

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Jack Byrd, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, Shelby Barnard, Pat Asbury, and 10 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. The meeting minutes from the June 11, 2019, regular town board meeting were previously reviewed and no changes were made. SB motioned to approve the June 11, 2019, regular town board meeting minutes as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reviewed the significant correspondence received and shared she has been working on the loan paperwork, FEMA documents, lawsuit items, starting to prepare for the move to the new town hall (looking into what records need to be kept, etc.), and preparing for the upcoming budget season. Treasurer Pat Asbury shared that we received our State Highway Aids payment in July. Supervisor Shelby Barnard thanked her Town of Oakland family (board/employees) for the plant and all the support shown after the death of her father (he was a former town employee). Supervisor Jens Gregerson thanked the road crew for the great job they have been doing with the roads and all the extra projects. Chair Jack Byrd did not have a report. Fire Crew Chief John Melcher was not present—no report. Road Crew foreman Brian Conley reported they have been placing gravel on Turbett Road, grading, met with Amy Cronk (DNR) regarding the board landing parking at Dowling Lake, worked on paperwork for the lawyer, installed 2 culverts on Mabel Nelson Road and one each culverts on Swamp Road, Kip Road, and Edquist Road; hauled the old culverts to our pit, worked on dirt work at the new hall, hauled in the aluminum cans, and changed the tires on the 140H. Brian reviewed his discussion with Amy Cronk of the DNR about parking at the boat landing and how it is a safety issue. There are no issues with the DNR to expand the parking area at the landing and it is up to the town board to approve expanding the area to improve parking there. After a brief discussion about the road crew's current workload, JG motioned to build or expand the parking area at the landing at the road crew's convenience (as there are many projects to be done this summer); SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Our Douglas County Supervisor was not present—no report.

Bills: The board reviewed the bills ready to be paid. 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 the town board meeting tonight and reviewed the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from applicant Mikrot to relocate a mobile home for storage and they recommend the town board approve that CUP application. Work continues on the garbage ordinance and Sandy has found some good examples; however, it will take some time to put something together to update the current garbage ordinance that is in place. They are recommending placing the cost for the cans in the policy manual once the ordinance is updated. Currently, the cost for garbage is \$200 per year for two cans (1 garbage and 1 recycling) and they are recommending if a resident would like an additional can, to charge half for each additional can—i.e., current cost is \$200 per year for 2 cans so adding one additional can would be \$100 per year. The Plan Commission also discussed the boardwalk on Dowling Lake (should inspect it for defects right now). The Lake Association will be discussing this and all the other accesses for Dowling Lake at an upcoming meeting and they will recommend to the

Plan Commission for review and town board action whether or not the accesses should be vacated or used/established/signed. All of this is very preliminary and in the beginning stages right now—no decisions have been made but they are working very well together with the Plan Commission to come up with a solution that will work for a majority. The PC also received a revision to a variance for prior applicant Hope and the PC reviewed it and recommends approval of that variance with the new revision. SB motioned to approve the Mikrot CUP; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. JG motioned to approve the revised variance for Hope; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: Installation of the heating equipment is currently in process. We are also waiting for installation of the final entry door—we are on our third door as the first one did not fit when it arrived and the second door that came in had a broken door handle. It is hoped to have the new (third) door in this week for installation. Young is currently completing their work in the building (plumbing). It is hoped to have our occupancy permit by August 2019. Our road crew has started working on the landscaping and constructing the parking lot. JB shared information regarding the handicapped accessible parking slab (concrete vs blacktop). We have a quote for \$8,000 for a concrete slab and blacktop for the same size slab is about \$2,775. We could do the handicapped slabs and go out farther at the fire department area for the cost of concrete for just the handicapped slab. JB will find out more about blacktopping costs and report his findings at the August meeting. In addition, we need to determine if we should go with laminate countertops or stainless steel countertops in the kitchen. While stainless steel is the preferred type of countertop, the cost is just too great at this time. SB motioned to go with laminate countertops for the cabinets in the kitchen and have a stainless steel moveable island; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Ferrellgas has been providing us with propane at the site during construction and we need to move forward with installing the permanent propane line. SB will call around for prices to ensure Ferrellgas can provide us the best price.

Public Comment: None.

Our next town board meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Oakland Town Garage. JG motioned to adjourn the meeting; SB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen
Town Clerk