

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 7 Interested Citizens

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. The regular town board meeting minutes from June 9, 2020, were reviewed previously and SB motioned to approve the June 9 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 has been at the hall cleaning, unpacking, and organizing the kitchen supplies from the old town hall—we will need to replace quite a bit of the dishes and utensils as they have sat unused and packed up since 2013 and some are no longer usable. She is also working on the upcoming August 11 Partisan Primary election and prepping for the November 3 General Presidential election. In addition, she is also working on budget items and working with vendors on phone/internet issues at the new town hall and printer issues at the hall and at her home. Treasurer Pat Asbury did not have anything to report. Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson did not have anything to report. Chair Jack Byrd shared he has been working on the ordinance issues. Fire chief John Melcher was not present—no report received. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported they have been installing culverts on East Lyman Lake Road (1), Mikrot Road (1), Oliphant Road (2), Jacksino and Koenen Roads (3), Otto Road (2), Neuman Road (2), Stromquist Road (1), and Conley Road (1); lowering the culverts on Conley and Lien Roads; mowing the side roads; grading (but it has been too dry to hold); picking up hay for erosion control; fixing the tires on the F550 shop truck; cleaning the shop; meeting with Amy Cronk (DNR) for the Tri Lakes Road permit; working on the fire department's big tanker; dozing out ditchings at the site; working on the brusher; bringing the big tanker to Poms for tires; dozing out ditchings in the Tri Lakes pit; working on removing the glass door on the brusher; checking the roads after the recent rain storms and cutting trees off the roads; fixing a washout on Oliphant Road at the Amnicon River; working on the backhoe overheating issue; working on the dozer (broken belt tensioner); working on permits for the Tri Lakes Road ditching project; working on the noise ordinance; and working on the gravel crushing contract documents (changed the specs for the gravel). County Supervisor Joe Moen was not here—no report.

Bills: The board reviewed the bills 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 prior to this meeting and reviewed the following: Michael Peterson variance application to construct an addition to his dwelling within the 75 foot lake setback requirement—approval recommended; Jerry Madsen variance to construct a storage shed within the setback requirement of a town road—recommend approval; reclamation plan for non-metallic mine No. 18223—recommend approval; and reclamation plan for non-metallic mine No. 9064—recommend approval. They are still working on language for the garbage ordinance and the noise ordinance and action at this time was tabled as they continue to work on these ordinances. JB has spoken with other townships and we will proceed carefully to ensure the right language is included. The County has an ordinance already regarding causing disturbances so we can proceed accordingly. They also met with the Lake Management and they have a meeting set for August 22 to discuss public accesses. No further discussion occurred. SB motioned to approve the Madsen variance application; JG seconded; all were in

favor via voice vote; motion carried. SB motioned to approve the Peterson variance application; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. SB motioned to approve the reclamation plan for No. 18223; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. SB motioned to approve the reclamation plan for No. 9064; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Dog Ordinance/Barking Dog Letter: We have received a formal complaint from a resident regarding a barking dog and per the ordinance, we will be drafting and sending a letter to the owner of the offending animal. JG motioned to send a letter to the owner of the barking dog along with a copy of our ordinance; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Gravel Crushing Status: Brian Conley used the gravel crushing documents from the last time we crushed gravel but updated the information and the specs to comply with current rules and shared draft documents requesting sealed bids, etc. After discussion; SB motioned to move forward with sending out documents for a gravel crushing bid; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Proposed Levy Increase to Replace Aging Equipment: The first step in bringing a request before the residents for an increase in the levy to purchase and/or replace our aging equipment is the town board passing a resolution to request the increase. LD needs dollar amounts for replacing the backhoe and the box on one of the trucks. Brian will provide those prices to LD to be included in the resolution so it can be brought up at the August town board meeting.

Sale of Trailer: Brian has sent out documents to the board but has not received a response yet—he needs to know what goes with the trailer in order to advertise to sell it (i.e., steps, ramps, etc.). Discussion followed. Both options (sell with ramps/steps and sell without) will be included in the documents. Trailer will be sold as is and a disclaimer will be prepared.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: The road crew will place rock between the building and the sidewalk prior to the August 11 election to improve safety.

Public Comment: Lois Dolsen asked how we can eliminate the echo in the new hall as it is very difficult to hear at meetings. JB shared he and his wife Bonnie have been looking into making sound absorbing panels for the hall and also they have been doing research on this matter. We hope to have something installed soon.

Due to the August 11 Partisan Primary election being held on Tuesday at the hall (our next scheduled town board meeting date), the next town board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7 p.m. JG motioned to adjourn; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen
Town Clerk