

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
February 9, 2021

The Village of Osceola met remotely for a regular meeting on February 9th, 2021. Village President Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Van Burch, Bruce Gilliland, Deb Rose, Brad Lutz, Joel West, and Bob Schmidt
Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Todd Waters, Rick Caruso, Ryan Kenny, Shelby Friendshuh, Andrew Bach
Others present: Trudy Lorenz, Tim Anderson, Denise Everson, Jason Schulte, Germaine Ross, Kimberly Judkins, and several other members of the public.

President Buberl announced the item pertaining to the approval of RDA Farm Lease Contract (2021-2023) would be struck from the agenda.

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

Motion by Burch and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 12, 2021
Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

Tim Anderson of 906 Oak Ridge Drive-Thanked the Board for the time to talk about Oak Ridge Drive and the recurring issue of speeding. He has gotten passed backing out of his driveway. He appreciates the police presence at the elementary school area.

Trudy Lorenz of Oak Ridge Drive-Commented on the reckless driving from 8th to 10th streets ending at the high school. There is speeding, dragging, and other bold driving before and after school and school events. The increased Police presence and writing tickets helps. They have tried as a neighborhood to get people to slow down, and were met with obscene gestures. A group of concerned residents has a petition. Lorenz thanked them all for listening.

Denise Everson of 811 Oak Ridge Drive-They are all concerned about the heavy traffic after school and sporting events. She has spoken with Chief Pedrys and put out signs, some have been out taking down plate numbers and car descriptions, and spoke to high school as well.

President Buberl commented the Police and Public Works Committee will continue to be discuss the issue.

Reports:

a) **Staff reports**

- i. Police-Krumenauer: Chief Pedrys is out of town at training. Krumenauer presented a memo from Police Dept. Kwik Trip donated to the Police and Fire Dept and gave a big thanks to them.
- ii. Public Works & Utilities-Waters: Snow removal was busy in January. The more it snows the more there is to haul away. They are digging deep into equipment maintenance and repairs to the wheel loader. Holiday tree pick up was busy this year. Waters informed the Board of the dangers of invasive beetles in the trees sometimes. In Village Parks they are cutting and burning invasive species like buckthorn and cutting brush back from the right of way. The ice rink is completed and getting a lot of use along with the warming shack. Building maintenance is continuing along with adjusting controls at the Discovery Center and cross training other employees. Caruso:

reported on a 6” cast iron main broke on Summit. Rural Water provided assistance in locating where the water was coming from that was flowing in to the plant so repairs could be made.

- iii. Library-Friendshuh: the last month was spent working on the annual report that is sent to the State and used to help determine funding. More Take Home kits are made and the program is very successful. They are applying for a grant for small rural libraries in the amount of \$3,000 to host community conversations about civic engagement and local government functions.
 - iv. Fire-Elfstom: Reported it was a slow month, with only one run with an extrication. They are working on improving airport hangar inspections and compliance. They met with the Service Awards representative about the program. Two members are taking haz mat and part C of firefighter certifications. Saturday night is the virtual Fireman’s Ball. Kwik Trip donated to the Dept. and they will be using the donation to buy equipment and work on the floor.
 - v. Building Inspection-Krumenauer: Quiet January for permits with only two permits pulled.
 - vi. Administration-Krumenauer: The traffic petition was received from the Oak Ridge neighborhood residents and forwarded to the Board. Both Public Works and Police are addressing the issue and looking at all options. There will be an informational email to follow. Krumenauer is negotiating with cell phone providers to consider lease amendments to see if we can improve the terms to get the best bang for our buck. Financial planning is underway for TIF#2 to capitalize on potential revenues before we close out the district. Policies to vet potential developers who desire TIF benefits are under consideration. The Village is continuing to look at plans to open the buildings from COVID restrictions.
2. Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Ross: Thank you to the Village for increasing funding. They held the annual meeting and reviewed year end reports. They have several new Board members and are working on the budget. The Economic Vitality Committee intended on having a housing presentation. We are all invited to the presentation that now will be virtual. There were many more downtown visitors. Top priorities are being reviewed.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Motion by Rose and seconded by West to approve the Mutual aid agreement with the City of St. Croix Falls-Police Department initiative.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Officer Bach went through the agreement and commented it is a step in the right direction for officer safety. Schmidt commented the Police-Fire Committee reviewed and supports the agreement.

Motion by West and seconded by Lutz to approve Mike Miller to Osceola Housing Authority with the term to April 2026.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Rose to approve Certified Survey Map for 102/108 Chieftain Street (the former Village library site) pending final approval of sale of property

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #21-01 “International Migratory Bird Day”

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by West and seconded by Burch to approve Proposed Ordinance Amendment Chapter 74. Animals, Article I. Dogs (First Read)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

This proposed amendment would allow for three dogs before a kennel license would be required.

3. Permits and Licenses:

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve operator licenses for Kayla Cross-PYs, Bobbi Daly-PYs, Dayton Glor-Tippy’s, Shelby Kent-Valley Spirits, Danielle Kleven-Valley Spirits, Cole Rennaker-Minit Mart, Gary Wick-Osceola Rod & Gun Club

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Schmidt to approve a Kennel license for Harold & Ann Gjerner at 614 Summit Street

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

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

- a) Redevelopment Authority dated April 30, 2019 (approved January 28, 2021)
- b) Police & Fire Committee dated May 7, 2020 (approved January 29, 2021)
- c) Planning Commission dated December 1, 2020 (approved February 2, 2021)
- d) Library Board dated December 10, 2020 (approved January 14, 2021)
- e) Admin & Finance Committee dated December 4, 2020 (review on February 8, 2021)
- f) Airport Commission dated December 21, 2020 (January 18, 2021)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve vouchers payable

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Developers presentation:

Krumenauer reviewed the location and neighbors of Lot #2 off Ridge Road. Kim Judkins and partners are proposing a new day care center that is much needed in area to support local families and workers. They are outgrowing their existing location and the landlord needs the space for his own business use. In search of expansion, they can't find an existing building, and this is the next opportunity. They present the proposed layout. More and more families need help, they are currently the only day care provider in the school district. There is a waiting list for newborns to get in to care. Buberl asks if they can handle more families. Judkins replies they want to expand and add to their license capacity, but they don't want to get too huge a center. West asks how many families/children served. Judkins responded there are 55 enrolled, a few part time, and wants to add about 20 children. Gilliland asks about the time frame to build. They were supposed to be out of their current location last October, but the lease was extended until July 1st. They are hoping the landlord will give time until the building is ready.

Motion by Burch and seconded by West to going into closed session at 7:25 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) for purposes of reviewing an offer to purchase Village property. This pertains to a 1.62-acre property located on Ridge Road (Parcel 165-00582-0200).

Roll call vote: Ayes-Buberl, Burch, Gilliland, Lutz, Rose, Schmidt, West Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to come out of closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Buberl, Burch, Gilliland, Lutz, Rose, Schmidt, West Nays-0 Motion carried.

Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items: Rose commented on the Spring Primary Election coming up February 16th.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk