

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 14, 2017, at 7 p.m. (rescheduled from Tuesday, April 11, 2017)
Oakland Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a quorum was present (minus Jack Byrd who was out of town), and the meeting was properly posted. The meeting minutes from the March 14, 2017, regular town board meeting were previously reviewed and no changes were made. SB motioned to approve and accept the minutes as presented; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reviewed the significant correspondence received and also shared that the April 4, 2017, Spring Election was a success and hopefully we will be in our new town hall next year for elections. She is preparing for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting and working on the Form CT. Supervisor Shelby Barnard apologized for the last minute rescheduling of the Tuesday meeting due to her medical emergency; she has had a chance to look at most of the roads and they are holding up during spring break-up right now. She is also working on applying for a grant from Enbridge. Chair Warren Dolsen shared he has spoken to the Town of Superior's town chair regarding his request to coordinate our clean-up days to split costs (one in the spring and one in the fall) and it doesn't look like that is a good option to pursue. Fire Chief John Melcher shared they had 6 medical calls, 1 wildland fire, 1 ATV accident and 3 mutual aid calls. Four of our members have attended a county-supported child abduction class on search and rescues. They were also recently able to purchase 6 updated SCBAs at a great price (most of ours are out of date and need replacing). The Be Somebody campaign will be held in June in Brule and they will have an open house here—volunteers are needed!! John also reminded everyone that wildfire season is here, it is very dry, and there is currently no burning allowed. No one from the road crew was present in order to give a report. County Supervisor Dan Corbin was not present but did speak to LD previously and reported he was re-elected at the April election and work on the CAFOs ordinance was continuing.

Plan Commission: No one from the Plan Commission was present, but Chair Brian Conley provided the minutes from their recent meeting. The PC recommends approval of the Johnson application to put up a shed on the Clara Barton Road. Work continues on the driveway ordinance. BC will check with the WTA to see if their lawyers would look over our proposed ordinances prior to approval. They are looking to revise the animal control ordinance since we do not provide the required training outlined in the ordinance—BC will also check with WTA to see if they have a template ordinance that would better fit our needs. SB motioned to approve the application from Johnson to construct a shed; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Bills: SB motioned to approve the bills for payment as presented; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Playground Equipment Donation: Brianna Hagen notified us that a Minnesota School is offering to donate used playground equipment to our township—only cost is transporting it to our location. SB motioned to accept this generous donation; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. WD will contact Brianna to let her know we will accept the donation and it will be stored at our new building location.

Culvert on Mabel Nelson and Old Lyman Lake Roads: WD has been contacted by Steve Fregin requesting we install a culvert on the corner of Mabel Nelson and Old Lyman Lake Roads, indicating he would sue the town to get a culvert installed if he had to. A culvert was removed from that location approximately 18 years ago and

the DNR has indicated/recommended we would need to complete a very expensive hydrology study before installing another culvert there. WD is proposing that if we put in a culvert that it be at Fregin's cost and that he pay for a hydrology study also if it doesn't correct the issue he is complaining about—he would need to sign an agreement stating that he will be held responsible for all costs associated with the installation of the culvert. The DNR would still need to approve the installation of a culvert as well. SB motioned to approve WD's proposal; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. We will check with WTA to see if they have a template agreement we could use to draft an agreement to these terms; including if the DNR requires a recommended hydrology study.

Date for Annual Road Review: This year, the annual road inspection will take place on May 23 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Town Garage.

Safety Equipment: SB suggested the Town provide a safety shoe allotment (like other businesses do) for our town operators and she reviewed what other townships, businesses, and Douglas County allows—she recommends at least a \$150 allotment toward the purchase of safety steel-toed boots. This could also be added to their contracts in future negotiations. After much discussion on costs, need, etc., SB motioned to allow a \$180 allotment to our town employee operators toward the purchase of safety steel-toed boots; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Open Book/Board of Review Date Set: Assessor Barrett Brenner has contacted us to set the date of open book/board of review and WD motioned to set the date of Tuesday, May 9, from 2-4 p.m. for Open Book and from 4-6 p.m. for Board of Review to be held at the Town Hall; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Annual Town Meeting: LD reminded everyone that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Country Peace Presbyterian Church on CTH A.

New Town Hall/Fire Garage Status Update: WD shared that the bid opening for the general contractor including the roof and concrete work were opened on Wednesday, April 12, at 2 p.m. The Board is currently reviewing the bids as they came in high again. More information will be shared at the annual town meeting.

Public Comment: Mary Brill gave an update on her work with the County regarding the concentrated animal farming operations (CAFOs) and an ordinance that mirrors Bayfield County's ordinance is being developed. Dave Hansen thanked the town for fixing the holes on Wilkinson Road. A question was asked about the status of the development of an employee policy and procedure manual that the previous board had started to work on. WD and SB were not aware of it and JB (from the previous board) was not present. LD never received any information from the previous board so neither she nor PA knew a status either. The board will check with JB to see if he has any knowledge of it and the board will possibly begin work on it with assistance from the employees. This is different than the union contract they already have. Clean-up day is coming up and LD is getting the poster ready but needs to know if there are any changes to the prices from last year. Volunteers from the fire department are all lined up to help. The next regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 7 p.m. SB motioned to adjourn; WD seconded; all were in favor; motion carried—meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk