

**VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 14, 2023**

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular meeting on February 14, 2023, at Village Hall. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Jeromy Buberl, Bill Chantelois IV, Bruce Gilliland, Brad Lutz, Deb Rose, and Van Burch

Absent: Holly Walsh

Staff present: Devin Swanberg, Carie Krentz, Paul Elfstrom, Ron Pedrys, and Rick Caruso

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve the agenda.

Ayes-6                  Nays-0                  Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to approve the minutes of the Regular meetings dated January 10, 2023.

Ayes-6                  Nays-0                  Motion carried

**Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)**

Jeff Engel from Chisago City, MN wanted to let board know that he is going to let the Ice Park idea rest. He is finding it hard to find enough people to keep it going from year to year. He still thinks is a great area for one and if things change, he will bring it back to the Village. He also wanted to thank Board for their support.

**Reports: Staff reports**

Library: Friendshuh was unable to attend and Swanberg gave a quick update - Annual report is finish and she will report on it next month. Working a ALA grant. January events were very well attended and the library finally received the book bike.

Fire-Elfstrom: Busy month – 14 runs total, 11 in the Village, 3 in Town of Farmington. Quick rundown of upcoming events. Fires in village were Red Bird, old hotel downtown (kitchen fire) and one at the school. Made a thank you to Village for the purchase of ladder truck, it helped with Red Bird fire and working to save business next it. The last Monday of this month officer’s selection will be made.

Building Inspection: Swanberg stated 3 building permits were issued in January with a total value of \$8,200.

Administration: Swanberg started out saying it was a busy month of everyone covering for each other, with vacations and medical leave, etc. Taxes to schools and county were sent out. Getting ready for the February Spring Primary election. Update on BID process for Milk House, engineers have stated building in such poor condition could pass on the BID process if desired. It was discussed and decided to keep going with the BID process since it has been started. Nothing new on the status of the stairs currently.

Police-Pedrys: Started out by saying he was very impressed with all departments involved in the Red Bird fire. Officer Bach will be receiving an award for his response to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue fire, he was on site within 2.5 minutes and was able to contain fire with a fire extinguisher. Chief Pedrys and Officer Bach were invited to have coffee at CCH and was a good experience with the residence. He’s continued working on referendum. The department got a CESA grant, \$12,000 saving for the village. Next community coffee meetings are February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works: Waters was unable to attend. Board reviewed memo.

Utilities-Caruso: 180,000 gallons out of the ground for Red Bird fire. Staff was quick to site to monitor valves. Fire on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue delayed hydrant replacement which now moved to a later date. System performed as expected due to the upkeep, maintenance and testing by our staff.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet: Kruger was unable to attend the meeting. Updated handout was passed out to all board members. Rose stated annual meeting to be held on 02/20/23 at OMC. BID board held interviews for Main Street Director and a candidate has been approved.

**Other business – discussion and possible action re:**

**Adjustment of Hauled Waste Rates**

Caruso adjust rates for resident, which means he needs to adjust them for Septic Haulers as well.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve the Septic and Holding Tank Dumping permit agreement as presented. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

**Fire Chief Interview and Selection of Chief**

Swanberg met with a group to interview candidates and Paul Elfstrom was selected to remain Fire Chief.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Rose to approve Paul Elfstrom as Fire Chief. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

**Ordinance #23-02 & #23-03 – Annexation of School Property**

Swanberg stated the ordinances are the final steps to annexation school property and provided drafts of both ordinances for Board review.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Buberl to approve Ordinance #23-02 & #23-03 for annexation of school property as presented. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

**Sale of Police Vehicle**

Pedrys discussed the sale of the 2014 K9 squad, which has been used for part-time officer. Since department no longer has part-time officers, he would like to sell squad (has 99K miles) fully equipped, meaning sell as is.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Burch to direct Pedrys to sell police vehicle at his discretion. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

**Permits and Licenses:**

N/A

Motion by Rose and seconded by Chantelois to approve Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports:

- a) Admin & Finance January 6, 2023 (Committee approved February 3, 2023)
  - b) Admin & Finance January 27, 2023 (Committee approved February 3, 2023)
  - c) Airport Commission December 19, 2022 (Committee approved January 16, 2023)
  - d) Court Commission November 15, 2022 (Committee approved January 13, 2023)
  - e) Library Board November 10, 2022 (Commission approved December 15, 2022)
  - f) Planning Commission December 28, 2022 (Commission approved February 7, 2023)
  - g) Planning Commission January 3, 2023 (Commission approved February 7, 2023)
  - h) Public Works Committee September 23, 2022 (Committee approved January 24, 2023)
  - i) Public Works Committee October 7, 2022 (Committee approved January 24, 2023)
  - j) Water & Sewer Committee August 30, 2022 (Committee approved December 05, 2022)
- Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve vouchers payable. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or to conduct other specified public business, for competitive or bargaining reasons. This pertains to village parcel of land. @ 6:45pm  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Buberl, Burch, Chantelois, Gilliland, Lutz, Rose Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to come out of closed session proceedings @ 6:50 pm.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Buberl, Burch, Chantelois Gilliland, Lutz, Rose Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Burch to direct Swanberg to enter into sale agreement discussed in closed session. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

**Future agenda items and updates**

Referendum info sessions are set. Buberl and Rose's last meeting together. Keep next meeting time – Rose will be gone April and May.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Carie Krentz  
Village Clerk