

VLLAGE OF OSCEOLA BOARD PROCEEDINGS
July 14, 2020

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular meeting on July 14th, 2020. President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Bob Schmidt. Remotely attending was Deb Rose, Bruce Gilliland, Joel West, Tim Anderson, Van Burch

Staff Present: Ben Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Ron Pedrys, Rick Caruso, Joey Cutts

Others Present: Lisa Erickson, Jean Neuman, Jason Schulte, Lisa Curry, Mike Forecki, Ryan Rodgers, Holly Walsh, Zac Stoklasa, Stephanie Kampschroer

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

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Rose to approve the following minutes: Regular meeting dated June 9, 2020, Special Village Meeting dated June 17, 2020, and Joint Board Workshop dated July 8, 2020

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

Jean Neuman from 18837 Osceola Road, Schafer, MN stated she lives above Osceola Landing, one mile straight west of the proposed mine expansion. Neuman is concerned about the noise and is hoping the Village will work in a collaborative manner and do an extra-territorial zoning resolution with the Town of Farmington.

Lisa Curry of Ridge Road thanked the Board for meeting with Farmington Town Board and is asking the Village to allow the public to speak on the proposed expansion.

Holly Walsh of 405 Ridge Road stated she was grateful the Board got together with the Town of Farmington. Walsh hopes they consider extra-territorial zoning and the impact of mine expansion on residents and is opposed to any expansion of the mine.

Brian Rodgers of 411 Ridge Road stated he doesn't like listening to the mine and is considering relocating.

Reports

a) Staff Reports

Administration-Krumenauer: States the Village received a request to sign the building for donors who contributed. Krumenauer met with representatives and listened to ideas. Various issues like the size of the signs, logos, and designs were discussed. The signage will recognize taxpayers as well. The sale of Village property to Federated CoOp is moving along with the survey and Planning Commission review. The Millpond Learning Foundation issued a response to the Village resolution through their legal representatives. The Village has not responded and will continue to invoice them.

Police-Pedrys: The monthly report is brief and a snapshot of June calls. There are a couple of part time officer candidates. The Osceola Medical Center has superhero screening days with the Osceola Police Dept. and Ambulance service participating with COVID-19 precautions in place. The downtown is bustling every day of the week.

Public Works-Krumenauer: The Department is doing street and parks spot repairs and seasonal work. There is lots of trash to pick up. The 2nd Quarter utility billing is out and the utility budget are in good shape. Burch asked about prior valve issues and Caruso responded a contractor is working on it.

Library-Rose: The Library has been open for several weeks and it has been going well. The staff is comfortable with it and working on plans in case changes need to be made on the fly. Buberl asked about the drive up window and Rose explained the procedure and how much it has been helping keep traffic down and usage numbers up.

Fire-Cutts: The month had ten runs with three of those in Farmington. There were two mutual aides on traffic and a car fire. Schmidt asked if there was any word on what happened to the ladder truck. Cutts responded the union joint or axle is broken and they can respond in the Village at low speeds.

Building permits-Krumenauer: Overall June was quiet with five fences and two decks for an estimated \$21,450 cost. Gilliland asked about a reroof at \$178,000 and Krumenauer responded it was a 24 unit complex being reroofed.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Lisa Erickson: COVID has messed with various activity planned and they are taking a step back. Germaine got letters of support for a \$2,500 EDC grant. The Chamber is recruiting for new Board members. They are doing strategic planning at the July meeting are reviewing the current plan to get through the COVID crisis. Buberl asked about take out parking spots and Krumenauer explained the “to go” parking signs have been taken down for the season. The need for broadband services was discussed.

2. Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Caruso wants to amend the resolution regarding sewer only user rates to take effect in the 4th quarter to allow time to get letters out to those sewer only customers. About 12 houses in town have unmetered sewer and wells and charges need to be reviewed and set by resolution. Caruso did not find any standardizing of charges and fell back to the code to set the rate and review annually. The rate is based on the average residential consumption for the first quarter.

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #20-14 Adjusting Sewer Only User Rates
Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Caruso commented on the contract with West Central Biosolids. The Village’s activated sludge is sent there to dispose of. This would extend the current contract another 15 years. West commented this saves the Village money over the course of time as to dispose of sludge ourselves would be a huge capital investment. Krumenauer commented it is a win-win and that additional efficiencies at the WWTP would lower what we send to NW Biosolids.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution #20-15 “Second Amendment to Member’s Long Term Contract” for use of the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility
Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Joint Osceola and Farmington Board Meeting Debrief

Anderson stated this issue warrants discussion to see where everyone is at after last week’s meeting. Anderson’s takeaways is that he appreciated the opportunity to discuss the proposed mine expansion with Town of Farmington officials. Their ordinance a good faith attempt to look at the quarry and residents needs. Anderson felt this was a good step and would like more than one meeting.

West agrees it was a good start of conversation and stated there were some positive things in the draft ordinance and other things he would like to be explored further like limiting sound and exploring water table issues.

Burch appreciates the meeting and talks about history and potential impact on the Village our growth plans. Burch stated we need to continue to work with the township. At this point he would really like to see extra territorial zoning to give the Village some teeth and say so. There is a moratorium through August 30th, and we need more time.

Rose stated she sensed the Town is pretty set and this was a courtesy on their part to meet with us and is curious if they make any changes in the proposed ordinance moving forward. It is not necessarily up to us to tell them what they need, although we have to be strong on some of this. Rose commented she is not sure where we go next, but time is a factor. Rose would like to see a memo of understanding put together.

Gilliland stated he would be surprised if Farmington made changes as he thought they agreed on major points. Gilliland is concerned about groundwater, noise, and dust. Gilliland asked if there were varying degrees of extraterritorial zoning and middle ground so we get some input.

Schmidt agrees with Gilliland and wants to know what extra territorial zoning means and what steps are in the process. The joint meeting with Farmington was address potential complaints. Most of the future Village expansion will most likely be to the south and we may want to want to watch what goes in there. There is not enough we can do to make the residents happy, but is not sure about extra territorial zoning. Schmidt wants to keep an open mind as there are two sides to everything.

Buberl want to keep an open mind and stated the mine has been there a long time. He appreciates the meeting with Farmington officials and would like to see new revisions before making any decisions either way.

Burch asks about a special meeting due to the timeline and Buberl responded the dynamic could change depending upon ordinance changes. Buberl asked about a boundary agreement. Anderson talked about future planning stating there is a lot to explore. Buberl commented perhaps we should we ask them to extend the moratorium so we can explore options. Rose stated we need a plan in place if there are problems.

Krumenauer commented there is no resolution on the agenda and previously a memo was sent out to Board regarding procedures for implementing extra territorial zoning. Krumenauer requested as Clerk Duncanson comment on open meetings as there is no resolution on the agenda. Duncanson responded to act on a resolution that was not prepared or publicly noticed would be a violation of open meetings statutes. West stated we should set up a meeting to review any changes Farmington has made. The Board discussed setting up a meeting for next week to get an update from Farmington officials and to have it framed where there could be discussion and possible action on an extra territorial zoning resolution.

Update and General Discussion on COVID-19 Public Safety Crisis

Krumenauer stated there is an uptick in the area and Polk is considered a higher activity county. Staff has been directed to stay safe and wear a mask. The downstairs restrooms are closed. The Senior Center is open on a limited basis. Visitors are encouraged to wear a mask.

Public Safety Staffing Update Regarding Current and Future Needs

Chief Pedrys stated there is a crisis in obtaining part time officers. The purpose to hire now is for staffing special events, holidays, and helping with vacation and Kelly time. Our long-term part time person is in the hiring process with several agencies. It is possible the Village won't have night officer coverage; without an officer on at night the citizens will feel the pain of not having an officer available and we are already below recommended staffing levels. This was discussed at the Finance Committee who supported increased staffing. Krumenauer presented the projected cost for hiring full time in 2020 and in 2021. Rose stated we have kicked the can down the road, and this needs to be addressed as soon as we can to provide for our community. Gilliland agrees that it may be hard to do and require tough choices, but we need to find a way to make it happen. Burch is 100% behind it to get the ball rolling. Burch asks about COPS grant and Pedrys responded we did not get one this year and these was no word yet on future opportunities. West asks about the audit status and budget before we commit to spend more this year. Krumenauer responded the 2019 audit was delayed because of how 2019 fell. It does not appear to be a stellar year for the Village although the utilities did well. The Village is very tight financially. Pedrys says they would delay purchasing some items this year to cover the projected shortfall. West suggested researching if statute allows us to fund police and raise the levy without penalty. Krumenauer stated as we develop the 2021 budget filling the full time police position will be a priority.

3. Permits and Licenses

Motion by West and seconded by West to approve Operator Licenses for David Quelle at Valley Spirits, Angie Johnson at Osceola Lanes, Mariah Aarhus at Osceola Lanes, and Alyssa Van Klei, at Tippy Canoes

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approving Change of Agent for Class "B" Beer and Class "B" Liquor License Cascade Bar and Grill to Jessica Behr.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve the Class "B" Beer and Class "C" Wine License Pizza Cellar – 102 Second Avenue, Osceola, WI

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Special Event Permit

Schmidt spoke to the to the Polk County Health Dept. to get recommendations on holding these types of events. Buberl also contacted the Polk County Health Department. Schmidt commented the state and county are discouraging these types of events due to risk of cross contamination but will go with whatever the Board wants. Gilliland states infection rates are much higher now than when things were shut down in March. Rose a stated it is a lose-lose situation. Burch stated we may be setting a precedent but this is a health and safety issue.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Burch to deny the special event permit for Breathtaking God Invites You... concert/service on August 28, 2020 Renee Germain to be held at the Osceola Braves ballfield.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Anderson to deny the special event permit for the Osceola Picnic dates July 23, 2020 (rain date July 30, 2020).

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

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

- a. December 5, 2019 Water and Sewer Committee
- b. March 6, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission
- c. May 14, 2020 Osceola Library Board
- d. May 18, 2020 Airport Commission
- e. May 28, 2020 Special Meeting Osceola Library Board
- f. July 2, 2020 Admin and Finance Committee

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the vouchers payable

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Village President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk