

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Laurie Dolsen and 12 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes from the August 14, 2024, regular town board meeting were reviewed previously. 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 was completing wrap-up tasks from the August 13 Partisan Primary election held on August 13 and she is now preparing for the November 5, 2024, General and Presidential Election. She is also working on budget preparations and met the Douglas County representative at the hall for our annual water testing (all tests came back acceptable). Treasurer Stacy Fornengo was not present but provided she is working on the hall rental figures requested by the board. Supervisor Dana Dolsen recognized the members of the VFD who were recently down at the fire hall working on cleaning the trucks and the fire garage and thanked them for all the time they volunteer to help in addition to being on call for emergencies both in our township and outside our township (mutual aid). She also reported that the caulk is separating in the NE corner of the building and will need to be sealed again. Supervisor Randy Polson thanked the road crew for all the ditching and all of the roadwork they have been doing (hauling a lot of gravel, grading, etc.). Chair Jack Byrd agreed with RP on the work the road crew has been doing and said the roads look great. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present—no report received. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported they cleaned up the garage parking lot, moved the excavator to Conley Road, unloaded the 6-foot culvert for Conley Road, worked on the shop lights, pulled the shoulder on Old Lyman Lake Road, hauled gravel on Old Lyman Lake Road, graded roads, cleaned the shop, installed the culvert on Conley Road, hauled the old culverts from Conley Road, worked on the lawn mower, worked in the shop on equipment, ditched the Oliphant Road, and placed erosion control on Oliphant Road. County Supervisor Joe Moen reported things are quiet at the County. Community Events Chair Dana Dolsen reported that the Fall Fest is coming up on September 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the town hall with music, a food truck, games and activities for the kids (with prizes), and a car show. Volunteers are working hard to prepare and more volunteers are always welcome!

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.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on Monday at 2:30 p.m. and will be reviewing the ordinances for any updates needed. They also discussed the Dolsen zoning application change received for retail sale of crafts and they recommend approval. After a brief discussion, RP motioned to approve the Dolsen zoning application received; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Also, Tom and Sue Riedl were at the meeting and requested “no parking between signs” be added to the boat landing area as parking on both sides of the road in that area continue to pose a hazard. Previously, the DNR gave the town approval to widen the shoulder, but that hasn’t prevented parking on both sides, which makes it very tight for residents and emergency vehicles to make it through. Signs will be ordered and placed once received.

Town Garage/Shop Repair and Painting: Repairs to the roof and siding at the town garage are needed, with priority being given to repair of the galvanized roof due to rust. Upon research, RP stated the roof could be rubber coated for around \$600. RP will check with Steve Kimmes on insurance for volunteer labor to do the coating to keep the cost down. We can look at budgeting for paint for the garage siding repairs.

Tax Collection Contract with Douglas County: The tax collection contract has been received from the Douglas County Treasurer and needs to be approved—it is the same contract, just lists a different year. DD motioned to approve/sign the Tax Collection Contract with Douglas County; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Sale of Old Tires/Rims from Brush Truck via the Online Surplus Auction: The old tires from the brush truck are removed and ready to be put up for sale on the online auction site. Brian Conley will get the information and place them on the auction site.

Extra Principal Payments on Building Loans: DD suggested taking the income generated from hall rentals and place it on the principal of our town hall loans in order to pay them down faster. SF provided the amount and further discussion about this will take place during our upcoming budget discussions. SF will look at how/if the extra principal payment can be made.

November General Election: The upcoming November General/Presidential Election is going on with business as usual and no threats have been received to date; however, as Wisconsin is considered a swing state in this election, we will be keeping a close eye on if additional security will be needed if things change. The contingency site is the town garage if anything should happen at the town hall site.

Budget Workshop Dates: Budget workshop dates will be October 14 and 15 at 5 p.m. both days.

Public Comment: Tom Riedl (ADLMD) shared they have met and set up 6 committees with various goals. The 6 committees are shoreline preservation, education, fisheries, recreation use, aquatic plant goals, and water quality. The committees will be meeting separately and are just getting started. They will share the results from the committees with stakeholders at a full meeting and Tom will keep us informed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk