

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 17 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes from the April 9 regular town board meeting and the April 22 special town board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. SB motioned to approve the April 9 and April 22 meeting minutes as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported that Open Book and Board of Review were both held and there were no changes made to any assessments and no one appeared before the BOR; she is working on the Class B Beer/Liquor and Tobacco license renewal applications; a road inspection date needs to be decided; LD asked if the road restrictions are coming off the roads in the township because we follow Douglas County and while they are lifting the spring road weight restrictions tomorrow (May 15) at 12 noon, there are still some restrictions in force (yes—we will continue to follow Douglas County); work continues on the flood paperwork; and she is working with Donn/Del Berquist to complete and submit the Form CT. Treasurer Pat Asbury shared that the lottery credit and ATC account monies have recently been received. Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson did not have anything to report. Chair Jack Byrd shared that a large amount of trash was illegally dumped on the W Lyman Lake Road but there was information in the trash that identified whose trash it was and he is working with the Douglas County Sheriff's Department and the Forestry officer to handle the situation and get it cleaned up. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present and no report was received. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they have been hauling gravel on the Range Line Road, changed the blades on the graders, grading roads, punched down several culverts, fixed the wing walls on the west side of the bridge of the Little Amnicon on Old Lyman Lake Road, brought the grader to Fabick/CAT for articulation repair, broke down the culvert steamer, set up for open book and Board of Review, pulled the main cylinders on the excavator and brought it to Fabick/CAT for a rebuild, installed culverts on Oliphant and Oakland Roads, Greg and Stan attended MSHA training, fixed the cab mount on the new Mack, cut many trees off the roads from the snow/wind storm, picked up the boom cylinders, graded the parking lot in preparation for the town cleanup day, and have been getting ready for town cleanup day this coming Saturday. County Supervisor Joe Moen shared the road restrictions will be coming off tomorrow with a few exceptions, the Forestry Department did not meet this month, the contract for the county fairgrounds is coming up and the County needs to decide what to do (Land Development Committee), and the Zoning Committee will be meeting to discuss zoning changes.

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

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission met today and discussed the application received from Cade Quinn Musch to rezone land from Forestry 1 (F1) to Agriculture 1 (A1) for a proposed use as a hunting farm. Upon review and discussion, the PC recommends the board approve the application. Work continues on updating the garbage ordinance as the previous one was developed and approved back in 1989. They also discussed the lake access signage on Dowling Lake. JG motioned to approve the

Petition to Rezone received from Cade Musch; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Clean-Up Day: All the vendors have been lined up and JB will be bringing his beef and his chicken chili. Gronks will be donating the shredded meat and buns; SB will bring fruit; Lois Dolsen will bring desserts, and JG will pick up donuts. The yard has been prepared and the dumpsters will start arriving on Thursday this week.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: The construction is moving along nicely and everything is looking great. Right now, it is hoped to have most of the construction completed by mid-June. The interior painting is finishing up, most of the doors have been installed, heating work continues, and the trim work is being completed. People are there working every day. Fees for the hall rental are being researched and JB has checked with the towns of Amnicon and Parkland and he is still gathering more information. Amnicon has a pretty good comprehensive policy and fee schedule and we will most likely model ours similar to theirs.

Public Comment: Dan Corbin shared that the WTA Douglas County Unit meeting will be held on May 21 in Brule and the Lake District will be meeting on June 8. Northwest Trails (which operates the ATV routes) is doing a push for the County to open up all the county highways for ATV use and Dan is requesting those who support this to send their support to Nick Baker and Mark Liebert on the County Board. He also reported the Amnicon/Dowling Lake District is currently in the process of conducting a two-year study with the DNR regarding the blue/green algae that is growing in the lake. He asked if all the access points on Dowling Lake will be signed and the answer was most likely yes—there will be signage on all access points that can have public access on public property. Those points need to be marked so people don't put up sheds, etc. Dan also stated there is a lot of congestion at the main landing on Dowling Lake and they are requesting the town widen the road within the ROW on our property there so people can park off the roadway. JB will meet with Dan Corbin as the ROW is 50 feet there (road is platted) and before anything is done, we would need to check with Amy Cronk with the DNR, etc. A concerned citizen had a question about the clear cutting being done by East Central Energy on Dowling Lake and that it is causing washouts, etc. The individual was wondering if we could petition for them to put the lines underground as the trees are valuable to the local residents. A contractor does the clear-cutting for ECE and it is highly unlikely ECE will put their lines underground as they did not complete that when the road was paved previously.

The next regular town board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Town Garage. SB motioned to adjourn the meeting; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk