

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Chair Jack Byrd and Clerk Laurie Dolsen and 18 Interested Citizens (only 14 signed the attached sign-in sheet)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Byrd at 7 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting properly posted (not required but it was posted). Jack recognized the outgoing board members Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson and thanked them for their service to the Town the last few years. He also recognized and thanked former treasurer Patricia Asbury (retired in December 2020) for her many years of service to our Town as well. Clerk LD then individually swore in Board Members for the next term (2021-23) as follows: Chair = Jack Bryd; Supervisors Dana Dolsen and Randy Polson; and Treasurer Stacy Fornengo. Chair JB then swore in Clerk Laurie Dolsen.

Chair Jack Byrd called for agenda items from the Town. The following agenda items were requested: 1) Comprehensive Plan/Survey Results; 2) Status of Levy/Town Equipment; and 3) Dog Licenses. Brian Conley motioned to approve the town's agenda items and order of business; Greg Dolsen seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried.

Annual Town Meeting minutes from the April 21/May 26, 2020, meetings and meeting minutes from the November 10, 2020, Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting were reviewed. Brian Conley motioned to approve the November 10, 2020, Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting as presented; Warren Dolsen seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried. A correction to the May 26, 2020, Annual Town Meeting minutes was requested—under Updating Equipment, change the word “used” with the word “new.” Brian Conley motioned to approve the April 21, 2020, Annual Town Meeting minutes as presented and the May 26, 2020, Annual Town Meeting minutes with the requested correction; Jim Waletzko seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed and a question was asked about the Dog License fees/revenue. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo explained the revenues/costs/process/county and state requirements regarding the dog license fees. No other questions were asked. Brian Conley motioned to approved the Town's 2020 Financial Report as presented; Greg Dolsen seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried.

No Reports were given or received.

Comprehensive Plan/Survey Results (Sandy Waletzko/Brian Conley): Brian/Sandy shared the Plan Commission is currently reviewing the Town's Comprehensive Plan (10-year review) and handing out surveys to get the Town's input on their vision for the Town. In addition, they currently have various categories listed on the election Plexiglas boards in the back of the room and Post-it notes available for people to put their comments/ideas on and place under a category. Mapping is also being reviewed. All questions and comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan/Survey are welcomed and the survey results will be collected, reviewed, tabulated, and summarized when completed and an updated comprehensive plan will be presented when available—it is a lengthy and time consuming process.

Brian also shared the Town's Land Use website he developed with links and information available. Any questions about the website can be directed to him.

Status of Levy/Town Equipment: Road crew foreman Brian Conley shared that our current equipment to maintain the roads, etc., is old and needs replacing. The number one item for replacement is the 1995 grader (increased issues with the engine and backend). He has looked into getting the grader rebuilt or purchasing a new grader (CAT offers rebuilds) and the cost difference is about \$40,000 less for a rebuilt versus a new and you still have an old grader. Current trade-in for the grader is about \$45,000 and if we purchase new with the trade-in, the cost is about \$220,000 at current prices. Currently, the road crew is doing the best they can to keep the equipment running efficiently, but equipment replacement will need to occur soon. Discussion continued regarding increasing the levy limit to purchase/replace the equipment and LD outlined the process to follow in order for that to occur. After much discussion regarding prioritizing the equipment to be replaced, options to pursue, proposed costs, timelines for getting the new/replacement equipment, levy limit increases, etc., Sandy Waletzko motioned to give the town board the authority to look into purchasing a new town grader; Brian Conley seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried.

Dog Licenses: This item was covered previously during the review and approval of the financial report.

Public Comment: LD shared the dates for Open Book and Board of Review for 2021 are: Open Book is on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Board of Review will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, from 4 to 6 p.m. Brian Conley congratulated those who recently ran for office and stepped up to take action.

The 2022 Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. Brian Conley motioned to approve this date and time; Greg Dolsen seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried. Warren Dolsen motioned to adjourn; Brian Conley seconded; all were in favor via hand vote/no nays were received; motion carried. The 2021 Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk