

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Laurie Dolsen and 1 Interested Citizen

The meeting was called or order at 6 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted.

Sound Board Panels for the Town Hall: We have been receiving requests to address the sound in the new town hall as use of the hall increases. Jack and his wife Bonnie have done extensive research on sound diffuser panels, have purchased some samples, and have also tried to build an example to try. No action or decision was made by the previous board and the new board members would like to move forward with addressing this issue.

Discussion followed on the various options available and Bonnie shared what they have found in their research. JB explained his discussions with the contractors regarding the type of building we have (i.e., concrete floor, 3 concrete walls, and a sheet rocked wall and ceiling) and their recommendations of what to try and where to place sound diffuser panels. They felt installing wall sound diffuser panels would work the best to start out with and if more were needed, to add panels to the ceiling. Also discussed were using the small panels versus a large panel or possibly using a combination of both (4x8 sheets were observed being used in a church). Discussion continued on all of the different types of sound diffusers/acoustic panels that are available (reviewed on the computer), how and what to get (size) to cover the walls to get the maximum sound diffuse, and the cost of each option. LD shared the requests she has been receiving from potential hall renters (i.e., weddings, etc.) and that information will also be considered.

Randy Polson has construction background and can talk with various vendors he knows to get any additional information we need to make a decision so we can get the best option for a good price. He will do some additional research, make some calls, and bring the information back before the board in order to keep this moving forward.

DD motioned to adjourn the meeting; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk