

**VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

The Osceola Village Board met for a regular meeting on February 11, 2020 at the Village Hall/Discovery Center Meeting Room 205. Village President Jeromy Burberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Bob Schmidt, Tim Anderson, Van Burch, Deb Rose

Excused: Travis Murphy and Bruce Gilliland

Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Shelby Friendshuh, Paul Elfstrom, Andrew Bach

Others present: Matt Anderson from the Osceola Sun, Joel West, Germaine Ross, and other citizens.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Burch to approve the January 14, 2020 Regular meeting minutes.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

New Polk County EDC Director Terry Hauer introduced himself and commented on the Polk County Housing Study wrap up session coming up on February 17th with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Police-AJ Bach presented the monthly report as Chief Pedrys is at a conference. The COPS grant program was opened for application in January and many nationwide applicants are expected. This grant offers a 75% federal grant and 25% local funding split. There was a recent gender presentation at the High School that was funded through an AODA grant. The local Daisy troop visited the PD recently. The Osceola Police Dept. has stopped issuing handwritten parking tickets and is now issuing them through TRAX. This will track citations more efficiently. There is a new vaping program initiative for first time offenders being offered a educational program to complete in lieu of a citation being issued.

Public Works-Krumenauer gave the report. With the mild winter the Dept. has had time to catch up on other items such as equipment and building maintenance. The sewer wastewater treatment plant is at high capacity.

Library-Friendshuh is administratively very busy working on the annual report for the State. Circulation is up again from last year at this time, but it is difficult to track as weather varies. Staff worked on inventory last month. There are new iPad in the kids area preloaded with fun and educational games. The Library is starting to feature one collection a month. Events are winter reading for adults, beekeeping, knitting, cooking, and crafting. The new online catalog started today with explanation to people how to use it where they can rate and submit book reviews.

Fire-Stark reported last month had eleven runs with ten in the Village and one in Farmington. The Fireman's Ball was another great success with a fun time had by all. The Dept. will get the floor sealed this spring.

Building permits Krumenauer reported 2020 started out with two permits for new home construction. It is important to address growth and the need for housing.

Administration Krumenauer stated audit preparations are underway and the hope is to have the audit completed by early July. Krumenauer is also excited to do work on the Village website and revamp our newsletters. In

addition he has been meeting with economic development corps and the surrounding communities. There are five elections this year so there will be times when meetings will be held in other rooms. The Census 2020 is going on, so be sure to participate so all monies are allocated properly.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Germaine Ross reported it is quieter in January and February. The Social mixer at Tippy Canoes was well attended. The ribbon cutting was held at the Pizza Cellar. The Rise and Shine education series starts next Tuesday. The Cocoa Crawl will be on February 9th with local businesses providing cocoa samples. Ross reminded to shop local for Valentine’s Day promotions.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Proposed school referendum update: Lynnette Edward of the Osceola School District. There will be two referendum questions on the ballot April 7th. One is operational and for \$1 million each for two years of educational, programming and curriculum staffing. The other is for facilities needs of \$10 million as a loan. The School Board projects a zero dollar total tax increase over the next two years with current debt retirement. There is more information on the School District website and a series of community meetings coming up. The District expects level enrollment numbers for the next several years and is waiting to see the new state budget to see where things are at for the district. The Elementary school needs were purposely left off the list because there is more planning needed.

Krumenauer was happy to say the Village has reached an agreement with the Village of Dresser for terms of payment for sewer treatment charges that were inadvertently under calculated. They will pay quarterly over the next three years with the option to pay off ahead of time with no penalty. No interest is being charged and the first payment is due in April.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to approve Resolution #20-03 Outlining the terms of payment between the Village of Dresser and Village of Osceola.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

The Planning Commission has recommended approval of vacating an old alleyway to resolve a garage overhang issue as there is no benefit to the Village to keep it. There is a prescribed legal process to follow and the proposed resolution is first step to move forward.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution #20-04 support for vacating public owned alleyway

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Krumenauer gave information on the proposed COPS Grant application. If granted this would be a 75% federally funded grant with a cap on what you can collect that is tied to a three-year window. The Village is proposing to add one full time equivalent position. At current rates this would cost the Village about \$20,000 a year. The position is required to be maintained for one year after the grant expires.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #20-05 COPS Grant

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Permits and Licenses

- a) Beverage Server Operator Licenses

Motion by Rose and seconded by Anderson to approve beverage server license for Stacey Nelson at PY’s Saloon & Grill.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

b) Special Event Permit

Motion by Rose and seconded by Anderson to approve the special event permit for the Cocoa Crawl on February 29th, 2020.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Anderson to approve Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports:

- a. October 4, 2019 Administration and Finance Committee
 - b. November 5, 2019 Planning Commission
 - c. December 16, 2019 Police and Fire Committee
 - d. January 2, 2020 Osceola Library Board
- Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Financial update-Krumenaurer reviewed tax collections and stated they were about where we expected at this point in the process.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Anderson to approve the vouchers payable

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Under discussion of and action on any other appropriate items Buberl commented on the importance of participating in the 2020 Census.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Schmidt at 7:06 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(c) for purposes of Reviewing Administrator job performance and 6-month probationary period

Roll call vote: Ayes- Buberl, Schmidt, Anderson, Burch, and Rose Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Anderson to come out of closed session proceedings at 8:01 p.m.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Buberl, Schmidt, Anderson, Burch, and Rose Nays-0 Motion carried.

The Board reviewed goals for the Village Administrator of:

- 1. Update Village website and communications to Village community members
- 2. Create a more dynamic and user-friendly municipal budget and other financial planning documents
- 3. Provide Village Board Trustees with an updated Board welcome packet
- 4. Reach closure with the Village Hall/Library building project

Motion by Rose and seconded by Buberl to grant Village Administrator Krumenauer permanent employees status.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Buberl, Schmidt, Anderson, Burch, and Rose Nays-0 Motion carried.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk