

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

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Laurie Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, and 10 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 November 12 Regular Town Board meeting and the November 27 Special Town Board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve both minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Reports:** Town Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared she is working on the November election wrap-up, preparing the tax bills, reviewing the VFIS annual report for 2024 to pay in January and also completing length of service distribution documents for a firefighter, completing the insurance renewal, preparing for year-end reports, etc., and preparing for a possible primary in February 2025. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo is working on distribution for the tax bills. Supervisor Dana Dolsen shared the heat in the hall needs to be fixed and the refrigerator in the kitchen is making loud noises and may need to be replaced. Supervisor Randy Polson shared the shop has been cleaned and been prepared for winter—they tightened up the garage to prevent heat loss. Chair Jack Byrd reminded board members that both he and Laurie have decided not to run for re-election and someone on the board will need to be trained for the Board of Review as that is a requirement by law. Dana and Randy will attend the WTA District meeting on April 4, 2025, in Cable as BOR training will be held then. We should then be in compliance. Fire Chief John Melcher was not in attendance but sent an email with the following—In November, they were dispatched to 7 medical calls, 2 mutual aid fire calls, and 4 mutual aid medical calls. Tickets for the snowshoe races were ordered and will be ready for pickup soon. He stated that he would purchase the gun and get it to the Log Cabin for display. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley shared they seeded/mulched the ditch project on Oliphant Road; hauled the dozer and excavator to the shop, worked on WISLR paperwork; buried a llama on Lundgren Road; brought the new dump truck to Nuss Trucks for a software upgrade; worked on the Conditional Use Permit for the Tri Lakes Pit; finished the 6' to 20' culvert inventory and submitted it to Douglas County; graded the roads; installed a driveway culvert; hauled gravel on Otto Road; put the wings on the two graders and the dump truck; put the sander on the new dump truck; finished the reclamation plan for the Tri-Lakes Pit and submitted it; hauled in scrap batteries; got the tires mounted for the backhoe and the truck; picked rocks off the end of Torgerson Road and hauled them away; sanded the roads; brushed Clara Barton Road; worked on the brusher; fixed the step and exhaust on the 2004 Mack truck; and listed items for auction on the surplus site for the fire department and the garage. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report. Community Group Chair

Dana Dolsen shared they are working with members of the volunteer fire department to hold the annual Snowshoe Races with lots of new events and activities. This event will take place on Saturday, February 15, during the day at the town hall and then that night at the Log Cabin with a dance from 7-11 p.m. It is our largest fundraiser for the fire department and community group and continued support is always appreciated.

**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:** They did not meet this month—no updates to report. The reclamation plan and CUP were reviewed and recommended for approval. DD motioned to approve the non-metallic mine renewal permit; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Snowshoe Races Update:** DD gave an update during the reports section. The raffle tickets are ready to be picked up. A brief discussion also took place regarding ticket sales.

**Town Market Adjustment Costs:** Instead of doing a complete reassessment in our township, our assessor Barrett Brenner said he could complete a Market Adjustment review to bring us back into compliance for half the price of a full reassessment. He proposed 2 options to pay for the reassessment and after review, JB motioned to approve Option 1 (pay it in one year); RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Set Caucus Date in January:** The Town Caucus date needs to be set for the spring election. Both Jack and Laurie will not be seeking re-election. I was decided to hold the caucus on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 6 p.m.

**Public Comment:** East Central Energy is seeking support for their grant application to fund/implement internet services. They have provided a template letter for us to fill out and send to them. RP motioned to send them a letter of support for their grant application from our township; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

The next regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk