

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 14 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 from the March 12, 2019, regular town board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. SB motioned to approve the March 12, 2019, regular town board meeting minutes as presented; all were in favor by voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen just completed administering the April 2, 2019, Spring Election and we had a great turnout—almost 300 people voted. This is the only election to be held this year. She is also working on finalizing all the documents for the Annual Meeting next week (16th), finished balancing the year-end books (we balanced to the penny), quarterly payroll reports were submitted, she continues to work at the flood paperwork, and she recently received a question from a resident about having additional garbage cans added. There is nothing really established and since the ordinance has been in effect since 1989, the Plan Commission should probably look it over to see if anything needs to be updated, including costs for additional cans. Treasurer Pat Asbury did not have anything to report. Supervisor Shelby Barnard thanked the road crew for their continuous work during spring breakup and also thanked them for their work on Jacksino Road. Supervisor Jack Byrd also thanked the road crew for their continued great work and the voters for electing him as the next town chair. Chair Warren Dolsen thanked everyone for allowing him to serve the last 4 years (2 terms) and said he enjoyed his time as chair. Fire Chief John Melcher shared they had 2 mutual aid medical calls and 1 mutual aid fire call. He also stated the Town of Superior Fire Department recently received a grant for new SCBAs and we purchased 6 older ones from them for our department. Our state audit revealed we received a needs improvement rating as they are cracking down on training requirements—we currently have two new volunteers in the training class now. They have begun to replace the outdated equipment and fire gear as we can with the oldest being replaced first. We recently received a 50/50 grant from the DNR (50% them/50% us--\$4,500 each) and we purchased 1 new radio and 5 new pagers. Road crew foreman Brian Conley they have been plowing snow, winged the drifts back, put the steamer truck together, set up for board meetings, sanded the roads, steamed culverts, scraped the blacktopped roads at the lakes, took a continuing education class in Wisconsin Dells, graded the roads, hauled gravel, cut up trees after the wind storm, pulled the wings on the graders and the trucks, fixed and reset culverts on Dowling Lake and Oakland Roads, took the Diggers Hotline training, and changed the oil and filters on both graders. He also asked that the public be patient with the roads as it is at critical breakup at the moment. On 5/1, both Greg and Stan will attend the MSHA training in Altoona. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report.

Bills: The board previously reviewed the bills and SB motioned to pay the bills as submitted; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Plan Commission: No meeting was held this month and the members are continuing to gather information on the CWD issue and will begin to look at the garbage ordinance to see if any updates need to occur.

AOOC Use of Land: Tom Visocky shared that the AOOC membership has increased recently and the gun owners, especially the veterans, would like to shoot their guns at a longer range. Therefore, they would

like to get permission to use the town's gravel pit when the town is not using it. They would like to establish places in the gravel pit to put backstops in order to shoot safely. He asked if it were possible if the club could lease the land annually and they would provide their own insurance. In order to lay out or plot out their lanes, etc., and bring a presentation and/or proposal for use to the Plan Commission and then to the Town Board for action, they would need to survey the land. After a brief discussion, SB motioned to allow them to go into the pit to survey and plot out their proposed lanes so they can bring a proposal to the Plan Commission and then to the Town Board for action/approval; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Clean Up Day: Vendor After Life is all set to go; the fire department will provide volunteers to staff our clean up day, a contract with Tire Aggregates is pending (proposal is basically the same as last year), the flier is good to go, Gronks still needs to be contacted, and May 18 is all set for our dumpsters from Waste Management.

Open Book/Board of Review: LD reminded everyone the Open Book is scheduled for April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Board of Review is scheduled for May 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. Both will be held at the Oakland Town Garage.

Annual Town Meeting: The annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at County Peace Presbyterian Church on CTH A in the Town of Superior. This will hopefully be the last time we will have to hold it there. LD will have a town hall status of expenditures to date and will have the annual report ready for review.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Status Update: Construction is coming along nicely and Stack is doing a great job. They are tentatively figuring their carpenters will be done with the interior some time in June, but it could be closer to July. No completion date is set yet and we will still need to do the exterior landscaping and concrete aprons, etc., in order to make it handicapped accessible before the building can be used. LD has been receiving inquiries regarding booking use of the hall but cannot book anything because we don't have a completion date and she does not know what to charge people. A brief discussion followed and JB will research statewide policy on building use/fees and will also check with surrounding townships to see what they charge for their use. LD will have a breakdown of all costs to date ready for the annual town meeting. The lawsuit against Schweikert Construction is ongoing at the moment.

Public Comment: A resident asked about the costs associated with using labor from the Department of Corrections and Brian explained it is actually very economical as they receive very minimal wages and we have been benefitting from their services for many years (over 20). Brian also thanked all those who ran for office recently as he said it is a very difficult and time-consuming job and he is looking forward to working with the new board. WD reminded everyone that our policy manual is on the website for reference if needed, including any forms that are needed and if you have a project, please call Douglas County Zoning or our building inspector, Brian Conley, if you have any questions.

The next town board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Town Garage. JB motioned to adjourn; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk