

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Laurie Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo and 14 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 from the April 9, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting were previously reviewed and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve the April 9 meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has been working with our accountant to submit the Form CT by the deadline; has wrapped up the April 2 Election information and is preparing for the August Partisan Primary; will be attending the Maintenance of Effort webinar to learn how to submit the new form by the deadline; is working with Randy to prepare for the May 21 WTA meeting; reviewed and revised the town hall rental documents; and finished up the Board or Review documents to be turned in to the Douglas County Property Lister. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo had nothing new to report. Supervisor Dana Dolsen did not have anything for the town report but shared information from the Community Events Group as follows: They are working with the ARDC and agencies for the October 12 “Know it Before you Need it” event that will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., have a light lunch available, various community vendors and speakers to cover items such as Will planning, resources available, financial planning, etc. Their recent Pancake Breakfast was a success and the profit was \$486.21 (114 tickets were sold and 10 kids ate free). Preparations are also underway for this year’s Fall Fest to be held on September 21. Supervisor Randy Polson shared he received calls regarding cleaning the ditches and the garbage on Lucas Road that needs to be taken care of. Chair Jack Byrd thanked the road crew for getting the roads in great shape and drivable this spring. Assistant Fire Chief Pete Warner reported they had 3 medical calls, and 1 wild land fire; the old concession stand is ready for sale and will be placed on the auction site to be sold; and the Fire Association meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, at our hall. Road Crew foreman Brian Conley shared they have been grading the roads; took the wing off the grader; brought the grader to Fabick/CAT for service; met with the DNR representative Amy Cronk for project wetland delineation; cleaned out the beaver dam on Eastman Road; picked up the grader from Fabick/CAT; removed the wing and sander from the dump truck; fixed a hole in the culvert on Old Lyman Lake Road; repaired the lawn from winter at the town hall; made custom grader plow blades; worked on the welder; worked on DNR permits for Oliphant Road; hauled and placed gravel on various roads; put up weight limit signs on the Lucas Road; fixed the parking lot at the town hall; worked on the Mikrot Road box culvert; changed the bucket on the excavator; serviced the lawn mower; placed gravel on Rice Farm Road; fixed the ruts from fire trucks on Scott Dyer’s driveway; pulled high shoulders on the Neuman Road and hauled away; and installed a driveway culvert. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen said things have been quiet at the County as the supervisors are transitioning to new assignments, etc. He will be serving on the Zoning Committee, Land and Development, Highway, and Forestry Committees.

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

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission met on Monday, May13, and prepared a letter to the attorney regarding the Parr Road issue. LD will send it via Certified Mail. They reviewed the draft of the Wake

Enhancement Ordinance signs. They also reviewed the application for a variance for a driveway using a new form Mary Brill prepared to use when reviewing applications to be consistent and retain a history of why a recommendation was made. The PC recommends approval of the Koble variance application. DD motioned to approve the Koble variance application received; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Clean-Up Day: Last year, we paid approximately \$4,700 for tires to be recycled during Clean-Up Day and unfortunately, they can no longer be free and the prices will need to increase as well in order to keep costs down. It is unfortunate that we can no longer absorb the full cost but prices will definitely be less than they are for shops to dispose of them. LD will follow up on the dumpsters to ensure we have all we need and to get a timeline for delivery.

WTA Meeting Update: The WTA Douglas County meeting will be on May 21 at our hall so Randy Martin and the presenters can utilize our larger hall, PA system, and the TV screen for the presentation by the doctors who have developed the Peer Support Program PAR360 in Minnesota. It is thought we should plan for 90-100 people and will serve sub sandwiches.

Town Hall Rental Updates: As our previous custodian Stan Dzikonski retired and Dana has taken over as the new custodian, the forms need to be updated and signs need to be prepared to provide hall renters with additional information. LD prepared drafts with updates/changes/additions and reviewed them with the board. Input will be given to LD prior to our next Board meeting so they can be approved.

Public Comment: Mary Brill shared the Amnicon/Dowling Lake Management District will be forming approximately 8 committees to address plans/goals for the lakes, apply for grants, etc., and she will be attending. It is open to anyone who is interested. Letters are needed for the marquee at the old town hall site—10 inch letters are needed. We also need to figure out what to install on the walls so renters can use them to hang items—options will be explored. The Wake Enhancement Ordinance has been approved by the DNR and can now be posted. The next town board meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn the meeting; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk