

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 11, 2022, at 5 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, John Melcher, and Ashley Gustafson

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted.

Aleckson/Krause CUP Application: DD contacted the applicant and shared the results of her conversation—the applicant will also be meeting with the County about the different types of permits and development needed to pursue their vision. The applicant shared that it is hoped they can retire and bring in a little extra cash to pursue their hobbies/vision—it would not be a full scale commercial business. DD motioned to approve the Aleckson/Krause CUP application; RP seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment: Fire Chief John Melcher shared that he has spoken with the owner of the equipment truck and it comes with everything but the radio and has a 2006 Mercedes Benz engine. John will check into the process of securing the purchase of this vehicle. Stacy Fornengo reviewed the FD's current budget (approximately \$14,000 remains) and she reported that the auxiliary fund has \$33,906.68 (savings/checking). The bank information has been changed to include Stacy and remove the former FD secretary/treasurer Darlene DeRosia. John needs to get keys made for the fire garage—LD will provide John with a letter from the town allowing him to get keys made as they are stamped with "Do Not Copy" on them and those keys can only be made at a shop over in Duluth. Regarding a VFD wish list for the Badger Bounce Back grant or ARPA funding, John shared a CBA fill station is needed (cost is approximately \$15,000), a water point is also needed as we can only fill at Parkland if they are involved. LD shared a while ago it was suggested that maybe we could work with the Townships of Summit and Superior to have a central water point built with all three townships contributing. This could be a possible option to pursue. A radio tower for the hall is also needed. On a separate note, a fire department driver class/training is needed. Also, Ashley Gustafson is currently serving as the VFD secretary and Stacy is acting as the treasurer—a brief discussion followed regarding reimbursing Stacy for that work and she said it was not necessary.

The current printer/fax/copier in the town hall office is making noises and parts may not be available any longer in order to fix it. LD was asked to research prices for a printer/copier/fax replacement and we could possibly use some of the ARPA money for that.

DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk