

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
August 8, 2023

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular meeting on August 8, 2023, at Village Hall. Village President Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Deb Rose, Bill Chantelois IV, Bruce Gilliland, Brad Lutz, Arvid Maki and Neil Kline

Absent: Van Burch

Staff present: Devin Swanberg, Carie Krentz, Shelby Friendshuh, Todd Waters, Andrew Bach and Paul Elfstrom

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

Ayes-6 Nay-0 Motion carried

Motion by Chantelois and seconded by Maki to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting dated July 11, 2023 and Special meeting dated July 25, 2023.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

Mike Sine at 648 Kreekview Drive spoke as resident and member of Planning Commission. At a recent Plan Commission meeting the fair board approached to discuss a current project they want to get moving on, presented current plan, funding situation and rough timeline. They also brought some concerns regarding the physical location of the building. The fair board, donors and residents are looking for some clarity and direction from officials. From a poll on social media and discussions there is overwhelming (stress overwhelming) agreement to keep building in same location. In favor to review all aspects of the plans. Fair board is looking for expedited, clear, and direct communication to ensure the project gets completed by next year, 100 year anniversary of fair.

Lisa Curry at 397 Ridge Road and lives directly west of the North 40 mine. A few years ago, when they blasted at the mine, residence came to the Village for support. North 40 has a wash pond that has gone directly into her well water. North 40 had to get her well tested and is hoping the findings are inaccurate due to having deadly heavy metals. Getting tested again and is hoping for better results but if that doesn't happen she will get Village support in address this issue. She will provide the information to Village if the findings of deadly heavy metals is true.

Reports: Staff reports

Utilities: Caruso was not in attendance. Swanberg went over some key points starting with Kenny passing his DNR phosphorus removal certification exam. A water main was struck by fiberoptic company and was isolated and repaired. Continuing the mapping process to make sure we have accurate and precise locations.

Library-Friendshuh: Last month was largely spent preparing and hosting the community conversation on how to spend the LTC grant. It was a successful and productive group and now needs to send in the plan and can begin spending the funds. Have also been working on their initial budget draft and projections for the remainder of the year. Another month over 5,000 in circulation, which has been our benchmark. Added 185 items to collections. Went over last months programming activities. Had 145 participants, with more than 760 program attendees with a combined 1,440 hours of reading. Fun year to be back to normal.

Fire-Elfstrom: 12 runs total last month, 6 in Village of Osceola, 5 in Town of Farmington and 1 Mutual Aid in Shafer, MN. Highlighted training being done, working with Friends of Osceola Fire & Rescue, waiting to hear back on an FFP grant through WI DNR and were denied a \$2,500 grant through WE Energies Foundation.

Building Inspection: Swanberg stated had one new home permit issued last month and a total of 6 permits in the month of July for a total value of \$312,567, which is still behind last year's permits issued.

Administration-Swanberg: Apartment complex is looking to start demo this month and hoping to break ground in November. Budget discussions have started, looking to create utility storm sewer and meeting with department heads to discuss the 2024 budget. Two lots on land by Kwik Trip are still getting items done and more information will be provided once received. Lot in Industrial Park land we have a signed purchase agreement and earnest

funds. Audit hasn't been completed due to the court account reconciliation not being done for a year but is now completed. Still working on the court combination with Dresser and St. Croix Falls.

Police: Pedrys is not in attendance due to being at a conference. Bach reviewed memo in packet.

Public Works-Waters: Short staffed in the month of July but still made plenty progress. Started work on the bump out beds in the downtown area. Storm that came through took 5 days of work to get all cleaned up. Got new faucets installed in Oakey Park restrooms and got the dangerous park equipment taken down at Gristmill Park and took out sand and replaced with dirt. Worked on the falls overlook decking, fixed and working with manufacturer to review composite used. Wanted to touch on great talk with fair board members in regard to the building in Oakey Park, felt it was an awesome idea and the possibility of doing something dynamic and owe everyone that communications continue on placement of building and the Village being a part of it for everyone to use. Touched on vandalism in Mill Pond Park and getting a few camera's placed to help with accountability and restitution. Wrapped up on building maintenance issue and working with new company to make sure we don't have these surprises.

Kline asked if there was a comprehensive plan for Oakey Park space. Waters said no, but feels keeping communication open and continue to discuss.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet: No members present. Rose highlighted the work Wyatt Yager is doing with Main Street and working with Wisconsin Main Street in Madison. Also mentioned that the Community Fair and Wheels & Wings are always looking for volunteers if anyone is able.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Appointment of Quinn Alt to the Redevelopment Authority (5-year term expiring 2028)

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Chantelois approve Quinn Alt to the Redevelopment Authority.

Kline abstain given relationship with Quinn.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-1(Kline) Motion carried

Seal Coating Bids

Swanberg opened up the seal coating bids and low bid came from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers and recommend we go with lowest bid.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Maki to approve Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the Bid amount of \$66,877.73 and alternate for \$13,009.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

2023 Police Supervisor

Swanberg stated the Chief Pedrys has gotten approval from Police & Fire Board and Admin & Finance Board to approve promoting a current officer to a non-union police supervisor position. It will allow for a clear second in command whenever the Chief is unavailable. It's an additional \$8,075/year and come from the part-time officer fund. Swanberg is making the recommendation to move forward with the non-union supervisor position.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Kline to authorize the Chief to promote an officer to the non-union supervisor position in the Osceola Police Department.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Approval for early 2024 squad car order

Swanberg approval for when car is available for bids for new vehicles, the department is able to move forward on it. This is something where when it is open bids it closes quickly and this will allow the department to act for a new car for 2024. This item is already in the capital plan for 2024.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to authorize our Police Department to put their order in for a 2024 squad car.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Permission to hire a part-time civilian evidence technician

Swanberg stated we are losing an officer and another officer has become allergic to some of the substances in the evidence room. Looking to hire a part-time civilian evidence technician to help with evidence for previously stated reason and also Chief cannot be evidence tech because he is in charge of inventory on an as needed basis.

Motion by Maki and seconded by Kline to authorize the hiring of a part-time civilian evidence technician.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Discuss consent agenda

Discussion took place about changing the format of the Board agenda to include a consent agenda. Items approved for the consent agenda were minutes from previous Board meetings, Licenses & Permits, Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports and Vouchers Payable. Board directed staff to move forward getting this change implemented.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Chantelois to approve Temporary (Picnic) Class B Beer License for Osceola Rod & Gun Club.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Kline and seconded by Maki to approve all Operator License applicants as presented.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Lutz will be abstaining from vote on the Osceola Community Fair due to being on the fair board as an officer.

Motion by Maki seconded by Kline to approve Special Event Permit Application to Hang Banner for Osceola Community Fair as presented.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-1(Lutz) Motion carried

Motion by Lutz seconded by Chantelois to approve Conditional Obstruction Permit Application for The Looking Glass as presented.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

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

- a) Admin & Finance July 7, 2023 (Commission approved August 4, 2023)
- b) Airport Commission June 19, 2023 (Committee approved July 17, 2023)
- c) Library Board June 8, 2023 (Commission approved July 13, 2023)
- d) Historic Preservation June 14, 2023 (Commission approved August 3, 2023)
- e) Planning Commission June 6, 2023 (Commission approved July 20, 2023)
- f) Planning Commission June 20, 2023 (Commission approved July 20, 2023)
- g) Planning Commission July 20, 2023 (Commission approved August 1, 2023)
- h) Police & Fire Committee October 13, 2022 (Committee approved July 12, 2023)

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Maki to approve vouchers payable.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Future agenda items and updates

Rose mentioned the book bike will be at farmers market this Friday and wanted to recognize the passing of Joanne Kutz, long-time resident of Osceola and election worker.

President Rose adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Carie Krentz, Village Clerk