

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA BOARD PROCEEDINGS

August 10, 2021

The Village of Osceola Board met for a Regular Meeting on August 10th, 2021 at Village Hall. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Joel West, Holly Walsh, Van Burch, Deb Rose, Brad Lutz, and Bruce Gilliland
Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson, Ron Pedrys, Todd Waters, Paul Elfstrom, Shelby Friendshuh

Others present: Terry Hauer of PCEDC, Trudy Lorenz, Joey Cutts, Phil Points, C.L Sill

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the agenda

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Walsh to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting dated July 13, 2021

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker) No one present wanted to speak.

Reports: Staff reports

Police-Pedrys: The new NOPTIC thermal system assisted in apprehending several burglary suspects. The squad car sold for \$9,300 on public auction. Family Fun Night and Superhero Screening events were held at the Osceola Medical Center. The hiring process for a new full-time officer is in progress with the Administrative and Community panels both agreeing on the preferred candidate. A conditional offer of employment is pending is pending with an August 18th date anticipated. The alternate candidate is willing to work part time for the department. National Night Out was last Tuesday with food, live music, and kids games.

Public Works-Waters: July was very busy with improvements to downtown, parks, and buildings. Storms came through with extra cleanup work on the north side of the Village. They used the Village of Dresser's equipment to cut the time spent in half. There is a new roof at Shilberg park pavilion. There are new picnic tables as well.

Utilities-Krumenauer: Stated the report was in the packet. Pumping numbers were down a little bit from June. With some rain those numbers will change.

Library-Friendshuh: The Library is fully open now and it has been going well. MORE Directors passed the budget for 2022 and we will see a small decrease to our cost as a side effect of the pandemic. An app for the library system was passed that will feature self-checkout. Circulation had a slight dip in July, that is not unusual as people are usually very busy. There are 127 new items this month and they are accepting donations. The first in person story time since the pandemic went well. Toys in the children's area will be updated so they are easy to clean, and the space will make more sense.

Fire-Elfstrom: There were seven runs in July, two in the Village, one mutual aid, and four in Farmington. There was a wild line fire where a 25-acre straw field burned. They worked National Night out with the Police Dept. and Ambulance Service. The ladder truck is in for warranty work. Hangar inspections are down to one. There was a small plane crash yesterday on takeoff, the is pilot OK. The NTSB will release the wreckage after the investigation.

Building Inspection-Krumenauer: The numbers are typical, and we are doing very well in growth.

Administration-Krumenauer: The quarterly tenants meeting went good with the Sr. Center, Library, and Public Works Dept. Gilliland asked about the meeting with the Town of Osceola on Simmon Drive. Krumenauer reported one third of the roadway is under their jurisdiction. Overall the discussion went well.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Rose: Chamber Committees are working on economic vitality. The Osceola Grow group is weeding flower beds and keeping things looking nice. The River Trails coalition is holding Beer

Fest again. They are in full event planning mode between the Harvest Bazaar, Brewfest, and holiday lights. Osceola Family Dental has a ribbon cutting coming up.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Terry Hauer, Executive Director of the Polk County Economic Development Corporation gave an update on the many facets of economic development and the work being done to maintain the workforce, housing, broadband, and tourism. 2020 grants, loans and programs were reviewed.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to appoint Bernie Desmarais to the Osceola Tourism Commission for a one-year term

Ayes-0 Nays-7 Motion fails

Under discussion of this motion Trustee Brad Lutz read aloud a statement regarding the appointment.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Walsh to approve the proposed Lot Split for 135/137 Belmont Street as applied for by Ron Carlson

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by West to approve Resolution #21-06: Authorizing public improvement and levying special assessment of \$490,040.44 within the 4th and Kent Street improvement areas – RDA Special Assessment

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

This project is completed, but the assessment process was not. The dollar amount was confirmed internally and by our auditors.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding priorities discussion

The Village has been allocated \$267,532.00 in ARPA funds and received the first half. It is based on population size, and we have until 2024 to allocate it, and until 2026 to spend it.

Krumenauer outlined four areas the money could potentially be used for:

Community revitalization such as a downtown façade revolving loan program as a supplement to the WCRPC fund.

Residential improvements like a microloan or grant to help offset improvements to aging housing infrastructure as a match style program. We could identify areas of need and work through the details as we go through committees and to the board.

Utility extensions and infrastructure-this is potentially the largest use of the money.

Remaining balance could be placed in a reserve account in case there are further pandemic fallout and unknowns.

The Board then discussed the possibilities, and the consensus was to use existing committees as much as possible to develop the programs and procedures.

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the proposed AARPA goals funding as presented in the Board packet.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Permits and Licenses:

Motion by West and seconded by Walsh to approve a Temporary Class B Beer and Wine license for the Osceola Lions Club, Kyle Weaver President – Wheels & Wings, September 11th, 2021

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Lutz to approve a Class B Temporary Beer license for the Osceola Rod & Gun Club, Philip Points President – Osceola Community Fair September 10-12, 2021

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by West to approve Operator Licenses for Paige Dvorak – Tippy Canoes, Connor Haberle – Dick’s Fresh Market, Nina Savoy – Tippy Canoes, Breann Wilson – Minit Mart, Jennifer Wright – Valley Spirits

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Walsh to approve the Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports for:

- a) Library Board June 10, 2021 (L. Board approved July 8, 2021)
- b) Admin & Finance July 2, 2021 (Committee approved August 6, 2021)
- c) Planning Commission July 6, 2021 (Commission approved August 3, 2021)

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Walsh and seconded by Gilliland to approve of vouchers payable

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Rose to go into closed session proceedings at 7:45 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) for purposes of Reviewing potential developer incentives pertaining to Tax Increment District No 3.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Buberl, Burch, Gilliland, Lutz, Rose, Walsh, West Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Burch and seconded by West to come out of closed session proceedings at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Burch and seconded by Lutz to authorize Krumenauer to proceed with negotiations for a potential developer agreement with incentives in TID#3

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items

Lutz asks about a composting area for the public and Krumenauer responded it was close to being completed. Rose reviewed upcoming community events. Buberl reminded the Board may participate in the Community Fair parade.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk