

VLLAGE OF OSCEOLA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS

October 13, 2020

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular Board meeting on October 13, 2020 at Village Hall. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Buberl, Deb Rose, Bob Schmidt, Brad Lutz, and remotely Joel West, Bruce Gilliland, and Van Burch
Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Ron Pedrys, Rick Caruso
Others present: Germaine Ross, Citizens

Motion by West and seconded by Gilliland to approve the agenda.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Burch and seconded by Rose to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated September 8, 2020 and the special meeting dated September 23, 2020.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input – None

Reports:

- a. Staff Reports – Buberl provided a quick update on Wilberg Memorial Public Library. He reported that it was a typical month for the library and that Covid measures continue to remain in place. Buberl followed by reporting on the September status of the fire department. Runs remained low and annual trainings are beginning to wrap up for the summer season. Schmidt stated his request for staff to look at options to better secure the Cascade Falls Trail. Presently, public safety is required to traverse difficult terrain to support emergencies or use the stairs. Schmidt stated other options should be explored. Krumenauer gave a brief update on building permits. One new single-family permit was pulled in addition to 7 others. A total value of \$396,325 in permits were listed. Krumenauer updated the Board on various projects including a general state of local Covid-19 response, soon to be proposed recycling and refuse contract, staffing coverages due to Covid-19, broadband/fiber opportunities, and other annual contract updates. Chief Pedrys updated on the September police statistics as well as the anticipated hiring of a new officer. Lastly, Caruso provided a Public Works/Utility update including annual reporting numbers for PSC and end of year projections.
- b. Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet – Germaine provided a monthly cutsheet on Chamber/Mainstreet happenings. Of particular excitement for the Chamber include the strong state of our downtown and businesses. Upcoming events include an October 29th social at Bending Branches and a ribbon cutting ceremony at Sleepy Thicket.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Rose to approve the proposed airport entitlement transfer to Dodge County Airport.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Burch to approve a three-year service contract with Appraisal Services and Data Processing Systems.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Krumenauer and Chief Pedrys presented the need for a new full-time officer as well as the fiscal impacts the position will create. Staff stated that funding is available and will be prioritized thanks to the 2020 COPS Grant award.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to approve the hiring of a new full-time officer for the Village of Osceola.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by West and seconded by Lutz to approve the appointments of 2020 poll workers.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstain-1 (Rose) Motion carried

Motion by Rose and seconded by Burch to approve appointment of Carlson, Malik, Robinson and Bruno to the Room Tax commission.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Approval of Operator Licenses- Krumenauer provided a quick update and that after an internal review staff recommend approval of all three licenses.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to approve the operator licenses for Cook, Steffen and Beam.

Discussion on the motion: Lutz expressed his concerns over one of the members and asked if a revision would be entertained. He is requesting that Crystal Cook be omitted so additional discussion could occur.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Gilliland to amend the previous motion by removing Cook from the motion.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Original motion has now been revised to exclude Crystal Cook from any action stated.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried

Lutz requested a clearer explanation on Cook's application. Chief Pedrys explained the restrictions on what is considered a qualified crime that would create a negative recommendation by the Village of Osceola staff. He went on to state that a crime or felony directly related to alcohol is in discussion. Other crimes not related do not typically play into the discussion for an Operate License.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by West to table any action on Cook's operator license application (agenda number 7ai) until such a time where Cook can help provide some context regarding her application.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Krumenauer stated that staff will reach out and request an in-person discussion at a future Board meeting.

Board, Committee, Commission and Agency Reports- Buberl listed the reports for review.

Motion by Rose and seconded by Gilliland to approve the various agency reports.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by West to approve the monthly vouchers.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items- Schmidt wished Gilliland good health on his upcoming surgery, Burch reminded all to stay safe for the upcoming election. West none, Gilliland none, Buberl let the Board know that Polaris is looking to install larger employees needed signs and that he and staff will look for options. Rose thanked staff for the hard work in 2020 and Lutz had no further updates.

The meeting was adjourned at by Village President Buberl at 6:59 pm.