

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA BOARD PROCEEDINGS

May 12th, 2021

The Village of Osceola Board met for a regular meeting on May 12th, 2021. Village President Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Brad Lutz, Deb Rose, Bruce Gilliland, Van Burch, Holly Walsh, Joel West

Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Ron Pedrys, Todd Waters, Rick Caruso, Dylan Annis

Others present: Brian Ruechel of Baird, Aaron Sundeen, Lisa Erickson, and other citizens

Clerk Duncanson swore in newly elected Village President Jeromy Buberl and Trustees Van Burch, Brad Lutz, and Holly Walsh.

Motion by West and seconded by Lutz to approve the agenda

Ayes-7

Nays-0

Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approval the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 13, 2021

Ayes-7

Nays-0

Motion carried.

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker) There was no one in person or online who wanted to comment.

Reports:

Staff reports

Fire-Annis: In April there were seven runs with five in the Village and two mutual aid. There was also an alarm, a rescue, and three lift assists. Inspection compliance is good and about 50% will have issues identified for follow up. Airport hangars inspections are ongoing, and owners need to respond by May 31st. The 1984 Chevy pumper failed the vacuum test and is not certified. Burch asks the cost of repair and a rough estimate is \$13,000. If it is not repaired the Village ISO rating may drop within a year, and it would take another year for it to come back up.

Building Inspection-Krumenauer: More growth in April. We are at 60-65% of permit revenue received compared to other years at this time. There is a lot of construction debris after the snow melts, and we are working with contractors to get it removed so we do not have garbage issues.

Administration-Krumenauer: The fuel system upgrade for jet fuel at the Airport is installed. Using the donated funds from the Horst Foundation we are installing amenities for bicycles at the west end of the building off Chieftain including a bicycle repair station and bike racks. West Central Regional Planning has received notification the Safe Routes to Schools grant can commence and we will be partnering with them on the planning phase.

Police-Pedrys: The department would like to use the Horst donation for signage on the building. Lutz asks about the new Body Worn Camera System Pedrys responded the system is very user friendly and has high quality sound and video and is in use. The Dept. issued cell phones are in. The Police Dept. assisted the Osceola School District in producing an ALICE video to educate students and staff.

Public Works-Waters: The Dept. is working on street sweeping including Farmington and Dresser as they reciprocate by letting us borrow their equipment. They are also working on filling potholes and snowplow damage by repairing and seeding. Equipment is changed over to summer mode. They are mowing and maintaining parks. All restrooms are open including Oakey Park. The tree planting ceremony for Arbor Day trees went well. Work is continuing building maintenance from winter to spring by cleaning filters and roof top units. Fencing is being repaired at the Public Works site. The Osceola School District donated rock from the rooftop of school district buildings to the Village. We got 15 loads, or 30 tons.

Utilities-Caruso: The Dept. is flushing hydrants. The issues with the locking hardware at the oxidation ditch are resolved. We were fortunate to get an additional 25 water meters in stock, as the supply chain is out until October.

Library-Friendshuh: Spent most of her time in the last month working on grant implementation by taking webinars and an e-course on holding community conversations. The library is open by appointment and curbside services are continuing. The Library is considering a hybrid type reopening plan for high-risk visitors and lessening restrictions. The Big Read program kicks off later this month. Outdoor in person book discussions are resuming. There is a master's degree student interested in interning with us.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Ross: Ladies Night Out set for June 17th. The new streetscape banners are coming soon. Grow Osceola did spring clean-up of flower beds and will be doing new planters. Buberl thanked the group that included sixth graders, high school kids, and adults. The fundraising team raised \$8,400 for the flowers and seasonal displays. The Rivertown Trails Coalition is working on trail improvements of the Falls Bluff loop. Congratulations to Trustee Deb Rose for receiving the "Volunteer of the Year" award from the WI Main Street Program! The Chamber received a JEM grant and will be doing advertising and Choo Choo Specials. The Main Street Community Events selected Osceola and two other communities to talk about public art and improve downtrodden areas look better by placing public art there. It is a one-day event with temporary installations lasting a week. Some things are window decorations, small sculpture, or sidewalk art.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Committee/Commission/Board Appointments

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Burch to appoint Betsy Kremser to the Library Board for a 3-year term expiring in 2024 and Amanda Wicklund to the Library Board for a 2-year term expiring in 2023

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Brian Ruechel of Baird commented on the Village bond sale this morning getting a 2.21% interest rate. With all fees paid the Village will have an additional \$77,000 savings in interest expense over the time of the issue. This refinances to long term the Village Hall/Discovery Center building and is dated June 1, 2021. Payments start next year on June 1st and December 1st through 2041. There is a redemption provision and could refinance in June of 2028 if desired.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve Resolution #21-05 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,400,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve the site plan Review for Osceola Auto Body at 402 S. Cascade St. with conditions agreed upon including a 20-foot access easement for future trails.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Krumenauer summarized the site plan review. Cosmetic repair and expansion is the focus. They are requesting some changes in parking with the new lot is in the rear so they would like to pave the front instead of the back lot. There were some minor adjustments of general conditions with some lot lines shifted. West asked about a future access easement for trails in front of the property.

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the final plat for the Kreeview Estates Addition with an additional amendment to the development agreement of conditions: to accept a utility easement over outlot 2, and right of way for \$1.00 in the future if the Village chooses.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to award the 2021 Park mowing contract to Jagusch Lawn Care for \$12,204.00

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by West and seconded by Burch to approve Ordinance #21-02 To amend chapter A222 Fees and Salaries

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Krumenauer commented the Public Works and Public Safety Committees recommended a three way stop sign at Oak Ridge Drive and E 9th Avenue in response to traffic problems at the intersection. Lutz stated this was the least expensive and most sensible alternative and the citizens were happy. \$600 is cost of signage and when the frost is completely out of the ground it will be installed.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to approve Ordinance #21-03 amending section 207-6 Stop signs, traffic control lights and railroad crossings

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by West to approve the 2021 Trustee appointments to Village Commissions/Committees as proposed

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Permits and Licenses:

Motion by West and seconded by West to approve Operator licenses for Sara Carlson – Osceola Braves, Amy C Hallis – Minit Mart, Kade Koecher – PYs, Lori Lancaster – Minit Mart, Timothy Nybeck – Minit Mart, Dallas Nyhagen – Minit Mart, Robert Switalla – Osceola Braves, Briana Webster – PYs

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by West and seconded by Burch to approve a “Class B Beer” & “Class C Wine” for Milk, LLC d/b/a Wisconsin Milk House with the following condition of the concrete front area excluded.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve the “Class B Beer Six-Month” license for the Osceola Braves, Inc.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve a kennel license for Linda Kiran Stordalen at 945 Pioneer Drive

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Burch to approve a Special Event Permit for the Regional Downtown Arts Workshop sponsored by the Osceola Main Street/Chamber

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstain-Rose Motion carried.

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

- a) Board of Appeals May 19, 2020 (BOA approved April 23, 2021)
- b) Admin & Finance March 5, 2021 (Committee approved April 2, 2021)
- c) Historic Preservation March 10, 2021 (Commission approved April 26, 2021)
- d) Library Board March 11, 2021 (L. Board approved April 8, 2021)
- e) Airport Commission March 23, 2021 (Commission approved April 19, 2021)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve vouchers payable

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items

West commented on how Schilberg Park looks good with the Buckthorn gone. Walsh asked about the meeting videos being posted. Lutz is assisting by uploading it from flash drives. Buberl stated the library is planning for reopening, and the rest of Village staff can do the same by coordinating with the Administrator. Buberl commented on the recent meeting on the 2025 bridge project initial meeting. The Braves would like the Board to throw out the opening pitch at the home opener.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk