

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2020, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, and 1 Interested Citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Byrd at 7:01 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes from the Regular Town Board meetings held on March 10 and April 14 and the Board of Review held on April 29 were reviewed previously and no changes were made. SB motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared that she has been working on elections (April 7 Spring Election and May 12 Special Election) and this has been a huge challenge during this global pandemic and declared health emergency for Covid-19 as the required safety and sanitary protocols called for supplies that were very difficult to purchase or in very short supply. Luckily, the Wisconsin Election Commission was able to secure the needed and required disinfecting supplies and PPE. The road crew built plexiglass shields within a day of them being requested and it was greatly appreciated. Due to a shortage of election inspectors for various reasons due to the pandemic, we had to hire an outside clerk and bring in a member of the National Guard to assist us at the April election. All seemed to go smoothly. LD is also working with Donn Bergquist on our Form CT that is due May 15—it is almost ready to submit. The annual meeting was called to order and then motioned to postpone and adjourn until May 26 when the safer at home order was scheduled to expire. The Board of Review was held on April 29 and no cases were heard. The certifications (in order to receive the 2% fire dues) were completed and we are also hopeful to receive the FEMA money soon—completing the paperwork and receiving the money is all due to the continual assistance and persistence of Brian Conley who keeps submitting and re-submitting the requested paperwork or information to our ever-changing FEMA representatives. Treasurer Pat Asbury was not at the meeting due to the global pandemic but shared with LD that she has recently received the ATC payment and the next payment of the highway aids as well as the lottery credit. Supervisor Shelby Barnard shared she made calls to the Clean-up Day vendors to reschedule for September 19. Supervisor Jens Gregerson shared that the culverts on the Brannen Road need to be checked as some maintenance is needed. Brian will check them tomorrow. Chair Jack Byrd shared that he has received numerous calls and correspondence regarding a feud that is occurring between 2 neighbors on the Neuman Road (i.e., cameras facing the neighbor's house, loud blaring music, etc.). JB has spoken with the Sheriff's Department and has also sent a letter to the neighbors in order to put a stop to this issue. The situation will be monitored to maintain public safety. JB also received a call from a resident on the Stone Road where a new resident is speeding—JB met with him and asked him to slow down. JB also thanked Brian and Laurie for their work in pursuing FEMA reimbursement money for recovery from the 2018 Father's Day flood. Hopefully we will be reimbursed soon as all of the paperwork has been reviewed and approved by FEMA now. He mentioned that some roads are becoming rough and the road crew is working to keep up on grading and he thanked them for all of their work. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present but it was shared that the aluminum cans have finally been hauled in for recycling by members of the road crew as it was overflowing—the road crew will not be completing this task any longer. It is possible the can collection may be discontinued if members of the fire department do not handle it. A brief discussion followed on if it was really worth it because they find a lot of garbage with the cans as well and is a very time-consuming job. Road crew foreman Brian Conley shared both the March and the April report: In March, the RC pulled the wing from the grader; pulled the wings from the dump trucks; hauled a lot of gravel to bad spots on the roads (spring breakup); worked on FEMA paperwork; graded the roads; steamed culverts; replaced the water pump on the F550; plowed snow (March 29 snowstorm); and graveled Jacksino Road. In April, the RC made Plexiglass shields for the election tables; hung up the clock and notice boards in the new hall; moved the old chairs from the new hall to the storage garage; replaced the exhaust manifold on the 140H; graveled Mikrot Road, Swamp Road, and Clara Barton Road; made an inventory of culverts that need replacing; ordered replacement culverts; pulled the shoulders on Lucas Road and worked material/laid the road out; hauled gravel and placed on Lucas Road; delivered various garbage and recycling cans; worked on the old Mack truck; hauled the excavator to Lucas Road and replaced 2 culverts on

Lucas Road; finished the Lucas Road gravel for FEMA; ditched Lucas Road for FEMA; seeded Lucas Road for FEMA; went to the County garage to borrow the hay cannon/picked up hay and blew the hay on Lucas Road for erosion control; took apart the steamer on the F550; hauled the dozer to Lucas Road and pushed out the ditchings; did locates on Tri-Lakes Road; hauled equipment to Tri-Lakes Road; started the ditching project on Tri-Lake Road; hauled ditchings to our Tri-Lakes Road pit; put up silt fence on Dowling Lake for parking project; brought the 140H to Fabick for clutch adjustment and parking brake valve replacement; hauled ditchings to Dowling Lake boat ramp project; signed off on the FEMA projects; and ordered a dumpster for the shop to get rid of the garbage that is being found in the ditches or on dead end roads. County Board representative Joe Moen was not present—no report.

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

Plan Commission: They have not met due to Covid-19 and the global pandemic. No applications have been received and work continues on the garbage ordinance.

Noise Ordinance: Due to the feuding of the neighbors on Neuman Road, it was felt we should look at preparing a noise ordinance. JB is working on preparing one. Brian Conley found one from Waukesha County that could work for us to use.

Clean-up Day Rescheduled to September 19, 2020: Due to the global pandemic and declared nationwide health crisis, our spring clean-up day had to be rescheduled. LD contacted Waste Management; SB contacted vendor Afterlife; JB contacted vendor Tire Aggregate; and LD checked with the Fire Department and we should be good to go for September 19 as our town clean-up day.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Status Update: The question was asked if the hall can be used during the Covid-19 crisis and after discussion, everyone felt we should continue to follow whatever is legal per the recommendations of the CDC, etc. For safety reasons, LD asked that additional sand or landscaping be completed between the wall and the sidewalk as there is quite a drop off from the sidewalk—we will consult with Mary at Missinne's to see what they suggest. We also need to clean out the garage and bring the remaining boxes of items to the new hall to be unpacked and stored.

Public Comment: The question was asked about increasing the town's levy in order to begin replacing our aging equipment. LD will look at the timeline for how to increase the levy and will share it at the May 26 Annual Meeting. The question was also asked about crushing and having our own gravel in our pit—it is about an \$80,000 upfront investment but we would have 24/7 access to the material and the cost is about \$4 per ton vs the \$6.50 per ton we currently pay. Could we use FEMA money to crush the gravel? It was shared that the Mack truck box is very rusty and worn out and has been repaired numerous times but it will be just a matter of time before it becomes unfixable and we will need to replace it. Other pieces of equipment are aging and wearing out as well—we will need to look at how we can begin replacing our aging equipment. Ditching permit renewals are needed—cost is about \$235. A resident called and there is an access issue on the Koenen Road (rocks and stumps are being placed in the ditch)—we are working to determine the exact ROW for this road (is it deeded, platted, assumed, etc.) so we can know our legal responsibility for this road. Regarding the Brannan Road project, the money has been received from FEMA, but the board needs to determine what they would like done with the culvert.

The next town board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 7 p.m. JG motioned to adjourn the meeting; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk