

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 7 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Byrd at 7:02 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes from the January 12, 2021, regular town board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. SB motioned to accept the minutes as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared she is getting ready for the February 16, 2021, Spring Primary, is working with Rural Mutual Insurance on a payroll/Workers Comp audit to try to save some money; and has been assisting Parkland as needed since their clerk is currently in the hospital (most recently she assisted with getting their W2s out and their paperwork to the Department of Revenue and IRS). Treasurer Stacy Fornengo reported she is continually learning the job and would like to have a laptop (the prior computer used by the treasurer is outdated and not usable any longer)—LD will order one for her. Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson did not have a report. Chair Jack Byrd stated he has met with the overhead door vendor in the firehall and it was determined that the LED lighting in the firehall is interfering with the signal to the garage door openers. In order to resolve the issue, an antenna is needed to be placed on the outside wall (coaxial cable must be drilled through the wall) and the cost will be about \$1,000—it has been ordered and will be installed once received. He is also applying for a grant from Enbridge for the Volunteer Fire Department and he needs some information from John to put with the application. Classes listed in the WTA newsletter booklet are all on-line and WTA magazines need to be ordered for John Melcher, Stacy Fornengo, and Mary Brill. Jack wondered about the required labor posters and we do have them—they are posted in the garage. Fire Chief John Melcher shared that in January, they had 5 EMS runs, 1 vehicle fire, and 4 mutual aid calls. Wildland fire training will occur on-line in March and we are renewed with the DNR for wildland fire assistance. Currently, any trainings or meetings are still on-line and WITC my transition to on-line as well. An EMR grant is needed as currently, we are in need of a compressor/fill station and John is working on getting quotes (it is estimated the cost will be about \$15,000 for a used unit from North Shore Compressor). The snowshoe races will not be held this year due to the Covid pandemic—they may do something later this fall in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Road Crew foreman Brian Conley reported that they performed lots of brushing, completed land use/FEMA paperwork, plowed snow, sanded the roads, replaced the wing cyl on the 140H, put the steamer together on the truck, had new energy-efficient windows installed in the old fire garage (now part of the town garage), winged out drifting snow due to high winds, and replaced the front tire on the 04 Mack truck. County Supervisor Joe Moen shared that it has been relatively quiet at the County and vaccinations are currently occurring for groups 1A and 1B (status of vaccinations is posted on the county website). JB asked if there has been any talk of paying volunteer fire fighters—no news on that at this time. The volunteer fire fighters are eligible to receive vaccinations as they are considered as part of one of the eligible groups right now.

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

Plan Commission: The PC met yesterday to work on the 10-year review of the Comprehensive Plan and they now have a more clear direction on where they need to go and are starting to review the documents. The census data is being pushed back to being released due to Covid (possibly receive in July). Work will continue on the review. A variance request has been received from Birchmeier and the information is not clear on distances, the plan, etc.—they have requested and are currently waiting to receive more information from the applicant (2 driveways have been requested and more information is needed before a decision can be made). There is no recommendation to the board on this variance request at this time.

Fire Department Overhead Door Issue Resolution: This was covered previously in the Chair’s report.

Soundproofing Options in the Hall: Jack has ordered and received a few options for review—they are located on the back table for people to look at and comment.

Public Comment: Figures in the Financial Statement will be clarified per Stacy.

The next town board meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 7 p.m. We could possibly also have a time before the board meeting to meet the candidates.

SB motioned to adjourn the meeting; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk