

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA REGULAR BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS

February 8, 2022

The Village of Osceola Board met for a Regular meeting on February 8, 2022 at Village Hall. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Van Burch, Bruce Gilliland, Brad Lutz, Deb Rose, Holly Walsh, Joel West
Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Shelby Friendshuh, Rebekah Palmer, Rick Caruso, Todd Waters, Paul Elfstrom
Others present: Kent Jefferson, Kyle Weaver, Marcia Dressel, remotely Tom Stangl, Nealy Corcoran, Trudy Lorenz, Barbara Wetzel, Betsy, Brian Miller

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve the agenda with the following agenda items struck: 6i “Rezone of parcel 165-00582-0000 from R-3 Multi-Family Residential to R-3 PUD” (130 Ridge Road) and 6j “Approval of Certified Survey Map: Vacating of a portion of right-of-way, dedicating future road right-of-way, Dividing parcel 165-00582-0000 into two new parcels”

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting dated January 11, 2022 and the Special meeting dated February 2, 2022

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

Kyle Weaver of 100 Depot Road spoke about the upcoming Firefighter’s Ball and the Lion’s Club participation and encouraged everyone to come out for this great community event and worthy cause. Weaver also commented his concern of development affecting water quality and the balance between development and natural resource needs.

Kent Jefferson of 421 Ridge Road stated the items he wanted to comment on were pulled from the agenda. Jefferson had questions on the proposed incentives, rezoning, and other issues related to the proposed housing development on Ridge Road on property that is currently owned by the Village.

Reports: Staff reports

Administration-Krumenauer: The new railing is now complete in the Board room, hopefully it will keep everyone safe. There are four elections this year, so come in and vote.

Police-Lehman: Chief Pedrys is at a conference. In January there were fifteen custodial arrests with two of those felony. There were also thirteen misdemeanors. Forty traffic citations, eighty incident reports and 564 total calls for service. In January they attended the Senior Citizen Center Potluck and gave a presentation on swindle and fraud. They are posting for part time officers again. It is hard to find candidates, and it costs to train and equip them. The Community Coffee at Caribou is coming up. Typically, January and February are slow, but it has been consistently busy.

Public Works-Waters: They are moving the heavier loads of snow from the medians. Truck and equipment maintenance continues. The ice rink is open and is in good shape this year. They are working on internal projects and goals for 2022. They received a grant for trees, and are creating a prairie in place of buckthorn, mostly in Schillberg Park. They are reorganizing the shop and going through hardware to create better and more efficient work environment. Burch asked about progress on the overlook situation. Waters stated it is largely out of our hands, other than issuing any permits that may be needed. The Falls are still open by using the trailhead behind BP, it is more walking, but people can weave their way down. Krumenauer stated the intent of the owner is to correct for safety within the

next two months so the stairs can open again.

Utilities-Caruso: The Kent Street area has root issues, and they are working on it on warm days. The parts are in for the UV system at the plant. The starter motor failed at the wastewater plant, and they are going to keep one on hand for a spare, same with the fan motor at well three.

Library-Friendshuh: January was a busy month with full hours open; they are pleased to see that circulation shot up and they are averaging sixty-five visits per day. The annual report today was finished today and will be reviewed by their Board. The UW Madison East Asian studies grant materials are on display now. Rebekah Palmer has developed a community reading challenge for independent readers with a monthly drawing for a \$10 gift card to a bookstore.

Fire-Elfstrom: There were five runs total, four in the Village and one in Farmington. January training was the annual review of HazMat awareness. They have been conducting industrial park inspections as part of the process to identify chemicals. There was a structure fire with temperatures below zero and over five hours on the scene. They would like to thank the places that donated food and coffee out at the scene. Burch commented former fire chief Bernie Miller passed away and thanked the Dept. for setting up the fire apparatus at the service.

Building Inspection-Krumenauer: It was a quiet month with three permits, two for new homes and one alteration.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Stangl: They have two new ambassadors. The annual meeting was held January 10th. The newsletter is coming out biweekly now instead of monthly. They are getting photos and short bios of board members for the website and a video. Forming a BID District is up for discussion. The website refresh is being worked on. There is a new fee structure for members with more options. Rose thanks Dressel for working on social media videos.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Motion by West and seconded by Burch to approve 2022 phase II “Commitment to Purchase” snowplow build out contract with low bidder contractor Universal for \$109,698

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Walsh to approve purchase of 2022 Ford Police Interceptor and buildout with Ewald Automotive/Build Out for \$46,000

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Donor wall and signage (Mill Pond Learning Foundation)

There was a long discussion with Marcia Dressel of the Mill Pond Foundation and the Board on the five elements of donor recognition. Various plans and options were reviewed.

Motion by Burch and seconded by West to approve as presented the outdoor landscaping and signage as aluminum with black text.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Walsh to approve donor signs corridor spaces as presented, similar in styles and materials to those inside the library.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve the Opportunity wall concept with further discussion between groups for final design.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Walsh and seconded by Burch to approve Kravik recognition panel as is.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Burch to approve the Our Donor wall with the addition of public and taxpayer verbiage, and the concept size of one-half of a panel, included with the other panels or separate on its own.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Update on removing “Discovery Center” from municipal building

The board packet has examples of lettering for the outside of the building to be changed to be more consistent with what the building is really used for. There are four proposed changes in signage: Sr. Center, Public Library, Osceola on the center of the building with Police and Village Hall on each side. The Police have a \$5,000 donation and the Sr. Center has committed to donating \$1,000. The Library Board will review the proposed signage at their next meeting. The existing lettering cannot be recycled and has 5–8-year shelf life. The new lettering is composite with a longer shelf life.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Burch to approve signage changes on the Village municipal building as presented, contingent upon the Library Board approval of their financial portion of the project.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the contract with Local 101 Wisconsin Professional Police Association and the Village of Osceola-one year contract for 2022

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Ordinance #22-01 Electrical Code Update

The State has changed some language and requirements to allow municipalities to have more of a say so in electrical permitting for commercial and industrial properties. The ordinance change will allow our local inspector to review these items. This will improve timeliness and will be a cost savings for developers at no additional cost to the Village. Our firm is qualified and has the credentials to perform the service.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by West to approve Ordinance #22-01 Electrical Code Update

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

HWY 243 bridge update

This agenda item was sharing information. MNDOT has completed the environmental analysis and is working on design, potential alignments, and issues that may need mitigation. They have ruled out a tunnel and locating the bridge in a different community. Under discussion is leaving the current bridge alignment as is or going one hundred feet to the north or south. This all needs to be worked out and the public is encouraged to read the online material and attend public input meetings. We will update the link on our website to the information.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Rose to adjust the dates of the August and November Board meetings to August 10th and November 9th, 2022, due to elections

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Permits and Licenses:

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve a Temporary Class “B” Beer License for the Osceola Lion’s Club – Osceola Firefighter’s Ball

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Walsh to approve a Special Events Permit for the Osceola Firefighter’s Ball – Friends of Osceola Fire & Rescue

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve the following Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports:

a) Osceola Ind. Dev. Corp	October 14, 2021	(Corp approved January 13, 2022)
b) Admin & Finance	December 3, 2021	(Committee approved February 4, 2022)
c) Library Board	December 9, 2021	(L. Board approved January 13, 2022)
d) Airport Commission	December 20, 2021	(Commission approved January 17, 2022)
e) Plan Commission	January 4, 2022	(Commission approved February 2, 2022)
	Ayes-7	Nays-0
		Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by West to approve of vouchers payable

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Any other business as permitted by law

Rose commented on the passing away of former Fire Chief Bernie Miller. Walsh commented on keeping the community informed and part of the process.

Trustee West submitted a letter of resignation effective as of the end of the meeting.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk