ridge Road area housing development. Ms. Curry felt seventy units was too much on that size of a lot and a good site is the bluff area. She also had questions on the rent price, size, and green area preservation.

Reports:

Staff reports

Building Inspection-Krumenauer: Reported that 2021-year end numbers were a total of 103 permits with an estimated value of \$11.16 million. This includes twenty-six new homes, eighteen alterations, seven other permits

Administration-Krumenauer: The slides for the Chamber Annual meeting are in the packets. We had an increase in equalized value and borrowing capacity. Upcoming projects are potential residential developments and industrial growth. Walsh asked about long-range planning of what kind of development and where in the community various uses are appropriate. Krumenauer responded updates to the Village Comprehensive and Strategic plans would address these issues.

Police-Pedrys: The Dept. was busy in December with stolen vehicles, (both recovered) a felony battery case, and meth possession. There were eleven arrests. New tasers were ordered to lock in the price quote and will be paid out of the 2022 budget. The Stuff the Squad event was successful with two squads completely full of items for the Open Cupboard. OPD Community Coffee events will be held in January and February at Caribou.

Public Works-Waters: December was busy no shortage of snow and moving it. The plow truck was down a single day and repairs managed internally. They are hauling sand and salt as time permits to be ready for winter occurrences. The trails are open and lighting system maintained. There is lots of traffic on the trails and they are working with Corey Pratt to groom a trail for fat tire bicycles. They are working on the winter ice skating rink. They are planning for spring supplies and time frames for ordering. The new railing for the Board room/polling place will be installed by the February Primary election. The final quote for the new plow truck build came in and will be on agenda next month to move forward. Lutz asked about the future of holiday lights downtown. Krumenauer responded the existing lights are cooked and the intent is to work with the Chamber to see what available and secure funding is. Buberl recognized the Chamber for their annual meeting last night and there were lots of kudos to the Public Works Dept. for all they do.

Utilities-Caruso Absent: Krumenauer stated the report was in the packets with usage numbers. They are looking for contracts to clean and televise lines and are in the RFP process right now. West asks about the sewer sampler failing and parts availability. Walsh asked about the digester blower and Krumenauer stated we will be replacing it.

Library-Friendshuh: December was a busy month with finalizing reporting on grants and collaborating with staff for 2022 goals. Their service model has changed with new hours and no more drive through services. People are browsing more in person and checking out more. There were 329 new collection items last month due to year end donations. They made year end purchases for the children's area.

Fire-Elfstrom: The Dept. had twelve runs with eight in the Village, four in Farmington. Of those two were traffic, five alarms, four structures, and one lift assist. Two members are attending fire officer training at Northwoods Technical College. General Sprinkler donated about \$5,000 worth of new hose to the Dept. We donated some to Dresser/Allied after checking our inventory. Fireman's Ball will be in person this year on February 12th.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Sattler: The annual meeting was held last night. Germaine Ross wrote 14 letters of support for Badger Bounceback grants. A total of 12 businesses received \$10,000 grants for a total of \$120,000. We had the most Main Street volunteer hours of all the Main Street Communities in Wisconsin. The organization was five new Board members. Sattler thanked Administrator Krumenauer and DPW Waters and Village staff for their assistance over the past year and look forward to continuing the partnership

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve ARPA allocation to purchase Board software upgrades (not to exceed \$20,000)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Discussion was held on audio issues in the Board room and upgrades that would be an improvement. In addition video capabilities can be improved. Going paperless using tablets and a new laptop were discussed as well. Quotes were received and we could upgrade and obtain these items using \$20,000 out of discretionary ARPA funds.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve Resolution #22-01 support for, and authorization to pursue EDA Competitive Tourism Grant (grant request for \$1,240,000)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Krumenauer stated this is a grant with a rolling deadline through the EDA but needs to be submitted by the end of the month. There is a 20% local match required. If received the grant would covers two CIP items, the parking lot behind the Post Office and the Cascade Falls Trail Head and decking. The local portion is maxed at \$247,000 and the projects are in TIF#3.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to approve Operator Licenses for Diane Chambers – Osceola Stop, Molly Gilroy – Minit Mart, and Madison Skipper – Tippy Canoes

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports as listed:

- a) Court Commission August 31, 2021 (Commission approved January 6, 2021)
- b) Public Works Committee September 22, 2021 (Committee approved January 6, 2021)
- c) Library Board October 14, 2021 (L. Board approved November 11, 2021)
- d) Airport Commission November 15, 2021 (Commission approved December 20, 2021)
- e) Plan Commission December 7, 2021 (Committee approved January 4, 2021)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Lutz to approve vouchers payable

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items Trustee Lutz offered to work with Administrator Krumenauer about video issues.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk