

**TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 15th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Robert C Hultquist called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. Supervisors present included John Koepke, John Roelandts, Rosie Rutkowski and Terry Largent. Also in attendance were Attorney Bill Chapman, Police Chief James Wallis, Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann and Clerk/Treasurer Lori Opitz. Highway Superintendent Sam Salzman was excused. For additional attendees please see sign in sheet.

Those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes from Regular Town Board meeting July 1, 2019. – Supervisor Roelandts made the motion to approve the regular Town Board meeting minutes for July 1, 2019 as presented. Supervisor Rutkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence. – Clerk/Treasurer Opitz stated she received a letter that afternoon and made copies for the Board to review prior to the meeting.

Comments from the Floor on Agenda items or any other items.

Chairman Hultquist stated he had heard that there would be a conflict on his part being the director of the Okauchee Fire Department in regards to the possible merger of fire departments. He stated that first and foremost he is the Chairman for the Town and that becomes before his role as director of the fire department and stated to everyone he will abstain from voting as his role as director of the Fire Department in regards to any vote pertaining to a merger. He also stated there will not be a final vote tonight regarding the merger because he had promised at the last meeting there would be a public informational meeting for Town residents to voice their concerns regarding the merger.

Scott Peterson, W343N7205 North Pole Lane, and Chief for Stone Bank Fire Department stated he was disappointed to see the agenda late Friday afternoon showing the closed door meeting and action being taken after when it was stated at the last meeting that a public information meeting would be held before any action would be taken. He also stated that he is in favor of Stone Bank merging with Lake Country, the department does not have a million dollar slush fund, he supports the merger with Western Lakes and Okauchee and his department has two people on hand day and night for calls.

Karen Keller, W360N9371 Brown Street, questioned why there needs to be change in the Fire Department coverage and was curious if it is all about dollars and cents.

Jeff Herrmann, Administrator/Planner, stated the possible change in Fire Department coverage is a combination of a few things and stated if the Town would stay with Stone Bank the costs would sky rocketed and the Town is looking at different numbers and other ways to make sure that whatever happens it is what is best for the Town.

Ms. Callahan, W349N5587 Lake Drive, stated she has been a member of the Okauchee Fire Department for 23 years and was disappointed that not one comment has ever been made by the Town about the service that is provided by Okauchee, however, feels that Stone Bank has quick response times on calls.

Ms. Budde, N71W35740 Mapleton Lake Drive, stated she has heart issues and have had Stone Bank Ambulance service her needs and has been pleased with the response time, however, she is scared about the longer response time if Stone Bank is not used in the future.

Barb Last, N88W35190 Mapleton Road, stated she opposes the boundaries that being proposed for the Fire Departments because she is concerned regarding the safety of the residents; she also feels if it is not broken, which she feels is the case, it does not need to be fixed.

Darrell Schultz, N87W36949 Mapleton Road, stated he does not like the extra drive time on response calls if Stone Bank Fire Department would not be used; we are talking about people's lives and their safety and would like the Board to think long and hard before making any decisions.

Rebecca Pautsch, N66W34415 Townline Road, stated she is a fire fighter and the treasurer of Stone Bank Fire Department and wanted to clarify that the department does not have millions in reserve it is roughly \$10,000. She also stated the department has worked really hard to keep costs down and they are there to serve the people.

Brian Miller, W3569N6684 E Stonewood, stated he supports the merger of Okauchee and Western Lakes, but was curious about what kind of options the Town has received as a whole.

John Koepke, Town Board Supervisor, stated the Town Board has been working on this for a really long time and they are trying to do and use the best options available for the wellbeing of the Town and the Town residents and there will be a public informational meeting to cover everything because most of the residents have only gotten half of the story.

Robert Hultquist, Chairman, stated that there will not be any decision made tonight regarding the Fire Department and he was the one that made the mistake for having it on the agenda and no decision will be made until after there has been a public hearing.

John Roelandts, Town Board Supervisor, stated the Town Board is taking all the information that has been out there regarding the Fire Departments and it has taken this long because the Board is weighing all of the options to make the best decision for the Town residents and the Town as a whole.

John Heup, W343N6980 W. Circle Drive, feels there is public confusion on the process the Town is using to try to determine the Town's decision and was wondering if there are bids from each department that is helping the Town make that decision.

John Roelandts, Town Supervisor, stated that response time and service is the big issue in helping make the decision as well as receiving the forecast for each departments needs in the future is another factor and the Town has asked each department for a projected response time for calls.

John Koepke, Town Supervisor, stated it has been a very complicated process and personalities with some from the departments has also been a big factor; some of the departments play nice and others do not and it has made it challenging. He also stated that the Fire Chiefs have stated that the volunteer departments are not working for several reasons: they need more staff, keeping it staffed during the day is hard because people work and do not work close enough to get to the department in a timely manner and the population is getting older and there are more demands for services. The challenge is – is figuring out having more staff to cover the Town's needs.

Tim Kelley, N73W36388 S. Shore Drive, was questioning Chairman Hultquist about his voting abilities on the Okauchee Fire Department as being a board member and feels that minutes and life matter.

Chairman Hultquist, stated he is first and foremost the Chairman for the Town of Oconomowoc and that is where his duties and loyalties lie and he will abstain from voting as being a board member for the department, but will vote as Chairman for the Town of Oconomowoc when a decision/vote will be made regarding the fire service in the Town.

Michael Schoen, N52W34450 Petersen Road, response time does matter and wants a department that is fully staffed.

John Koepke, Town Supervisor, questioned the flyer that Stone Bank Fire Department handed out over the weekend and the response time that shows on the flyer and whether the information on the flyer is accurate.

Scott Peterson, Fire Chief of Stone Bank, stated the information was obtained from google maps and the department is fully staffed to meet the needs of the area.

Someone from the floor, name not stated, asked what the Town is really looking for from the departments.

Jeff Herrmann, Town Administrator, stated the Town has asked each of the departments to provide proposals of what is need in the next few years, how many people will be staffed 24/7, their response time and maps and the Town has sat down with each department numerous times to discuss these questions as well. As far as Stone Bank Fire Department, the Town can't make a decision on anything until the Town of Merton does because the Town covers 40% of their costs and the Town of Merton covers 60%.

John Koepke, Town Supervisor, stated it seems that three of the Fire Departments are in a boat together going the same direction and there is one that is going in the other direction. He then asked Scott Peterson if he had thought about working with Western Lakes.

Scott Peterson, Fire Chief of Stone Bank, stated he has considered it but never has really seen any kind of proposal. He also stated that 90% of their calls are for EMS and the Town Board needs to really look at the stability as a whole. Also, he feels that bigger is not always better.

Robert Hultquist, Chairman, stated Stone Bank Fire Department had approached not only the Town but the Town of Merton regarding hiring two employees and the department was told no by both Towns. He also stated the department has also come to the Town on several instances to ask permission and they were told no and the department went ahead with it anyways.

John Koepke, Town Supervisor, stated he continues to hear "us" VS "them" and would prefer to hear "we" and the competition is getting crazy and no matter what, it should be "we". He then asked Scott Peterson again if he would consider working with Western Lakes or not – while answering the question, Scott was asked why he was saying "yes" but shaking his head "no".

Scott Peterson, Fire Chief, stated it seems like the only option, from the Town's perspective, is Western Lakes and feels, in his opinion, that this would not be the best option for the Town and the residents.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered in one motion unless a Town Board member requests that an item be removed from the consent agenda):

1. **Consider and Act on Special Event Application for Whiskey Waters, N50W35124 Wisconsin Avenue, to hold a Mya's Lemonade Stand/Custom Canine Service Dog Academy for Vet and Ten Fell Tall Music on August 17, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
2. **Consider and Act on Special Event Application for Whiskey Waters, N50W35124 Wisconsin Avenue to hold Romeo's Charm on September 7, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
3. **Consider and Act on Special Event Application for Oconomowoc Golf Club, W360N5261 Brown Street, to hold Oconomowoc Golf Club Fund Raiser on September 28, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.**
4. **Consider and Act on Special Event Application for Debra O'Connell to hold a birthday party on September 15, 2019 at the Okauchee Lion's Park from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Koepke made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supervisor Rutkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and Act on Technical Rescue Service Contract.** - After a short discussion by the Board, Supervisor Koepke made the motion to deny the technical rescue service contract. Supervisor Rutkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
2. **Consider and Act on Ordinance 2019-4; An Ordinance Establishing a Heavy Traffic Route on Bauer's Lane.** – Administrator/Planner asked the Board to table this item until more research could be done. Chairman Hultquist removed this item from the agenda and asked Clerk/Treasurer Opitz to put this on a future agenda.
3. **Consider and Act on bid(s) for Pour & Play surface at the Mapleton Community Center.**
Administrator/Planner Herrmann stated he only received one bid and it was from Bluemel's Maintenance Service in the amount of \$45,573.00 and that money has been budgeted for this repair and the bid is less than what was budgeted. Supervisor Rutkowski made the motion to approve the bid from Bluemel's Maintenance Service in the amount of \$45,573.00 for the playground surface at the Mapleton Community Center. Supervisor Largent seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. **Chairman Hultquist**. – Nothing to report
5. **Supervisor Reports**.
 - a. **John Koepke**. – Nothing to report
 - b. **Terry Largent**. – Nothing to report
 - c. **Rosie Rutkowski**. – Nothing to report
 - d. **John Roelandts**. – Nothing to report
6. **Attorney Chapman**. – Nothing to report
7. **Public Works Superintendent Salzman**. - Excused
8. **Chief Wallis** – Nothing to report
9. **Administrator/Planner Herrmann**. – Nothing to report
10. **Clerk/Treasurer Opitz**.
 - a. **Consider and Act on New/Renewal Operator License applications for Elizabeth Michaels, Lindsay Burke, Kyle Thundercloud, Nicole Magiori, Leah Kallas, Leslie Harris, Timothy Kowalski, Hailey Hrovat, Jennifer Wempe, Julie Jepsen, Roberta Jarnig, Robert Scheelk, Rachael Van Veghel and Michele Masullo**. – Clerk/Treasurer Opitz stated that Chief Wallis has approved all of the licenses listed. Supervisor Rutkowski made the motion to approve all of the New/Renewal Operator licenses that are listed. Supervisor Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
11. **Approve Vouchers and Checks**. – Supervisor Largent made the motion to approve vouchers and checks subject to Administrator/Planner Herrmann's approval. Supervisor Rutkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
12. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board will enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Fire Department).

Supervisor Rutkowski made the motion and Supervisor Roelandts seconded to go into Closed Session at 7:13 p.m. Voice vote was taken: Chairman Hultquist, aye; Supervisor Koepke, aye. Supervisor Roelandts, aye; Supervisor Rutkowski, aye; Supervisor Largent; aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roelandts made a motion and Supervisor Rutkowski seconded to exit Closed Session and reconvene into Open Session. Voice vote was taken: Chairman Hultquist, aye; Supervisor Koepke, aye; Supervisor Roelandts, aye; Supervisor Rutkowski, aye and Supervisor Largent, aye. Motion carried unanimously. Closed Session exited at 7:43 p.m.

Reconvene to Open Session immediately following the Closed Session.
13. **Consider and Act on Fire Department coverage in the Town of Oconomowoc for 2020**. – Chairman Hultquist stated there would be no action and or decision made tonight because there will be a public hearing/informational meeting for Town Residents to voice their concerns at.
14. **Adjourn**. – Supervisor Roelandts made the motion to adjourn at 7:45. Supervisor Rutkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted –
Lori Opitz, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer