

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 14 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. Minutes from the September 10, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting were reviewed previously 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 she has been working on the upcoming November 5 general presidential election, preparing budget documents, and the laptop crashed and needed to be replaced. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared she checked with the bank and the town hall rental fees can be applied to the town hall loan, but she will need to follow a separate process to make a payment directly to the principal of the loan. To date, there is about \$1,250 in town hall rental fees collected. Stacy suggested the payments be applied 2 times a year and the board agreed that would be a good timeframe. Supervisor Dana Dolsen had no report. Supervisor Randy Polson shared he has spoken with Steve Kimmes at Holdens Insurance regarding volunteer labor to help with the garage repairs and he is waiting for a response back from him. Chair Jack Byrd thanked the members of the Community Group and all the volunteers who helped make the Fall Fest a successful event. Rain turned away a few of the cars that had planned to be at the fest, but we had a good turnout anyway. Fire Department—the department thanked the board for the new tires on the brush truck and we may need to replace the tanker truck as it is leaking. The FD also reported they are attending Fire Prevention Day at Four Corners School and will be bringing the brush truck. They have one member attending a pumping class and one attending an EMR class. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported that they have graded the roads, ditched Oliphant Road, hauled a load of sand for the Fall Fest, leveled the black dirt at the town hall, brushed Oliphant Road and Lucas Road, placed erosion control on Oliphant Road, and hauled sand for the salt/sand mix. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report. Community Events Group chair Dana Dolsen shared they had a successful Fall Fest in September and thanked everyone who volunteered. They presented a plaque to the VFD and also presented them with gift certificates. The kids loved the sand to play in and the petting zoo. Donations of about \$350 were received. More volunteers are always welcome. Their next event will be the Know us Before you Need us event on October 12 at the town hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will have representatives from various agencies (12 vendors), a legal expert presentation, ARDC—Chelsea Thompson, hospice care, etc. This is the first time they are putting this together so they will see how it goes.

School Referendum Presentation (moved up in the agenda): Two representatives from the School District of Superior shared information on the upcoming operational referendum that will be on the November 5 ballot. They reviewed past funding, dollars received per pupil, current spending, cuts that will need to be made, what it will cost residents/taxpayers, etc. They also fielded questions and thanked the board for allowing them to present the information regarding the referendum and encouraged everyone to get out and vote in support of this referendum.

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

Plan Commission: No applications were received—they did not meet.

Insurance Update: RP shared he has spoken with Steve Kimmes from Holdens Insurance and requested a quote be received for review prior to the November meeting.

Joint Power Agreement: The annual renewal of the Joint Power Agreement from Douglas County for 911 service was received—no changes were made except the date (2025). DD motioned to approve the Joint Power Agreement; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Levy Limit: During the recent budget workshops to set the 2025 budget, an increase in the levy limit that the townspeople supported at the April annual meeting was incorporated so we can meet our expenses. The levy limit increase is not permanent and will be reevaluated each year. A resolution will need to be passed at a special town meeting to increase the levy and LD will prepare the paperwork needed.

Public Comment: It was shared that there is an upcoming meeting of the ADLMD on Tuesday, October 15, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center—all are welcome to attend.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn the meeting; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk