

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 11 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 May 10 Regular Town Board Meeting were reviewed and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has been working with our accountant and the Form CT was submitted to the Department of Revenue by the May 15 deadline—a lot of work went into it this year because a lot of changes were made to the form. She has also been working on the upcoming August 9, 2022, Partisan Primary and finished up the April 5, 2022, spring election. There was also a change in the garbage vendor's collection process (cameras were added and cans can only be picked up from sites with accounts—their new automated process did not capture all the accounts and LD has been verifying accounts with Waste Management and fielding calls from residents). This issue started in May and continued into June but hopefully all should be pretty much resolved now. She also helped with Town Cleanup on May 21. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo reported she participated in Town Cleanup and processed the money received. Dana Dolsen had no report. Chair Jack Byrd thanked the road crew and the volunteers from the fire department for their assistance at the Town Cleanup—everything went very smoothly with their help. He also thanked Gronks for donating some of the food for the volunteers. LD will send a thank you. An issue occurred with the appliance vendor but it has been resolved. A check was received from the Shriners for the VFD for medical services they provided at the Shriner's recent circus. JB thanked them for their valuable assistance and willingness to help. The masonic lodge will also be donating a \$1,000 fire suppression unit to our fire department—the unit will be presented on June 29 at the Town of Superior Fire Department fire hall with a BBQ and the media has been invited. Other departments receiving the unit are the Town of Superior, Gordon, and Lake Nebagamon. Fire Department Chief John Melcher reported in May we had 2 medical calls, 1 mutual aid medical call, and 1 mutual aid structure fire. All the equipment has been serviced and was taken outside and tested. The extrication equipment was also recently tested. Lakeside will be donating a car for training that is being planned. They are still looking for an equipment van to replace the current one since the previous opportunity to purchase an equipment van fell through. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported this last month they picked up tires/trash/construction debris from alongside the town roads, graded the roads, worked on the equipment trailer/tires, hauled equipment to the Tri-Lakes pit, sloped the south side of the Tri-Lakes pit (3:1) and hauled topsoil in the pit and spread it over the 3:1 slopes, cleaned the lot up from Clean-up Day, hauled gravel on Eastman Road, cut and pushed trees from the roads, pulled rocks from Old Lyman Lake Road, hauled and placed gravel on Old Lyman Lake Road, hauled and placed gravel on Mabel Nelson Road, pulled the clay shoulders on the west side of Old Lyman Lake Road and hauled it away to the Paine pit, and installed driveway culverts for Olson/Guimond. Douglas County Supervisor Joe Moen shared some of his committee assignments have changed—he is off the Administrative Committee, is vice chair of the Forestry Committee (they recently had a \$1.4 million dollar forestry sale), is on the Land & Development Committee, and is vice chair of the Zoning Committee—they are looking at a major review of the County's Zoning ordinance).

Bills: The bills were reviewed by the board and DD motioned to approve paying the bills; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Stacy will process the bills presented.

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission met on June 13 at 2:30 p.m. Topics discussed were the Dolsen pre-application request for a zoning change from Forestry to Agriculture—they will need to officially apply by submitting an application; survey results; the breach of the fence on the Musch deer farm—they were

contacted and it was repaired in a very timely manner; the process to rescind old resolutions; webinars watched (viewings are finished and they have learned some new processes to possibly implement); Comprehensive Plan review—they are still waiting for guidance as we are ahead of the process; and correspondence received from the County.

Rezone Request from Forestry 1 to Agricultural 1 (Greg Dolsen): Greg will be requesting to change the zoning on their property from Forestry 1 to Agricultural 1—they are not sure when it was changed but there have been animals on the property and farming occurring for years. An application will be submitted to the County soon—they are just bringing it to the Town’s attention that the application will be coming.

Road Projects/Increases (Brian Conley): Like all things in our economy at the current moment, road construction project costs that were planned during the budgeting process last year that are for this year have increased significantly, especially culverts and gravel and we may need to re-evaluate or reduce the number of projects to stay within budget or we may need to move money around. Example: Last year, we applied for and received an \$8,000 grant from the county that would have helped cover costs of some of our projects but now due to increases in costs and supply issues, the cost for one culvert for one of our projects is \$9,600. We may need to put a few projects on hold. We could also possibly use some of the ARPA funding received. Normally, we try to stay with local businesses but may need to look at prices outside of our area to get better pricing. The road crew will continue to check prices and get prices from at least 3 locations.

Clean-up Day Update (Randy Polson): RP was not in attendance so this topic was not discussed—it was most likely thanking all involved for a very successful day. Everything ran very smoothly.

Beer/Liquor License and Tobacco License Applications—The Kettle (Laurie Dolsen): Beer/Liquor License and Tobacco License applications have been received from the new owners of The Kettle—fees have been paid and publication has taken place and LD recommends approval. DD motioned to approve the Beer/Liquor License and the Tobacco License applications received for The Kettle; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Policy Manual Updates (Laurie Dolsen): Recommended revisions and updates to the Town’s Policy Manual have been received and reviewed and a Resolution is needed to implement them. JB motioned to approved the resolution to implement the reviewed Town Policy Manual; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Public Comment: Candidate for Sheriff Matt Izzard introduced himself and shared he would be available for comments/questions after the meeting. A question was asked if Ernie’s Welding had been paid previously (check No. 37583). LD/SF shared it was only paid once. Owners of South Range Defense thanked the Town for the ease in process it takes to rent our hall (other townships aren’t so easy to work with) and they also were very thankful for the garbage pickup at the AOOOC. The Community Group shared the pancake breakfast is coming up on June 18 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and more volunteers are needed (anyone is welcome to join the committee). Menu will be pancakes, sausages, and a beverage—take-outs will be available. Setup will take place on Friday night at 6 p.m. Ideas for upcoming events are appreciated—possibly a community rummage sale, etc. The next regular town board meeting is Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk