

Town of Oconto Falls Regular Board Meeting Minutes Monday October 10, 2022, 6 p.m. at the Town Hall

Chairman Alsteen called the meeting to order at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Roll Call-Alsteen, Peterson, Kaczmarek, Rieth, Mogged present for the board.

Paul Anderson, Paul Shallow, Wayne & Sharon Wenzel, Mary Renel, Bob April, Roger Kane present for the public. Dean Hess, Heather Kangas, Ginny O'Harrow representing Oconto Falls Public Schools Referendum.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the last Meeting as published made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Rieth presented the treasurer's Report.

The motion to pay bills was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Paul Anderson Zone Change Request-Paul Shallow represented Paul Anderson for final approval for the zone change request from Agricultural to Neighborhood Commercial.

Motion to approve by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried. Shallow also asked for approval of the conditional use plan as presented by Anderson. Motion to approve by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. If the property is sold, the new owners will be required to go through a new conditional use permit process.

Oconto Falls School District Capital Referendum Informational Briefing

Superintendent Dean Hess presented facts concerning the 11/8/22 OFSD referendum.

Facility challenges at Washington Middle School are negatively affecting the quality of education provided to its' students. Roof repairs and replacement must continue to be addressed before the structure itself is compromised. Secure entrances into every school building have become crucial to guard the health and welfare of our children.

\$\$ figures as presented-

\$35,547,000- Construction of new middle school and demolition/clearing of old school

\$1,459,000-OFES roof replacement

\$298,500-OFHS roof repairs

\$190,500-Abrams Elementary gym roof replacement

\$60,000-Abrams Elementary secure entrance

\$45,000-OFHS secure entrance

\$30,000-OFES secure entrance

Town of Oconto Falls Referendum-the referendum to appoint(hire) is the last step in the process dictated by State Statute of going from an elected to an appointed clerk and treasurer.

Appointing (hiring) gives the town the ability to hire based on qualifications and experience and the ability to remove based on cause.

Fire Ordinance-This was tabled from last month. Wording changes were requested and made. Motion to approve ordinance was made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson.

Roll call vote, Kaczmarek, yes, Peterson, yes, Alsteen, yes. Motion carried.

Update on Plow Truck-2007 has been traded in. We expect the new truck in a few weeks.

Form ad-hoc committee to look into Town Hall needs-Wayne Wenzel, Bob April, Ginny O'Harrow, Vic Peterson, Bob Wolf, Dave Alsteen, Roger Kane have been appointed. They will meet monthly after the regular town board meeting.

Set dates and time for November meetings for the Public Budget Hearing, the Special Town Elector Meeting to set the Levy and the Special Town Board Meeting to adopt the 2022 Town of Oconto Falls budget-**Motion to move all meetings including the regular monthly Board meeting to November 7th with a start time of 5:30, with each meeting to be immediately followed by the next meeting made by Alsteen, second by Peterson.** Motion carried.

Big Dumpster Day October 15th, 2022-Help is lined up. Dave will contact GFL to make sure they will have adequate dumpsters.

General Election November 8th, 2022-everything is ready to go. We expect high voter turnout.

Public Comment –Roger Kane asked about the braking issue on Hwy 22 close to the western edge of Oconto Falls. We have an ordinance, but it doesn't seem to be enforced. Have we purchased property for a possible new town hall/fire station yet? No, that is something the ad-hoc committee will be looking into. Ditch mowing was another topic of conversation. Board members will be working with personnel to see if it is a mechanical issue.

Town Board Comment-Kaczmarek-Ambulance, 10 month report at next month's meeting. Call volume has increased significantly. The appropriation has increased 2% by contract. Alsteen- 2% increase in our appropriation to OFFD. Plans to build the new station are going well.

Mogged-New Town of Oconto Falls population estimate is 1266, of which 1,009 are voting age.

Rieth talked about various banking changes that she is looking into. She also talked about the county computer support that will be on-line January 1st. It will be a cost savings and will cover both laptops.

Motion to adjourn was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Susan Mogged, Clerk