

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 10 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Byrd at 7 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes for the December 10, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting, the January 1, 2025, Special Town Board meeting, and the January 9, 2025, Special Town Board meeting (both Open/Closed sessions) were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve the minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has been working on wrapping up the November 5, 2024, General Presidential Election, is preparing for the February 18, 2025, Spring Primary (if needed), has started the year-end reporting and the fourth quarter payroll reports, has started working on the W-2s, is preparing for the April 1, 2025, Spring Election (our municipal offices are included in this one), and has started organizing the office for the new clerk. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared she is working on the tax collections/dog licensing and paid \$1,525 on our town hall loan principal at NBC using the hall rental fees received in 2024. Supervisor Dana Dolsen did not have anything to report. Supervisor Randy Polson did not have anything to report. Chair Jack Byrd shared he has received a few calls regarding garbage pickups. The fire department reported there will be Wildland Fire Refresher training with the DNR on March 3 at the hall and they will be teaming up with Parkland VFD; and they are working on the Snowshoe Races with the Community Group. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they are sanding the roads as needed, brushed the roads, submitted Parr Road paperwork, plowed snow, worked in the shop, brought the new Mack truck to Nuss Trucks for a fault code, welded the brusher deck and reinforced, completed a parts run, loaded and sold the chipper and roller; ordered a tire for the rear of the brusher and brought the old one to have the new tire mounted, plowed Lyman Lake boat launch/Anna Gene Park, the town hall, and the shop lots, and worked on the new Mack truck plow and blade. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen reported they are working on renewals in Zoning, updating the land procedures in the Land and Development Committee, and timber sales are currently going on in the Forestry Department. Community Group chair shared they are working with members of the fire department preparing for the upcoming Snowshoe Races on February 15 starting at 11 a.m. at the town hall. This is their biggest fundraiser, and all activities will take place on the 15th and there are lots of new events such as creating your own snowshoes, racing in costumes, prizes and raffles, etc. The dance will take place at the Log Cabin this year in the evening right after the races.

Bills: The bills were reviewed previously and RP motioned to pay the bills as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission met on Monday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m. and started reviewing some of the ordinances to see if they needed to be updated. Two Conditional Use Permit applications were received for the Non-Metallic Mines and were reviewed. Brian Conley explained the reclamation work that took place and completed updates to the Reclamation Plan—the PC voted to approve the updated plan and the County needs a signed copy. The other CUP application for Douglas County was also approved and they added a copy of the town's non-metallic mine ordinance. Regarding Jodell Road, a survey was done and the owner

does have access to their land through the town road right of way. RP motioned to approve all of the Conditional Use Permits received and reviewed by the Plan Commission; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. DD motioned to approve the updated Reclamation Plan for the Tri-Lakes Pit; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Clean-Up Day: After reviewing the calendar, clean-up day this year will take place as always on the Saturday between Mother's Day weekend and Memorial weekend. This year it is May 17 and it will still run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dana and Randy will coordinate the event and Laurie will notify Waste Management to reserve the dumpsters.

Public Comment: Brian Conley offered his thank you to the outgoing officers—Chair Jack Byrd and Clerk Laurie Dolsen and to the incoming officers who have stepped up to run for office. Tom from the Amnicon/Dowling Lake Management District provided a brief update on the committees working on lake issues and thanked the town for purchasing and installing parking signage. They are also currently looking to have a possible ordinance with the townships regarding recreational use and Tom will keep us posted.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn the meeting; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk