

# VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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**OCONOMOWOC LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF MONDAY, October 21, 2019,  
Unofficial until approved by the Village Board.  
Approved as written (X) or with corrections ( ) on 11-18-2019.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake was held on October 21, 2019 at 7:00pm, at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Legal requirements for notification as required by law have been met. Roll was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with the following in attendance:

Mr. Bickler/President – present  
Mr. Zimmermann, Fellows, Birbaum, Fischer, Shult/Trustees – present  
Mr. Waltersdorf/Trustee - excused  
Mr. Helwig/Police Chief-Administrator - present  
Mr. Macy/Attorney – present  
Ms. Vaughan/Village Clerk – present

## **ATTENDANCE**

Ed Johnson (35934 North Beach Road), Chief Matthew Fennig (301 Caernarvon Road), Don Sklenar (WE Energies), Dan Sande (WE Energies), Brandon Vrchota (Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion (Shult/Fellows) to Open Meeting to Public Comment on Agenda items, Carried Unanimously.

Lake Country Fire and Rescue Fire Chief Matthew Fennig introduced himself to the Board. Lake Country Fire and Rescue has been and currently been handling EMS calls in the Village for the past 10 years. Chief Fennig described his current great working relationship with the Village.

Motion (Shult/Zimmermann) to Close Meeting to Public Comment on Agenda items, Carried Unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

**Motion to approve September 16, 2019 meeting minutes.**

Motion (Fischer/Fellows) to approve September 16, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes, Carried Unanimously.

**Police Chief**

**Lighting Ordinance presentation by Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department Officer Vrchota.**

Police Officer Vrchota presented to the Board his investigation on possible lighting violations in the Village. Officer Vrchota advised the Board that after months of testing lights in the Village, he was only able to find four violations. According to current Village Ordinance is anything over .5-foot candle meter is a violation. There were four violations of this, the highest reading being .7-foot candle meter. Trustee Shult asked about violations from the lake, which light needs to be less than .5-foot candle meter at 150 feet out. Officer Vrchota advised the Board that he did not get a single reading from the 150 feet out. Officer Vrchota did note that once the letter sent by Village staff regarding the light ordinance was sent out, there was a drastic drop in lighting in the Village. Trustee Shult questioned if Village Ordinance was using an effective measurement of light or if the Village needs to update it. Trustee Birbaum posed the questions if the lights were shielded or not, and if the lighting that was on past 11:00 PM was necessary or not.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

No agenda items.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

**Aquatic Invasive Species, Starry Stonewort – Trustee Zimmerman**

Trustee Zimmerman informed the Board that he did attend the DNR meeting about the very invasive aquatic species, Starry Stonewort, which has been found in lakes in Waukesha County, including Okauchee Lake. Trustee Zimmerman advised the Board that it has been in Michigan for years, and that they have not been able to find an effective way to treat or stop it. Trustee Zimmermann also advised that Wisconsin DNR are actively researching ways to treat and stop the spread.

**PLAN COMMISSION**

**October 7, 2019 Meeting**

President Bickler briefly advised the Board on the October 7, 2019 meeting.

**Discussion/action on Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Daniel Losby, 390 East High Point Road, Peoria, IL, for the properties located at N55W34446 and N55W34450 Tweeden Lane. The subject properties are described as PT Lot 9, NW 1/4 & NE 1/4 Sec 36 T8N R17E and PT Lot 9, PT NW 1/4 & NE 1/4 Sec 36 T8N R17E COM NW COR Lot 9 in Town of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. More specifically, the properties are located at N55W34446 and N5534450 Tweeden Lane (Tax Key No. OCOT 0574.031.002 and 0574.031.001).**

Village Clerk, Ms. Vaughan advised the Board that the property owner Mr. Losby had contacted Village Hall in reference to his CSM. Mr. Losby advised that Waukesha County required changes to be made to the current CSM that was recommended for approval at the October 7, 2019 Plan Commission meeting, therefore he will have a different CSM created. This Extraterritorial CSM will be tabled.

**HISTORY COMMITTEE**

**Update regarding October 7, 2019 Meeting.**

Brief discussion was had regarding October 7, 2019 History Committee meeting. Attorney Macy advised the Board that there is a lot of research going on for the Gifford display.

**ATTORNEY**

**New State Law: 2019 Wisconsin Act 14 recommendations, regarding telecommunications facilities/small wireless facilities**

Attorney Macy discussed with the Board the new law. He advised that this did not require immediate action and suggested the Village wait until other municipalities update their ordinances to which the Board agreed with.

**TREASURER**

**Discussion/action regarding approval of checks 46248 to 46316 and electronic payments.**

Trustee Zimmermann requested clarification on "United States Geological Survey", to which Administrator Helwig cleared up the Board.

Motion (Shult/Fellows) to approve check numbers 46248 through 46316 and all electronic payments. *Carried Unanimously.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**October 8, 2019 meeting update.**

Trustee Fischer advised the Board that the budget is ready, and will be noticed properly for next month's meeting. Trustee Fischer also advised that the Village will be at a .97 tax levy increase for 2020. Administrator Helwig advised that line item 189 is different than expected as funds need to be moved. Pabst Road needed patching and the sewer work had been moved to capitol.

**Discussion regarding the monthly operating statement for October**

Trustee Fischer stated that as usual building permits were still up and Building Inspector fees were up, but not as much.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

**Discussion regarding easement for WE Energies to service South Beach Road at the Summit/Oconomowoc Lake border.**

Mr. Sklenar from WE Energies again presented the Board with WE Energies' plan to service South Beach Road after the annexing begins January 1. Trustee Fischer expressed his concerns as he will personally be affected by this but also cost wise for WE Energies. Trustee Shult asked Mr. Sklenar what would happen if the Village did not agree to grant the easement. Mr. Sklenar advised that he would bring that information back to the engineers at WE Energies and that they would have to create a new plan. It was decided to allow the easement for WE Energies and would be signed off on upon Attorney Macy's review. President Bickler did ask Attorney Macy about possible a chargeback ordinance for WE Energies. Administrator Helwig will be in contact with Mr. Sklenar from WE Energies.

Motion (Shult/Fellows) to approve easement for WE Energies to service South Beach Road at the Summit/Oconomowoc Lake border. *Carried Unanimously.*

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

No agenda items.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD (ACB)**

**Update regarding the September ACB Meeting.**

Brief discussion was had regarding the September 23, 2019 meeting. Trustee Fischer again expressed his concerns on hurricane shutters.

**CLERK**

No agenda items.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Town of Merton Notice and Resolution of Authorization to Participate in a Cooperative Plan.**

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**After the appropriate announcement by the Meeting Chairman, the Board will enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (Okauchee Fire Department)**

President Bickler announced closed session.

Motion (Shult/Birbaum) to enter into Closed enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (Okauchee Fire Department) On roll call vote all voted Aye. Motion carried.

**The Board will reconvene, by roll call vote, into Open Session for discussion and possible action regarding Okauchee Fire Department.**

Motion (Shult/Fellows) to reconvene into Open Session for discussion and possible action regarding Okauchee Fire Department. On roll call vote all voted Aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion/action to act upon any other motion(s) required from the Closed Session discussion.**

Motion (Zimmermann/Shult) to authorize settlement as discussed in closed session subject to the Village President receiving documentation from Okauchee Fire Department to the Village's satisfaction of the terms and valuations. Carried Unanimously.


**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion being heard, a motion (Shult/Birbaum) to adjourn was made at approximately 8:52 p.m., and Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Katelyn A. Vaughan, Clerk

Approved and ordered posted by:

  
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Michael Bickler Sr., President