

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 7 p.m.**  
**Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, 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 July 13 Regular Town Board meeting and the August 2 Special Town Board meeting were reviewed and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve the July 13 and August 2 meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Reports:** Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared she is working on preparing for the budget season and continuing to clean and organize the office. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo did not have a report. Supervisor Dana Dolsen shared the roads have been reviewed and potholes have been filled in; damage from ATV/UTVs on the Jacksino Road have been repaired and she has spoken with those responsible for the damage. Supervisor Randy Polson shared he has received a call from Jan and both she and Terry will remove the boardwalk by August 20. Chair Jack Byrd asked if there was any word regarding the issue on Jodell Road and none has been received. Fire Department—Fire Chief John Melcher was not there but Stacy reported Stan Dzikonski will be stepping down as assistant fire chief at the end of the month and they will hopefully be voting in a new assistant chief and are looking for volunteers for the fire department as well. They are also preparing for the September 11 open house. Road Crew foreman Brian Conley reported they have hauled gravel on the Otto Road, finished cutting grass on the roadsides, installed a driveway culvert on the Swamp Road, worked on the brusher, installed a sign on the Dowling Lake boardwalk, hauled gravel on Lundgren Road, graded various roads, patched the blacktop at Lyman Lake, pushed trees off the roads from a windstorm, met with the DNR to improve parking for Dowling Lake, installed a culvert on Mikrot Road, moved the excavator back to the shop, hauled the dozer to push out the ditchings, removed debris from the Dowling Lake boat launch channel, and worked on the 2004 Mack air regulator. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared that the County Board is pretty quiet in July as they are on hiatus. He also shared that the County is in pretty good shape financially and they are working on how they will distribute the federal funds received from ARPA.

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

**Plan Commission:** The Land Use website has recently been updated and it is recommended that the Fire Department procedures should be reviewed and updated. They met to discuss the Simonson application to Petition to Rezone (change from R1 residential to RR1 residential recreational for a proposed campground). The PC feels the petition could be approved but are recommending more information be gathered prior to making a final decision. If the petition is not approved, the issue ends. If the town approves it, Zoning will most likely approve it. If it is tabled for further discussion, more information can be gathered. Joe Moen shared the County is looking at the campground ordinance as well. PC members are in favor of development but would like more information on this petition. After further discussion, RP motioned to hold off until our September regular town board meeting to gather more information and to see a more detailed plan for the campground and use of the property (i.e., layout, etc.); DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Mary Brill has been summarizing the comments received from the Comprehensive Plan survey. The boardwalk will be removed by Jan and Terry by August 20 as it was deemed unsafe and closed for use by the Town Board. Once the boardwalk is removed, they asked if a path could be put in for use—RP will look into this as an option.

**New Beer/Liquor License:** The Kopper Kettle Tavern has been sold (closing is on August 16) and the new owners have just applied for a beer/liquor license. Their paperwork is in order but it needs to be published in the newspaper 3 times and our newspaper is published on Fridays only—third publication is August 27 which is after the new owners take over on August 16. LD recommended to conditionally approve the license with final approval being made upon the final publication if no objections have been received during that time. JB motioned to conditionally approve the beer/liquor license for Mark Nault dba The Kettle LLC effective on closing on August 16 with final approval upon completion of the required publication on August 27 and no objections being received; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Garbage Contract Proposal:** Diana Siebels from Waste Management reviewed their 5-year contract proposal and noted the percentage amount on the proposal should be 3% and not 3.5%. There has also been an increase in the amount of dumpsters we have for our clean-up day. Questions were asked and Diana responded accordingly. RP motioned to accept the 5-year garbage contract proposal from Waste Management; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Diana will get us the final contract to sign by our next regular town board meeting.

**Open House Update:** DD reviewed the plans for our upcoming open house/picnic. There will be a 9/11 remembrance ceremony from the American Legion and we are working with the VFD to get volunteers and the hall/equipment ready for display (unfortunately, our chief will not be available this day due to other training obligations). The equipment will be pressure washed to clean them up. DD stated she has been receiving feedback that the date isn't going to work and she wanted to know if we should change the date—after a brief discussion, we will continue with the September 11 date for this event.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Covid Relief Funds:** Currently, the County is developing guidelines for use of the money but there is no official word yet on these guidelines—this is okay because we have until 2026 to spend the money received. We don't need to rush to spend the money as we have time to use it correctly and wisely. It is also recommended to utilize the spreadsheets from the WTA to report and figure out our lost revenue (using the Form CT figures) to get our net loss. The July WTA newsletter has a synopsis on this topic.

**Public Comment:** Mary Brill mentioned that after the Husky explosion and fire, the operating procedures for the VFD needed to be updated and a draft has not been received yet. The board will look into this.

LD shared the hall is increasingly being used now and we will have our first wedding in a few weeks. We are adjusting and evaluating our needs and procedures as we go. Some items we are finding we are needing are large coffee pots, high chairs, etc., and we are also receiving requests for ways to hang decorations on the walls.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk