

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
March 14, 2023

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular meeting on March 14, 2023, at Village Hall. Village Trustee Rose called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Present: Deb Rose, Bill Chantelois IV, Bruce Gilliland, Van Burch and Holly Walsh

Absent: Jeromy Buberl and Brad Lutz

Staff present: Devin Swanberg, Carie Krentz, Ron Pedrys, Todd Waters, Rick Caruso, Shelby Friendshuh, Paul Elfstrom and Joey Cutts

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

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Chantelois to approve the minutes of the Regular meetings dated February 14, 2023.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

N/A

Reports: Staff reports

Fire-Elfstrom: 7 runs total last month, 3 in Village of Osceola and 4 in Town of Farmington. Met in February for two captain positions, Joey Cutts and Josh Connors retained positions for next 2 years. Other appointments were made at the meeting as well. As of last night, the HazMat training was done at Northwood Tech and they are up to date. Nearly, complete on camera installation, 4 more to hook up, which will make 12 total when done. Letters went out today to hangar owners, will be completely fire inspections through the month of April.

Building Inspection: Swanberg stated building permit were issued for solar installation, sign, siding and alternations in January. No new home permits last month. Total value of \$82,317.

Administration: Busy month working on referendum, ordinances amendments that are out of date and due for review, COPS grant, industrial and commercial land sales.

Police-Pedrys: Add much needed links to website in February. Use of force policy, resource links and community information all on website. A thank you to Devin for getting this done. Pedrys and Lehman went to training and looking to add other officers to that training. Training for officers is difficult, have to take into consideration time, budget, scheduling, etc. Will be working on this throughout the year. Continue to look for additional grants for funding. Emergency vehicle training that needs to be done, need cones, reaching out other communities to work together. Also, updating ordinances that are outdated – tobacco & vaping.

Public Works-Waters: Kept up with the snow that keeps coming. Road temps are at 46 degrees which is making roads harder to keep clean. Have put 3.5 tons out since mid-February and continue to keep working on this issue. Have a few more ton while we wait for the materials. 70-80” of snow for the season. Continue to monitor buildings and parks and make sure drains are clear and that snow has somewhere to go. Sadly, not able to have ice rink this year there was never enough frost on the ground. EGR cooler failure to 2014 International truck which nearly caused catastrophic engine failure. Thankfully, got it shut down in time to not have total loss, costly fix but could have been much larger. Fortunate to be able to use a truck from Polk County while this one was being fixed. Nothing could have been done to prevent this issue. Still has good motor and is back on the road.

Utilities-Caruso: Lead and copper ArcGis map is live – working hard due to every connection needs checking by 10/16/2024 to make sure no lead is in connections. Huge undertaking to get this accomplished. Will be meeting with DNR to make sure on the right track. West Central Wisconsin Biosolids will be awarding a 9.5m project either commercial lending or DNR Clean Water Fund – will be hearing more in coming months. Question was asked how the lead and copper costs may affect tax payers – nothing at the moment except staff’s time completing project. As of today, don’t know of any lead to replace however this project is to identify it.

PW/U 2023 Contract

Swanberg read through the negotiated terms for the PW/U 2023 contract.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Chantelois to approve PW/U 2023 Contract as presented.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Resolution #23-02 – Termination of TID #2

Swanberg stated this is the last time in terminating TID #2 that was agreed upon late last year. Full resolution is included in packet and on file at village offices.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve Resolution #23-02 – Termination of TID #2 as presented.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Milkhouse Demo Bids

Swanberg stated on March 9, 2023 bids were opened for the Milkhouse demolition project. Received bids from Minocqua Grading, LLC for \$64,900. J & S General Contracting, LLP for \$368,600 and Carl Bolander & Sons, LLC for \$594,425. Minocqua Grading was significantly lower and after speaking with Larry Kutschenreuter it was discovered they overlooked major portions of the work and requested bid withdrawn. Article 16 of Instructions to Bidders provides them to withdraw bid within 24 hrs. Swanberg recommends awarding bid to J & S General Contracting in the amount of \$368,600, after not finding any issues with the proposal.

Walsh has concerns that about toxins and have provisions being taken into consideration for demolition. Concerns for own health and health of community having toxins in the air, asked is due diligence was done by all involved. Swanberg said he spoke with WI DNR Asbestos Inspector, John Eide and demolition as presented is correct. Also, stated there will be a 3rd party onsite to follow correct procedures. Elfstrom stated he has not and will not allow anyone into the building due to the building starting to tip and is extremely unsafe to be inside building. Demolition will be treated as if asbestos is in there due to not be allowed in to inspect.

Swanberg also stated project is expected to start on April 1, 2023 and completed within 10 days.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve BID by J & S General Contracting in the amount of \$368,600 as presented.

Ayes-4 Nays-1 Motion carried

Finance Demo Bids

Swanberg stated that conventional borrowing would be needed to finance the demolition of the Milkhouse. He stated with \$126,00 from turnover of land, if referendum passes, funds from TID #3 are all ways to make payments on this borrowing with no impact on the tax levy. Seeking approval from Board to look for conventional loan with local lender at lowest rate.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Chantelois for Swanberg to seek conventional loan from local lender with lowest rate to demo Milkhouse.

Ayes-4 Nays-1 Motion carried

Permits and Licenses:

N/A

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Burch to approve Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports:

- a) Admin & Finance February 3, 2023 (Committee approved March 3, 2023)
 - b) Airport Commission January 16, 2023 (Committee approved February 20, 2023)
 - c) Library Board January 12, 2023 (Commission approved February 9, 2023)
 - d) Planning Commission February 7, 2023 (Commission approved March 7, 2023)
 - e) Water & Sewer Committee December 5, 2022 (Committee approved February 28, 2023)
- Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Chantelois and seconded by Burch to approve vouchers payable.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Walsh 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.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Burch, Chantelois, Gilliland, Rose, Walsh Nays-0 Motion carried

Short break before discussion began @ 7:23 pm.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Walsh to come out of closed session proceedings @ 7:43 pm.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Burch, Chantelois, Gilliland, Rose, Walsh Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Burch for Swanberg to continue to go after land sale discussed in closed session. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Future agenda items and updates

Walsh stated we need to start working on Comprehensive Plan. She would also like to have attorney here for ordinance for help in understanding what we are discussing. Directed Swanberg to find out the cost to have him at these meetings.

Trustee Rose adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Carie Krentz
Village Clerk