

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Pat Asbury, Laurie Dolsen, and 10 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Warren Dolsen; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. The meeting minutes for March 13, March 26, and April 9 were reviewed and one correction was made to the March 13 minutes. SB motioned to approve the meeting minutes for March 13 with the correction, March 26, and April 9 as presented; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reviewed the significant correspondence; shared a wrap-up of the spring election, and shared she is currently working on documents for the annual meeting and submittal of the Form C. Treasurer Pat Asbury reported the first highway aids check has been received and the annual ATC payment should be received some time in April. Supervisors Jack Bryd and Shelby Barnard did not have a report. Chair Warren Dolsen shared he had attended the well testing meeting in Solon Springs in March (County paid 80% of the well testing cost and resident paid \$20). The County will be doing additional testing throughout the county in order to get a more comprehensive representation of wells across the entire county. One of the reasons they are doing this testing is to set a baseline evaluation in case a Concentrated Animal Farming Operation (CAFO) comes into the county—this way, if damages occur, we have a baseline assessment done already. Fire Chief John Melcher reported they had 4 medical calls, 2 mutual aid medical calls, and 2 mutual aid fire calls in February and 3 medical calls, 1 structure fire, and 1 mutual aid fire call in March. They are all set up for Spring Clean-up Day. The medical licenses for our EMRs and the township have been renewed, and a refresher for wild land fire season was attended. Currently, we have 4 first responders and we will possibly be adding 2 more. Road Crew reported they are currently monitoring and addressing spring breakup of the roads but it has been a challenge some days to address bad spots because Udeen's pit is not always open right now. They rebuilt the sander motor, brakes have been done on the 93 Mack truck and tires have been put on the 93 Mack truck too. County Supervisor Dan Corbin shared that this would be his last meeting with us as there will be a new county supervisor next month and he thanked everyone for their support over the last two years.

Bills/Payments: JB motioned to pay the bills as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Plan Commission: Pete Waletzko is seeking a letter from the town guaranteeing emergency services would be provided to his property that is listed in a flood plain. A letter to County Zoning is recommended. The fire department is okay with providing services. A letter will be prepared. JB motioned to approve/accept the letter once written; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The PC has been in receipt of Douglas County's ordinance to allow smaller homes. The PC would like to look at it further and act on it next month—the County requests approval from the town by May 19. Regarding short-term rentals around the lake, Brian Conley found a sample ordinance and the PC will look at this next month as well. Correspondence has been received from Mary Brill/Paul Scott regarding sulfide mining (current county ordinance has weak language) and this will be addressed at the County level.

Vehicle Road Counters: Currently, the Town of Highland, the WTA chapter, and the County will all be purchasing vehicle road counters for traffic counts and they are looking to see if anyone else would like to purchase one since they get a better price if 6 or more are purchased. After a brief discussion, it was determined we do not need to purchase a counter. SB motioned to not purchase a vehicle road counter; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Animal Control Vacancy: We are currently looking to fill our animal control officer vacant position and if anyone is interested, they are encouraged to let a board member know. Other townships are also looking to fill their vacancies as well. We may be able to combine efforts if needed if one of the positions is filled in either our or other townships.

New Election Equipment: The County is looking to purchase new election equipment as the current equipment has reached its useful life and is starting to break down—our township's equipment has broken down during recent elections and has gone in for maintenance numerous times. The cost is a little less than \$5,000 and could be paid for in one lump sum, over a 5-year period, or on a payment plan with the County. It is currently going through the County process and once it is approved, we will need to determine how we would like to pay for the new equipment. It is hoped we will have the new equipment in time for the Fall primary in August.

MSHA Training: We have contacted a vendor to set up MSHA training and Dan Corbin will survey other townships to see if they have an interest in participating. LD will forward the proposal email to Dan and he will send it to the various townships for review.

Clean-up Day Status: Volunteers from the fire department are all set up to assist us; JB has spoken to Gronk's about the food and will follow up with them; the vendors are all set up; the trash dumpsters have been confirmed; and the poster has been updated. LD asked if there were any price changes and the board felt the prices were fine and should be kept as is. We need to post that no business waste will be accepted.

Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: WD reported that the roof is now on and there will be meetings coming up with the contractors to get construction back on schedule this spring. The FD thanked the board for addressing the issue of adding an emergency wash station in the fire garage.

Public Comment: Sandy Waletzko thanked Brian Conley for all of the work he has done on the project so far. Applause followed. The Annual Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., at Country Peace Presbyterian Church. LD thanked the road crew for plowing and sanding the church parking lot to make it safe for voters to enter the building. The next town board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. SB motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dolsen, Town Clerk