

# VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA BOARD PROCEEDINGS

## March 9, 2021

The Village of Osceola met for a regular meeting on March 9, 2021 at the Village Hall/Discovery Center. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Bob Schmidt, Deb Rose, Brad Lutz, Joel West, Bruce Gilliland, Van Burch

Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Ron Pedrys, Todd Waters, Paul Elfstrom, Rick Caruso, Shelby Friendshuh

Other present: Trudy Lorenz, Jill Greenhalgh, Jan Carlson, Denise Everson, Jason Schulte, Ruth Statler, Don Stark, Tim Johnson, Diane Moser, Marcia Dressel, and Kimberly Judkins.

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve the agenda

Ayes-7

Nays-0

Motion carried

Jill Greenhalgh of the Horst Rechelbacher Foundation presented a check for \$15,000 to the Board; designated as \$5,000 for the Fire dept., \$5,000 for the Police Dept., and \$5,000 for the Village. The goal is to invite the Board to visit the site and see the newly completed greenhouse that was reconstructed after the fire.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting dated February 9, 2021

Ayes-7

Nays-0

Motion carried.

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

Jan Carlson of 734 Simmon Drive is a write in candidate for Osceola School Board.

Trudy Lorenz of 809 Oak Ridge Drive wants to thank you the Committee for options to improve safety on her street and is looking forward to hearing solutions.

Denise Everson of 811 Oak Ridge Drive thanks the Board for the attention given to the heavy traffic issues.

### **Reports:**

#### **Staff reports**

Public Works & Utilities-Waters gave a PowerPoint to review the past month and to show diversity of what they are working on besides snow occurrences. These has been some storm sewer freezing and thawing leading to some flooding as they continue to thaw. The Dept. is doing equipment maintenance in house, saving the Village money. Employee carpentry skills are being put to use as they built five picnic tables. A local Eagle Scout candidate is building five more. This is less than half of the cost of purchasing tables from suppliers. The pond hockey goal was built, hopefully a team will be established. They are performing building maintenance on lights, the furnace, and updating fixtures for energy efficiency and cost savings. Utilities- Caruso There was a bearing failure at an oxidation ditch at the sewer plant that was challenging to repair. West asked about a grease control ordinance. Caruso stated we have an ordinance, but it was a midnight dump and they were not able to determine where it came from.

Library-Friendshuh-Last month most of her time was spent on the annual report. The grant application had five letters of support submitted and the library should know by the end of the month if the grant was approved. The staff is working on preparing to reopen to visits by appointment, hopefully by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Circulation is starting to dip as people are getting outside more. Moving to reopening will help circulation. Collections added 135 new items. Children's picture books collections are popular and mystery pickup is popular too. February crafting kits went well. Rose asked about drive-up services continuing after the library opens. Friendshuh responded there may be staffing issues after reopening to be able to continue drive up service.

Fire-Elfstrom The Dept. had eight runs last month. Elections were held and the new slate of officers is Chief Paul Elfstrom, Asst Chief Dylan Annis, Captain Josh Connors, and Captain Tanner Olschefske. Elfstrom thanked Don Stark for 14 years as Chief and is glad he is remaining as a firefighter. They are working on forfeitures for airport hangar inspection non-compliance. Members are training in haz mat ops at WITC and three are taking the practical exam for Fire Officer One. Joey Cutts is shadowing and may become an instructor. The Virtual Fireman's Ball was successful and thank you to all the donors and sponsors. They raised about \$19,000 to put towards equipment. Don Stark thanks the Board for working together over the years.

Building Inspection-Krumenauer Reported it was very quiet in February with one new home.

Administration-Krumenauer Stated most items are later on the agenda. Hats off to Village staff for their work on financials at year-end and the upcoming audit. The inspection policy at airport hangars is under review. Mid-March is the estimated closing date for the library sale.

Police-Pedrys February was a quiet month giving him time to hire another part time officer, do evidence inventory, and time to look for additional grants. Pedrys has been doing a lot of research on body cameras. There is also time to catch up on investigations that were a lower priority. Officers are doing on line training. Pedrys attended the police leadership conference in the Dells and made some good connections. Jessica Daeffler was hired as a new part time office and will start tomorrow. Burch asked if there is anything new on potential solutions for Oak Ridge traffic issues. Pedrys stated Committees will look at options next week for recommendation to the Village Board. Schmidt recognized Officer Bach for his work on a cardiac arrest scene. Lutz asked about thermal imaging equipment. Pedrys stated it works great and has been used for a variety of situations. There are no plans for drones at this point due to budget concerns.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Ruth Statler stated they are doing expanding committees and are looking for volunteers. The Membership Committee is working on membership packets. The Retail Committee is working on a calendar of events for the whole year. The Economic Vitality Committee is looking at a "road map" to address the housing shortage in the community. They received a GEM grant of \$39,000 for a three-year TV campaign advertising Osceola as a destination.

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

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #21-02 Affirmation of Paul Elfstrom as Fire Chief  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve Resolution #21-03 Expressing support for WCWBF Request for IUP Revisions  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

Millpond Learning Foundation update regarding finances and donor signage

Marcia Dressel, Diane Moser, and Timm Johnson spoke on behalf of the Millpond Learning Foundation. Johnson gave a history of the project going back to 2013. Diane Moser presented what they are looking at for a wall to recognize donors with naming requests based on gift size. They envision the exterior wall just to the south of the Chieftain entrance and interior signage similar to what is in the Library. Three gallery areas are proposed featuring history, community, and opportunity to be funded by Mike Addy. They are proposing naming rights for donor Kravik who gave \$1.25 million to the project. They asking for approval on donor wall, interior signage for rest of building, gallery headers and planning, and the Kravik name on the building.

Schmidt stated we need to recognize the donors and all the money raised. Schmidt stated he struggles with doing a donor wall outside and would like to see it inside like the medical center. Several Board members stated this was the first they had heard about naming rights. Buberl stated last August they were told it was reserved, but did not say who. Dressel stated donor information is not a public thing. Rose commented it was dropped on them at the meeting with no time to digest the issue. Rose stated she can't see the donor wall on building stating issues of trampled grass, additional sidewalk and expense to Village. Buberl asks how much the proposed tooled bronze sign costs. The response was \$43,000. The Millpond reps also proposed a pathway to the wall and have worked

with businesses in the past to get in kind donations. Gilliland was concerned for several months each winter it would be inaccessible and if the sign were inside where it is heated and warm it would be easier to view. Millpond reps responded they promised donors exterior sign. West asked if the donor list include the citizens of Osceola. West and Gilliland commented on how much citizens paid when fund raising came up short. Buberl asked about the donated eight benches on order and planters for \$9,000. Schmidt stated the Village needs to be involved in all the decisions and he assumed we would be more involved instead of being told tonight and is taken aback they are telling us what they are going to do without the Village having a say. Moser stated other than benches nothing else was ordered. The Library Board approved the signage in the library, and this is outside the library. The Village portion of signs cost is \$70 each. There are 14 on the list that have not been ordered.

Lutz questions who the donors are on the Library and Board room. The Library was Wilberg and RCU the Conference room. The gallery area is spearheaded by Mike Addy. It was asked if Millpond is paying for the three gallery areas. Millpond reps stated they talked about a ceiling and paying up to a point, but they don't know what that is. Dressel commented before when they met with Buberl and Krumenauer they wanted to discuss finances and under advice from their legal counsel they were not comfortable with that. Buberl stated there were no personal attacks intended, we feel like we haven't been heard. Lutz suggested perhaps a productive way forward was to chart the course through Committee.

Johnson of Millpond spoke on the financial portion and stated in hindsight they should have met sooner. There was a handout of the Market Johnson/Village staff analysis of usage allocation with two pages of expenses of each entities portion. They claim they have met their obligation. Krumenauer responded according to the Village methodology they still owe. After meeting with Wolf from the Millpond group information was provided and factored in calculations. This was presented to Wolf and long story short the Village followed the process. Millpond rejected our analysis of costs. In June the Village decided on a final amount. They have one price, we have another. Johnson stated they currently have about \$30,000 in their checking and are waiting on a \$20,000 donation. Johnson stated in total the organization raised over \$5 million. Buberl asks if they can pay what we think they owe. Johnson responded there was no way we can pay that. They have not formally voted to dissolve yet as they are waiting for the donor wall and signage to be completed. The consensus between the groups was each would send representatives to meet together as a committee to move forward and solve the signage issues.

The Board took a short break at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve of sale agreement/developer agreement with Judkins LLC  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

Krumenauer commented our sale conditions were accepted as discussed in a previous meeting. The sale is for 1.62 acres in the Osceola Heights area for a daycare facility. Judkins are willing to do site enhancements and we will work with them in pedestrian accommodations. The sale price is \$50,000 with conditions in the agreement.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Schmidt to approve capital purchase of two zero turn mowers from Boyd's Outdoor Power for \$7,700.00  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by West to approve the purchase of a 2021 police squad vehicle for \$36,436.00  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve the agreement with AT&T for the Bluff Tower antenna lease Option 1  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Gilliland to approve the T-Mobile agreement for Bluff Tower antenna lease  
Ayes-7                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve Ordinance #21-01 Amending Chapter 74. Animals, Article I. Dogs

Ayes-7            Nays-0            Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the Map of Survey: Various parcels (Village of Osceola initiative)

Ayes-7            Nays-0            Motion carried

This map of survey cleans up mapping in the TIF districts as recommended by the WI Dept. of Revenue. All parcels are Village owned and the Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended the approval.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Lutz to approve the proposed Tax Increment District Policy

Ayes-7            Nays-0            Motion carried

**Permits and Licenses:**

Motion by Rose and seconded by West to approve an operator license for Shanon Wettschreck at PYs

Ayes-7            Nays-0            Motion carried

**Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports:**

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve the minutes of the following Committees and Commissions: Sewer and Water Committee dated November 24, 2020, Library Board dated January 14, 2021, Planning Commission dated February 2, 2021, Admin & Finance Committee dated February 8, 2021 (approved on March 5, 2021)

Ayes-7            Nays-0            Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve vouchers payable

Ayes-7            Nays-0            Motion carried

**Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items**

Rose brought up going paperless on Board packets and the consensus was this is a goal.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC  
Village Clerk