

**VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
February 11, 2025**

The Village of Osceola met for a Regular meeting on February 11, 2025, at Village Hall. Village President Lutz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Ron Pedrys

Staff present: Devin Swanberg, Carie Krentz, Ann Miller, Todd Waters, Rick Caruso, Andrew Bach, Paul Elfstrom and Joey Cutts

Motion by Burch and seconded by Hovey to approve the agenda.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Motion by Maki and seconded by Kline to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Public input and ideas (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)

Carolyn Saunders at 915 Geiger Street discussed the requirement to remove snow on the sidewalk behind her house. When put in the residents were told this would be maintained by Village staff. The plows add additional snow that is heavier to clear. Stated September newsletter stated in front of home that does not match ordinance but though there was change due to newsletter. Would board to consider this situation and remove the requirement for it to cleared by residents.

Abe Webster at 913 Geiger Street stated when sidewalk was added was presented as a public walkway and would be maintained by Village. Feels residents are not able to safely clear these sidewalks.

Shelly Campeau at 917 Geiger Street stated she was one that received the \$156.62 bill and feels it is a ridiculous amount for snow plow. The area is hard for her to shovel due to large amounts from plow as well as the heaviness of snow from the plow, and if she has to go around to get to her section she has to go on highway which is unsafe as well.

Doug Strain at 923 Greiger Street presented these issues a year ago and understands the complications. Feels the snow on that sidewalk should be removed by commercial equipment due heaviness and amount from plows. Has given ideas to Administrator and Public Works, not sure if board has heard them, understands issues department is facing but there are certain sidewalks that village should maintain.

Reports: Staff reports

Library: Miller reviewed Library Director memo.

Fire: Elfstrom stated runs for the month of January were 14 runs total, 11 in Village of Osceola, 1 in Town of Farmington, 1 Mutual Aid Dresser and 1 Mutual Aid Shafer and reviewed his memo.

Police: Bach stated the PD generated 307 calls, 55 incidents and traffic reports with 1 arrest and 1 criminal referrals. Officers had 20 traffic stops and issued 26 municipal citations. Proceeded to review his memo to the board.

Public Works: Waters reviewed his memo to the board. Discussion followed on new furnace versus fixing existing and snow removal.

Utilities: Caruso reviewed utilities memo and stated found water main under railroad tracks that will provide a substantial savings.

Building Inspection: None for January.

Administration: Swanberg stated received public input for Cascade Falls Phase 1, thanked the public for coming out and giving input. The Planning Commission approved concept plan for the Caleb See development for Ridge Road. He is working on other developments and will be meeting with WI/MN DOT for the 243 trail reconstruct. Also meeting with Verizon for pole in Oakey Park. Bach and he met with school regarding the resource officer. Lastly, stated he has received compliments from residents for public works on snow clearing of Village.

Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet: No report this month.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

Albrightson Excavating final payment request – Simmon Drive

Swanberg stated final payment request from Stantec is in packet and recommends approval of request. Sine asked is we have received all close out documentation. Swanberg stated all that has to be submitted with grant and that it is due in June of this year. Short discussion on getting close out documents before payment is made and Swanberg stated it would have it all for grant submittal.

Motion by Lutz and seconded by Hovey to approve final payment request to Albrightson Excavating in the amount of \$22,556.47 as presented. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried

Line of Credit renewal and 2 authorized signers

Swanberg stated he and Batchelor found a way to pay off line of credit back in November. Currently has a zero balance and looking for approval to renewal of LOC, as a just-in-case scenario, along with two signers being the Village President, Brad Lutz and Village Clerk, Carie Krentz. Lutz stated he would abstain from voting due to being a signer.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Maki to approve line of credit renewal of \$700,000 with President Lutz and Clerk Krentz as signers at Midwest One Bank.

Abstain-Lutz Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

Future agenda items and updates

Hovey stated Wheels & Wings is looking for sponsorship on their board.

Maki would like to see the Heritage Committee minutes included in board packets. Staff was directed to contact and receive going forward.

Burch inquired about the cemetery and Swanberg stated asked them for a counter offer and will on March agenda if they respond.

Kline stated snow removal should be discussed at meeting and address the error in newsletter – front of homes statement.

President Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carie Krentz, Village Clerk