

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

Present: Jack Byrd, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, and 10 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes for the February 9, 2021, regular town board meeting were previously reviewed and no changes were made. JG motioned to approved the meeting minutes as presented; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Reports:** Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared the significant correspondence received and shared she is preparing for the April 6, 2021, Spring Election, working on Annual Meeting documents, preparing for submittal of the Form C and preparing for Open Book and Board of Review. She also completed the Workers Comp audit for the insurance company that netted a premium refund and also has been responding to open records requests from the November 3, 2020, General Election. She is also typing up all of the old or previously approved town ordinances and purchased, picked up, and set up the desk in the town office for the treasurer. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo thanked the board for the new computer and desk area in the office and she has been very busy reconciling the books and learning her job. Supervisor Jens Gregerson had no report. Supervisor Shelby Barnard was not present—no report. Chair Jack Byrd shared he has been talking with the fire department on what their needs are and has been looking at ways to secure funds for those needs through an Enbridge grant he is applying for. The most needed is an air compressor to refill the air tanks. Fire Chief John Melcher shared that last month, they had 5 medical calls, 1 mutual aid fire call, and 1 mutual aid medical call. The 2% fire dues was recently completed and EMR training is scheduled from April 5<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup> and two Saturdays. Training will take place in Lake Nebagamon. Licenses are good for 3 years. They are also recruiting for volunteers for the department (the need is great). DNR wildland fire training this year is virtual and has been scheduled. All members of the fire department are also getting vaccinated. John is still waiting on a quote for a new compressor to give to Jack and they have purchased radios to replace their old equipment. One housekeeping point—John asked that the lock that is keyed to the mechanical room be rekeyed to the hall with access from the outside and not keyed for the fire department. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported they have been plowing snow, steaming culverts, plowing the parking lots, winging back drifts and working in the shop on equipment maintenance during the recent cold snap. They also finished the bathroom in the shop and that is now useable. They are also preparing for spring breakup of the roads and the weight limits have just been placed on the roads. Douglas County supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report.

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

**Plan Commission:** The Plan Commission has been meeting two times per month reviewing the documents for the comprehensive plan—10 year review. They have also developed a website to place their information on and would like to link it to the town's website. They are currently developing a survey to be available at the annual town meeting and possibly during the election. Their website will focus on sharing what they are working on and posting meeting minutes, etc. The 10-year review of the

Town's Comprehensive Plan has been keeping them busy and no other issues have come before the Plan Commission for review or action.

**Clean-up Day:** LD asked to check in to make sure everything is set up for this year's clean-up day on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All of the vendors have been contacted: Afterlife, Tire Aggregate, Gronk's (Jack will call), the fire department (volunteers are set), and members of the road crew. Prices will remain the same for this year and posters will go out in April.

**Hall Rental Updates:** The hall is beginning to be rented more and more and we have recently had requests for use of the hall for funeral luncheons or gatherings. Jack, Stan, and Laurie recently met at the hall to discuss preparing a different fee schedule for those and to determine the process we should follow for rentals. LD will prepare documents for a fee schedule or package to give to the local funeral homes so they can contact us to set things up. We will also look at having a wedding package prepared as well. She will also prepare a draft of the process to rent the hall for posting on our website.

**Sound Absorbing Boards:** Jack has picked up a couple of samples for sound absorbing boards for the hall to make it easier to hear and they were laid out in the back of the room. He asked those present to take a look at them and give feedback or comments to him before we move forward with purchasing and installing them.

**Public Comment:** Brian Conley asked a question about the bill from the Douglas County Highway Department wondering if we were double-billed. LD shared that their recent billing did not remove the payment for the salt/sand and they contacted us about the overpayment. The check was sent back and a new check for the bridge inspection was issued. All is good. The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7 p.m.

LD reminded everyone that the Spring Election will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2021—polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The Annual Town meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7 p.m. and town officers who have been elected will be sworn in.

JG motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk