

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Laurie Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, and interested citizens

Jack Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:01pm April 8th, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dana Dolsen made the motion to approve, Randy Polson seconded for last meeting minutes for regular town board meeting held March 11th, 2025 along with special meeting held March 31st 2025. The board was all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports & Communications:

- Clerk Laurie Dolsen: wrapped up election season for 2025. Normally plan for 35-40%. This year had 56.7% with 511 voters. Very first time that the spring election had this turnout in the 15 years of Laurie's service. Laurie prepping for form CT. She will reconcile and bring it to the CPA. Laurie training Lydia and Stacy for transition.
- Treasurer Stacy Fornengo: Training for the transitioning of Board Members with Clerk Laurie Dolsen.
- Supervisor Dana Dolsen: Thank Brian, Laurie, and Jack for service over the years. Dedicated a lot of years to the town, hard work has not gone unnoticed. Mains family bought Missinee's Garden, took over 4/1. Dana attended the FD meeting last night, 13-14 people turnout. Lydia Schroeder on ballot for clerk position, Randy Polson, Supervisor, and Dana Dolsen, Supervisor attended the BOR training for the year. . Chanz Green opened the floor for questions that anyone had. Questions and affects of wake boats. Calls for state wide legislation. Recognize that due to the varying lake sizes and needs there can't be a blanket regulation for the wake boats. Communities such as ours are encouraged to set our own policies and standards to protect the lakes. Planning commission and lake group were recognized for work that has went in, used as an example. Another concern was the training requirements and certifications for first responders making it extra difficult to get volunteers. The speakers at the BOR training are working towards legislation to get that training level down under an EMT level.
- Supervisor Randy Polson: Reported on discussions with other towns and villages during the BOR Training and how difficult it has become to budget and provide services.
- Chair Jack Byrd: Commented on the legislation trying to drop the volunteer fire department requirement by 12% for training. Brian Conley retired on 4/1. Board and everyone would like to give appreciation for time invested. Jewel to this township with input as an operator and employee but also with land use and everything else.
- Fire Department: Stacy working on technology portion of the Fire Department while Gerald, Fire Chief is working on getting a full inventory of the gear. Need to budget for oxygen tanks and fire suit replacements 10 years from the purchase date. There was no updates on the radio replacements as of now. It was also mentioned that the tanker truck is also in need of some repairs and will need to be worked into the budget.
- Road Crew: Road Crew operator Greg Dolsen reported that he has steamed culverts, checked roads, worked on equipment, worked on stingers change grader blades for snow, clean shop, fixed the F550 Brakes, lights, changed the water pump on F550, sand roads, check for ice, plow parking lot @town hall, sand blacktop at Dowling & Amnicon, delivered & picked up garbage can on Old Lyman Lake Rd, plowed snow at intersections of the highway, plowed at lake area, fix starter on F-550, Removed trees on Range Line Rd, changed grader blades back to singers, 140 for 1000 hour service, helped Stacy with NIFERS, cleaned up snow from FD door from roof fall off. Repaired electrical outlet at town hall and grated. Delivered recycling can on Conley Rd.
- Community Event Group: Dana Dolsen spoke on behalf of the Community group. The group did not meet on regular meeting night of April 2nd, but plan to meet tomorrow, April 9th to discuss the upcoming Pancake Breakfast event.

Bills: Board reviewed all incoming bills since last meeting, Dana Dolsen motioned for the bills to be paid as presented. Randy Polson seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Planning Commission: Brian Conley spoke on behalf of the planning commission. The commission met yesterday at 2:30pm to review the 3 non-metallic mines. Upon review these were approved by the commission. Next month, the

reclamation plans will be available for those that will require further review. Two of these mines are inactive, the other doesn't have much for product left. Until the product is finalized they will need to follow the ordinance. Sandy Peas is working on the utility accommodation ordinance. The original is from 2015 but needed some updating. Brian reported that there is an interested purchaser for property on the Stone Road that would like to go for a zoning change. May or may not come up. Flood plain maps are now available. Mary Brill looking into the 30 day public comment period for these, she will report back on when this period is.

- Alliance Steel Permit Conditional Use Permit # 9064 Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve, Randy Polson seconded. All in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
- Alliance Steel Construction Conditional Use Permit #18223 Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve, Randy Polson seconded. All in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
- Hansen Conditional Use Permit #21683 Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve, Randy Polson seconded. All in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
- Approval of Liquor License. Application from Daniel Hudacek DBA Rellys Axe Tavern, need a few more pieces of paper and the publication. Laurie Dolsen recommends approval for cigarette and liquor licenses. Andy and Daniel Hudacek present with daughter. Their goal is to open as soon as possible, discussed final paperwork with Laurie. Randy Polson made a motion to approve Liquor & Beer License upon completion of all paperwork, Dana Dolsen seconded. All in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Randy Polson made a motion to approve the Tobacco license upon completion of all necessary paperwork. Dana Dolsen seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Clean Up Day: Supervisor Randy Polson and Chair Jack Byrd reported that there is an active contract from Tires Aggregate, lunch will be provided from Gronks. The members of the board addressed the residents and advised that they are looking for volunteers the day of. Town Clean Up will occur May 17th from 8:00am – 2:00pm. Randy Polson to make contact with the rep for appliance pickup. Laurie contacted the dumpster company. This year will be extra important to check for residency. Randy Polson to investigate prices for disposal before finalizing price to residents. Laurie Dolsen to pull previous pricing to review.

Staffing update: Jack Byrd recommends getting someone into Brian's position before we are too far into the season. Dana Dolsen recommends staffing for July to align with the budget for 2025 and budget for 2026.

Public Comment: Dana Dolsen, this is the last meeting besides the Annual meeting for Jack Byrd and Laurie Dolsen. Jack has about 30 years of service, Laurie 15 years. Thank you to both of them.

The next Board Meeting Date will be the Annual Meeting held April 15th 7:00pm. The following meeting is May 13th at 7:00pm. Motion to Adjourn made by Randy Polson; seconded by Dana Dolsen; all were in favor via voice vote, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Submitted,

Lydia M Schroeder, Town Clerk