

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 9 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 for the May 13, 2020, regular town board meeting were reviewed previously—no changes were needed. SB motioned to accept the May 13 regular town board meeting minutes as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared that she just completed another successful election on May 12 with all safety and social distancing protocols in place; the Form CT was submitted on time; preparations have begun for the August 11 primary; liquor and tobacco licenses have been applied for; work has begun on the budget; and LD continues to file and organize and transition her office back to the hall. Treasurer Pat Asbury shared we have received the ATC payment and FEMA reimbursement from the 2018 flood (LD thanked Brian Conley for his assistance and persistence with FEMA). Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson thanked the road crew for how well the roads look and for ditching on Tri-Lakes. Chair Jack Byrd did not have a report. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present but sent a text with the following report—the printer we purchased from the Superior Fire Department is ready for pickup—nothing else to report. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported they finished ditching on Lucas Road up to our 1 acre max without a permit; seeded Lucas ditch and blew hay on it; hauled the equipment from Lucas Road to Tri-Lakes Road; moved all debris in Tri-Lakes pit to high wall; started ditching on Tri-Lakes Road to get material for the Tri-Lakes pit to slope the high wall on the West side per requirement from Douglas County; put up silt fence on Dowling Lake Road for boat ramp parking; hauled material to Dowling Lake for boat launch parking—leveled material and graveled; graded roads; applied for DNR permit renewal for Old Lyman Lake Road; did locates and staking for 15 culverts that need replacement; worked on 140H—replaced batteries and alternator; lowered John Melcher’s driveway culvert; went to Register of Deeds office to research deeds; hauled excavator to Clara Barton to put in a driveway; ditched a stretch of Clara Barton Road to the river; worked on new permit to ditch Tri-Lakes Road; and started installing culverts on several roads. County Board supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report.

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

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission recently met and spoke with members of the Lake Management board regarding the access issue and an upcoming meeting with their residents. The preference is to keep as much green space as possible. Kim Nygaard will be drafting a letter and will be bringing it to the July Plan Commission meeting so the town board can review it if approved. Two quarries for Alliance Steel are up for renewal (non-metallic mine permits) and no complaints have been received so the PC recommends approval. Work continues on the garbage ordinance—currently looking at clarifying the language. A request has been received to develop a noise ordinance and the PC has begun to look at current noise ordinances from other entities such as Waukesha County (possibly use their ordinance and adjust it for our township). JG motioned to approve the two non-metallic mine renewal permit applications received from Alliance Steel; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

License Renewals: LD presented the Class B liquor/Class B beer license application received from Lynn K Simonson dba Kopper Kettle Tavern and also their tobacco license application. All requirements have been met and fees paid. The required publications will be complete on June 23. If no concerns, it should be good to go—LD recommends approval upon completion of publications. JG motioned to approve the liquor/beer license application received for Lynn K Simonson/Kopper Kettle and issuance of the license upon completion of

publications; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. SB motioned to approve the tobacco license application received from Lynn K. Simonson/Kopper Kettle; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Annual Meeting Review: At the town's annual meeting held on May 26, the following items were brought up and discussed: Crushing gravel in our own pit—Brian Conley proposed crushing gravel in our own pit to replenish our supply that was severely depleted because of the 2018 flood. The cost upfront is high (between \$80,000-\$85,000 +/-) and a minimum of 20,000 tons would need to be crushed but we would have our own gravel available 24/7. Cost savings would be we would pay about \$4 ton versus \$6.50/\$6.75 ton we are currently paying and we could use the FEMA reimbursement money we just received to pay for it. After a brief discussion, the board felt we need to move forward and crush our own gravel. SB motioned to move forward with crushing our own gravel and advertising for bids; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Brian will put the specs together for crushing so we can advertise to bid for crushing services. Most of our equipment is quite old (30+ years) and is deteriorating and in need of replacement. However, our levy has not been increased since 2013 and a possible increase in our levy may be needed to purchase newer equipment. Equipment would be replaced gradually as funds allow and the backhoe is a priority for replacement as we have two graders and two trucks if one goes down. Next for replacement would be the trucks and then the graders. LD reviewed the process to be followed for requesting a levy increase. Replacement costs are needed for the backhoe and also for the box of one of the trucks. Also brought up was possibly refinancing our building loans. LD checked with NBC and one loan is currently at 2.95% and is already low. She is waiting to hear if refinancing the other loan (currently at about 3.50%) would be worth it. Brian Conley asked about selling the office trailer since it is no longer needed and not in use. It would be advertised and sold as is. Brian could advertise the trailer on various Wisconsin surplus sites. SB motioned to move forward with selling the trailer as is; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. BLC will look to see if it would be best if we sell the trailer separately or with the ramp, contents, and steps.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Status Update: LD asked if there was a status on the landscaping by the building. Brian spoke with Missinnie's and they suggested using clean rock from the quarry to fill in between the sidewalk and the building. It was also recommended to move the flagpole away from the front entrance of the building (most likely over to the South side of the building) as snow drops from the roof and has bent the pole at the current location. The pole would need to be moved before the rock was placed. LD asked that this be completed before the next election on August 11 to improve the safety outside the building. She also asked that the parking lot be graded to smooth out the ruts now that the lot has settled. She will look into purchasing a coat rack and cigarette butt receptacles for outside the buildings.

Public Comment: Residents Mark Staves and Jayme Christine shared ongoing issues they are having with their neighbor, Kris Daffron, on Neuman Road. Issues involve cameras being set up, strobe lights, generators constantly running, noise blasting, rifles being shot, 24-hour monitoring, pictures being taken, threats of violence against themselves or their animals, etc. They have tried to be good neighbors and resolve the issues peacefully but a restraining order has been issued already and the sheriff's department has been called 9 times in the last month. They are just looking for the harassment to stop. Mark/Jayme are requesting the town look at developing and implementing a noise ordinance asap and brought examples of various noise ordinances for reference. A noise ordinance would be enforced by the sheriff's department anytime issues in the township occur. In addition, they shared that the Daffrons have placed a camper and a porta-potty on their property right next to Mark/Jayme's property line and will most likely be applying for a permit. The town will look into the matter.

The next town board meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7 p.m. SB motioned to adjourn; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk