

**VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
December 4, 2024**

The Village of Osceola met for a Special meeting on December 4, 2024, at Village Hall. Village President Lutz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Brad Lutz, Arvid Maki, Mike Sine, Marsha Hovey, Van Burch and Neil Kline

Absent: Ron Pedrys

Staff present: Devin Swanberg, Carie Krentz, Tanya Batchelor, and Ann Miller

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

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public Hearing – 2025 Proposed Budget

Lutz opened public hearing. No one from the public is in attendance and closes the public hearing.

Proposed amendments to 2025 Proposed Budget

Lutz asks members for any amendments to the proposed 2025 budget – no amendments suggested.

Resolution #24-16 “To Appropriate Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and to Authorize the Levy of a Sufficient Tax Upon the Taxable Property within the Village of Osceola”

Lutz states looking for approval of Resolution #24-16 “To Appropriate Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and to authorize the Levy of a sufficient tax upon the taxable property within the Village of Osceola.” States this is the authorization to collect taxes next year.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Sine to approve Resolution #24-16 as presented.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Swanberg thanked staff for all hard work on the budget, feels it went very well and was presented to board effectively.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Resolution #24-17 – Vibrant Spaces Grant

Swanberg stated he is applying for Vibrant Space Grant, through the State and has a \$50K max and a 1 to 1 match if awarded. Applying for Cascade project specifically for Gristmill Park because grant is for improving existing spaces. Looking for approval of Resolution #24-17 to apply for grant. Discussion on where matching funds will come from if awarded grant. This grant can be used along with our Stewardship Grant. Swanberg is trying to help the Cascade project be the best it can be.

Motion by Kline and seconded by Maki to adopt Resolution #24-17 as presented.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Snow Removal Contracts – Municipal Building & Downtown Area

Swanberg stated Waters has had difficulty getting contractors to bid on these spaces. Waters recommendations are listed in memo and Swanberg recommends the same. Discussion on both bids provided.

Motion by Maki and seconded by Hovey to approve snow removal contracts as presented.

Discussion: Sine feels Villages should work for better solicitation for more competitive and create interest in the bidding. Burch stated this may be the best we will get.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Winter Parking Permits

Swanberg stated we are currently out of winter parking passes and due to issues with 2nd Avenue parking lot he

does not want to issue any passes in that lot. He has offered free parking, with agreement from Waters, in the new lot by the Skatepark due to the distance from the apartments. Looking for guidance on parking, maintenance of 2nd Avenue lot, need to create more spaces, etc. Working on getting a meeting set with Salewski on 2nd Avenue lot. Discussion on other parking options. It was stated that if we don't own 2nd Avenue lot, we will not maintain lot and the signs should be removed. Directed staff to look into replacing 2nd Avenue spaces with Municipal Building lot spaces.

Future agenda items and updates

Lutz reference the Levy Difference handout showing that taxes will be going down overall and this weekend is Light-Up Osceola.

Sine asked what will be before the board at next weeks meeting.

Kline stated he will be sending out information for closed session at next week's meeting.

President Lutz adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carie Krentz, Village Clerk