

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County  
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7 p.m.  
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, and 4 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 June 14 Regular Town Board meeting and the June 21 Special Town Board meeting were reviewed previously and DD motioned to approve; RP seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Reports:** Clerk Laurie Dolsen was not present—no report. JB reviewed correspondence received. Jeanne Densten reviewed the improvements that have taken place at the Aurora Outdoor Club and their upcoming 30-year celebration. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo was not present—no report. Chair Jack Byrd shared that the Shriners Masonic Lodge distributed fire suppression units to the Towns of Oakland and Superior and the Villages of Lake Nebagamon and Gordon Volunteer Fire Departments. There will be more distributed throughout the County in the upcoming year and they hope to donate a unit to all 14 townships and/or villages in Douglas County. They are also working to donate defibrillators next year to the volunteer fire departments as well and JB has applied for one for our department. Supervisor Dana Dolsen—no report. Supervisor Randy Polson shared he has received a call from Jan Najjar voicing her ongoing concern about the access to Dowling Lake and he is investigating her concerns—he will be checking with the DNR regarding her concerns/requests and potential wetland issues. Fire Department—Supervisor Dana Dolsen shared she received a call from Raquel at Four Corners Store—they will be hosting a National Night Out gathering on August 2 from 5-7 p.m. and requested that our fire department bring a rig and volunteers for the dunk tank. Dana will reach out to Fire Chief John Melcher and pass along the request/information. Dana also received a check for \$350 from the Tri-Lakes Civic Club to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department from the proceeds from their pancake breakfast earlier this year. Fire Department Chief John Melcher was not present—no other report (see Dana's information given previously regarding the fire department). Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley was not present but he did send a report via email and Greg Dolsen also reported they have been ditching, grading, and cutting grass. Brian reported they pulled the shoulder material on Old Lyman Lake Road to establish an edge to ditch up to; ditched Old Lyman Lake Road on the east side; obtained hay bales and applied erosion control to Old Lyman Lake Road where it was ditched; graded; removed the steering cylinder from the grader, rebuilt it, and put it back on; started mowing the roadsides; pushed out ditchings from the Old Lyman Lake Road project; worked with the Town of Summit to push their ditchings out; completed maintenance on the brush tractor; and installed several driveway culverts. County Board Representative Joe Moen was not present—no report.

**Bills:** The bills presented were reviewed by the board. DD motioned to approve the bills as received; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Plan Commission:** The Wright/Shaugnessy application to rezone from R2 to F1 was received and reviewed and they recommended the board approve it. DD motioned to approve; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. A Resolution to Rescind the Hansen Resolution from 2009 was prepared and reviewed and the PC recommends approval. DD motioned to approve the Resolution to Rescind the Hansen Resolution from 2009; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Propane Contract:** A proposal has been received from Como Propane for the upcoming season and RP and DD will be checking in with other local propane vendors to get quotes on prices and will bring that information to the next meeting in August. Item tabled/no action taken at this time.

**Town Hall Sign:** RP contacted Bob Beam and he will help by looking into some sign options. RP also met with Adriene Lamb from Sign Co. to discuss options for a digital sign for the town hall. DD contacted the Superior refinery (Cenovus) to find out if there are any grant funding options available and will provide an update again when more information is received.

**Public Comment:** Jeanne Densten shared that the Aurora Outdoor Club will celebrate 30 years on August 20 (August 27 will be the scheduled rain day) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. She also asked about the possibility of their conceal/carry classes meeting for two hours over a two-day period (Wednesday/Thursday) as an option for their classes for no extra fee for the second day and the Board supported it as they are providing a community service with their classes. The Community Group is planning a rummage sale for August 27 (setup on the 26<sup>th</sup>) and are working out earlier drop-off details, advertising, and coordinating setup, etc. Anything not sold will be donated to community organizations. Proceeds will go for future community events. Another event they are looking at is a Fall Fest/Concert on September 24 (setup on the 23<sup>rd</sup>). The pancake breakfast held previously went very well—there were a lot of volunteers and there was a nice turnout. Jack would like to recognize Raquel from Four Corners Store for all she does for our community.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 7 p.m. RP motioned to adjourn; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Clerk  
Dana Dolsen (notetaker)