

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

Present: Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 9 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Randy Polson; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. The July 9, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting minutes were previously reviewed and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared that yesterday's Partisan Primary election went well and there was a steady stream of voters all day. She has also started working on budget documents and completing required reports that are due. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared that whenever needed, she will do an online transfer of money because she is not always able to do a phone transfer on business days. Supervisors Dana Dolsen and Randy Polson did not have anything to report. Fire Chief John Melcher reported that the tanker is leaking and went in for repair/welding—we may need to replace it at some point. There was a change to the paging policy and it seems to be working well. LD received notification that the retirement valuation packet is posted and she will download the documents and get them to John for completion. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they finished cutting grass on the roadsides; and they have been grading to roads; fixed the ditch on Otto Road; hauled file cabinets to the town hall; set up for a webinar; hauled gravel on Neuman Road; patched the blacktop at Lyman Lake; put up the wake board ordinance signs; replaced the deck on the equipment trailer; put in two driveway culverts; replaced the culvert on Lundgren Road; pushed off trees from the windstorm; pulled the water tank at the town shop and hauled it away; pulled trees and vegetation from around the shop building; moved the excavator to the Conley Road for a culvert project; and patched the blacktop at Lyman Lake again. Brian also asked if we could put the old surplus equipment on the auction site to get rid of it. After a brief discussion, DD motioned to sell the old surplus equipment on the auction site; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. County Board representative Joe Moen was not present—no report. Community Group chair Dana Dolsen gave a brief update on the September 21 Fall Fest—there will be music, activities, a car show, a food truck; and a chili cookoff. There will not be a bounce house due to liability reasons and volunteers are needed. Posters will be going out to businesses and it will be advertised on our Facebook page and on our website.

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

Plan Commission: Plan Commission Chair Brian Conley shared that they have not met to discuss or work on any projects, applications, etc., but they have completed attending their webinars at the town hall and really good information was received. Brian gave an overview of the topics covered. It is quiet right now and they will continue working on updating our ordinances.

Garage Door Update: The two town garage doors on the North side of the building were replaced with one larger garage door (where the fire department used to be). Brush was cleaned away from the building and they pulled the old VFD water tank. The west side still needs work and other maintenance on the building is needed to prolong the life of the building. We could paint part of it this year and part next year depending on the costs. We also need to coat the roof to protect it from leaks, etc. The Road

Crew and Randy Polson have put a lot of work into the building maintenance and it is greatly appreciated.

Propane Price Quotes: Price quotes were received from all area vendors and the lowest price was from Midland at \$1.35 a gallon. DD motioned to accept the propane price quote from Midland for \$1.35 a gallon; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Public Comment: The question was asked if LD could get the meeting minutes out earlier—she will do her best to get them out early but there are a lot more priority items that come first. RP will contact Midland to see if we get a rebate check from them. DD asked if we could allocate the money collected from hall rentals to apply toward our town hall loan(s) so it would bring the principal down quicker—SF will check into this.

The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk