

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Pat Asbury, and 5 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warren Dolsen at 7:02 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. SB motioned to approve the January 10, 2017, regular town board meeting minutes as presented; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen was absent due to illness but SB read her prepared report—all year-end paperwork is complete and submitted accordingly; preparations have begun for the April annual town meeting; she has been working on the February 21 spring primary election; work has started on the change of ownership for The Next Bar-N-Grill; the fire dues self-certification is completed; and as of January 31, no applications for the Animal Control Officer position have been received and the board will need to decide how to proceed. SB then shared that she was aware of one person who has not turned her application in on time and if she submits her paperwork, she would still like to be considered for that position. Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jack Byrd did not have anything to report. Chair Warren Dolsen did not have anything to report. Fire Chief John Melcher reported January runs were as follows: 1 brush fire, 1 motor vehicle accident; 1 mutual aid medical; and 1 mutual aid chimney fire. They are also busy working with the Town of Superior preparing for the upcoming Snow Shoe Races weekend—the dance is on Saturday night and races are on Sunday (February 18/19) at Anna Gene Park on Lyman Lake. Road crew—no one was available but WD reported they have been plowing snow, steaming culverts; completing brushing operations with the prisoners (they still have a few miles to do), and performing general maintenance on the equipment. County Supervisor Dan Corbin reported the Superior Days delegation will be in Madison next week and he reviewed the agenda they will be covering with the legislators; he attended the broad band meeting held last week in Solon Springs and it was basically covering what broad band is—since then, the governor has proposed in his budget putting money toward expansion in Northern Wisconsin so we will be working with UW Extension on how we could proceed if/when the money is received; regarding Concentrated Animal Farming Operations (CAFOs), the county has met and decided to draft an ordinance using the Bayfield County ordinance as a template (however keep in mind Bayfield County’s ordinance is currently in litigation)—this will be discussed at the County’s next ordinance meeting; regarding the Fish Creek watershed animal storage and management ordinance is being litigated by the state and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting; citizen Mary Brill shared she has information regarding CAFOs and if anyone is interested in receiving information regarding this issue to send her their email address and she will forward the information she has; regarding deer farms—Zoning is keeping an eye on this and Mary Brill also provided an update on the current status of a farm in Douglas County (i.e., fencing, DNR permits, deer populations, etc.).

Plan Commission: Upon information received from WTA attorneys, the Plan Commission approved a recommendation that the town extend Lien Road an additional one quarter mile (bring it up to road standards and maintain it) following the proper procedures (i.e., pass a resolution, add to the town road miles, etc.). After a brief discussion, JB motioned to accept the Plan Commission’s recommendation to extend the Lien Road one quarter mile north; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. Regarding the Conditional Use Permit application for Douglas County Forestry for the non-metallic mine renewal, JB motioned to approve the application; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. Regarding the

Conditional Use Permit application for the Town of Oakland for their non-metallic mine renewal, JB motioned to approve the CUP application for the non-metallic mine renewal for the Tri-Lakes gravel pit; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Bills/Expenses: There was a question regarding the \$10,000+ Fabco/Cat bill—it was for the manifold and turbo repair/replacement due to salt rusting on two different pieces of equipment. JB motioned to approve payment of the bills as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Proposed Beaver Damage Management Service Agreement: Dan Zukowski sent his proposed beaver damage management service agreement for this year and there are no changes to the agreement from last year (all stays the same). JB motioned to accept the beaver damage management service agreement from Dan Zukowski with no changes from last year's agreement; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Town Clean-Up Day Update: The contract has been received for tires from Liberty Tire and costs went up slightly so we may need to adjust our costs accordingly. Afterlife Electronics has been set up for appliances and TVs. Gronks has been contacted to supply 5 pounds of pulled pork and 5 pounds of chicken wings, along with rolls, butter, and sauces. Jack will pick up milk, water, pop, etc. All should be set and ready for the day.

New Town Hall/Fire Garage Update: The project engineer is getting the plans ready for bid soon. We had previously approved the bids for electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. The new bids would include concrete, roofing, and a general contractor. Some of the specs will be changed to hopefully get better pricing on the new bids.

Public Comment: None received; however, JB stated there has been reports of break-ins in the township and citizens should be vigilant and watch out for their neighbors.

The next board meeting will be March 14, 2017, at 7 p.m. SB motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Clerk