

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
September 13, 2022

The Village of Osceola Board met for a Public Hearing and Special Meeting on September 13, 2022. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Bill Chantelois IV, Bruce Gilliland, Brad Lutz, Deb Rose, Holly Walsh.

Excused: Van Burch

Staff present: Frank Pascarella, Frances Duncanson, Rick Caruso, Todd Waters, Ron Pedrys, Paul Elfstrom, Rebekah Palmer

Others present: Ruth Sattler, Jessi Kruger, Howard Killilea, Tim Patterson, Peter Paidar, Ardith Nyberg, Tom Caravelli, Jack Starr, Vicki Nelson, Jeff Engel

President Buberl opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting on the proposed amendment #22-03 to SEC 219-17B(3) of the Village Code of Ordinances. This proposed amendment would change the requirement for parking per residential unit from two parking spaces per residential unit to 1.5 spaces per residential unit

Tom Killilea of 401 River St.: Feels the ordinance change is to accommodate the development of the old hospital site. From a policy perspective of the Village Comprehensive plan and Smart Growth we want better access and less traffic. Decreasing the parking requirement would not be consistent with that.

Tim Patterson of 305 River St.: Wants to know what is driving the way the ordinance is written. Would like to see the Board proceed with the neighborhood taken into consideration.

Peter Paidar of 508 River St.: Read a letter he had prepared. Wants the Board to table a vote until the public is informed of all related issues.

Tom Caravelli of 503 River St.: Does not feel it is a good thing to decrease parking requirements.

Jack Starr of 411 River St.: Mr. Starr is the minister of the Osceola United Methodist Church. They want development but not over-development. They do not want parking restrictions loosened. They would like to see things move slowly and re-think the parking issue.

Roger Hale of 713 River St.: Feels it would be a big mistake to pass the ordinance.

Vicki Nelson of 505 River St.: Read a letter from neighbors Debbie Borek and Dave Wiseman who could not attend the meeting. They are opposed to lowering the required number of parking spaces and feel there is insufficient parking now.

President Buberl closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve the agenda

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Chantelois to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting dated August 10, 2022, Special meeting dated August 20, 2022, and Special meeting dated August 25, 2022

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker) There were no public comments or input.

Reports:
Staff reports

Police-Pedrys: There were eight arrests in August and 78 traffic stops with 25 citations issued. In August two juveniles were identified who sprayed graffiti on the bridge embankments by the River. They were cited and restitution is being sought. The Dept. again participated in National Night Out. Summer Safety presentations were made at the library for several busloads of K-6 students. The Dept. participated in the “Shop With a Cop” back to school event.

Public Works-Waters: The Dept. worked with the asphalt contractor on Gerald, State, and Second Street. Thirty street signs were installed or maintained. Streetlights in Gateway were reviewed and maintained. Ditches were mowed for upcoming community events. The Urban Forestry grant and tree planting were worked on.

Utilities-Caruso: The transition to Android meter reading is complete, simplifying the process by combining routes. Repairs were made to the Industrial Park lift station. A manhole on State Street was raised to meet the final grade of the new asphalt.

Library-Miller: Director Friendshuh will be back in October. August had circulation of 4,725 and thirty new patrons. 237 new items were added to our collection in August. Adult book discussion met in August.

Fire-Elfstrom: Gave the August report.

Building Inspection-Pascarella: There were eleven permits issued in August including one new home. Estimated permit total value was \$303,168.

Administration-Pascarella: Stated he spent the past month working on items that will be on the agenda tonight. Duncanson commented on upcoming Board of Review.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet-Kruger: The new website has been launched. There is a private Facebook group for members. There are three candidates to consider for the Chamber Board. The Harvest Bazaar fundraiser is coming up. The St. Croix Valley Railway is celebrating 30 years of locating to Osceola.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Ordinance #22-03 to amend SEC 219-17B(3) of the Village Code of Ordinances Parking

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Chantelois to adopt Ordinance #22-03 to amend SEC 219-17B(3) of the Village Code of Ordinances Parking with the change from 2 parking spaces to 1.7 parking spaces per unit.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Lutz to approve Resolution #22-05 titled “Resolution to Annually Apply for a Simplified Water Rate Case through the Public Service Commission”

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Chantelois to approve Resolution #22-06 “Resolution to Waive Required Sewer Connection at 913 Cascade Street”

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Potential Ice Climbing Wall Site

Jeff Engel gave a presentation on a proposed ice climbing wall on the bluff. Village staff and the National Park Service have been working with Engel to answer questions about construction, logistics, and financial responsibilities. The Board consensus was to send the project to the various Village committees to work out the details.

The Board took at five-minute recess at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to appoint Frank Pascarella to the Polk County Loan Committee.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Walsh to appoint Arvid Maki to the Library Board

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to approve the 2023 Osceola Ambulance Service Contract

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Village President Buberl left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Walsh to accept the resignation of Joint Municipal Court Judge Dorn-Cutler effective September 30, 2022

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Chantelois to approve the appointment of Jessica Buberl to fill the balance of the Joint Municipal Court Judge term until the April 2023 election. Gilliland moved to rescind the motion, seconded by Chantelois

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

The Board discussed any potential conflicts of interest with Jessica Buberl serving as Municipal Judge as her spouse is Village President.

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Chantelois to approve the appointment of Jessica Buberl to fill the balance of the Joint Municipal Court Judge term until the April 2023 election.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Village President Buberl rejoined the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Chantelois to approve the addition of Carie Krentz to signature cards of Village bank accounts.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Village Treasurer Position

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Walsh to approve transitioning the full-time Office Assistant position to a full-time Village Treasurer position with a new hire in November 2022, and to approve the proposed job description and advertisement.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Osceola Police Department request for Full-time Supervisor

The Police & Fire Committee discussed the staffing needs of the Osceola Police department. It is difficult to hire part time officers. The Committee recommended a full-time supervisory position be added. The Board consensus was to discuss the financial implications of adding the position at the upcoming Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Brookshire Development has requested a one-year option to purchase 28 acres of Village owned property near the airport off of 68th for \$340,000.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Chantelois to approve the Grant of Option between Village of Osceola Redevelopment Authority and The Brookshire Co., LLC

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Permits and Licenses:

Motion by Rose and seconded by Chantelois to approve a Class B Beer Six-Month License for the St. Croix Center for the Arts d/b/a St. Croix Art Barn located at 1040 Oak Ridge Drive, Brady Langer, Agent

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Walsh to approve a Temporary Class B Picnic Beer License – Osceola Chamber/Main Street-Osceola Trails Coalition for Valley Brewfest October 1st, 2022 at Osceola Fair Grounds

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve Operator Licenses for Laurelei Creuzer – St. Croix Art Barn, Marissa Libersky – PYs, Keshia Lundgren – Lucky 7 General Store, Shelley Museus – Lucky 7 General Store, Gwendolyn Wright – St. Croix Art Barn

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Rose to approve a Special Event Permits for 2022 Valley Brewfest to be held October 1st, 2022 (Shirley Johnson, Agent)

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Walsh to approve the following Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports:

a) Library Board	June 9, 2022	(Commission approved August 11, 2022)
b) Library Board	July 14, 2022	(Commission approved August 11, 2022)
c) Admin & Finance	August 5, 2022	(Committee approved Sept. 2, 2022)
d) Planning Commission	August 2, 2022	(Commission approved Sept. 6, 2022)
e) Airport Commission	June 24, 2022	(Commission approved August 15, 2022)
f) Water & Sewer Committee	May 31, 2022	(Committee approved August 30, 2022)
g) Historical Preservation Commission	July 11, 2022	(Committee approved August 8, 2022)
h) Historical Preservation Commission	July 26, 2022	(Committee approved August 8, 2022)
i) Police & Fire Board	July 6, 2022	(Committee approved August 31, 2022)
	Ayes-6	Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Lutz to approve vouchers payable

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Rose to go into closed session at 8:51 p.m. 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 The Wisconsin Milkhouse property at 103 N. Cascade St and Gaughan Companies Osceola Bluffs proposed development.

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

The Board continued in closed session proceedings at 9:59 p.m. under 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This pertains to the Village Administrator position.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to come out of closed session proceedings at 10:01 p.m.

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

Motion by Gilliland and seconded by Walsh to accept the amended TIF agreement with Gaughan Companies for the Osceola Bluffs project as presented in closed session.

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

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Gilliland to accept the offer from LME, LLC regarding the Wisconsin Milkhouse property at 103 N. Cascade St the as presented in closed session.

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

Future agenda items and updates Trustee Rose commented how much she appreciated working with her fellow Board members.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Frances Duncanson, MMC-WCPC
Village Clerk