

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard (via phone), Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 13 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warren Dolsen at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. The meeting minutes from the July 10 Regular Town Board Meeting and the July 25 Special Town Board Meeting were reviewed and no changes were made. JB motioned to approve the July 10 and 25 meeting minutes as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared that yesterday's Partisan Primary Election went well and we had a higher than anticipated turnout. This was the first election with our new equipment and everything worked perfectly. She continues to prepare for the budget meetings this fall and has begun working on the flood paperwork. Treasurer Pat Asbury did not have a report. Supervisor Shelby Barnard thanked the road crew for their continued work on repairing the roads from the June flooding and is very proud of the work they are doing. Supervisor Jack Byrd shared that the tires from clean-up day have finally been picked up—we had to go with a different vendor as the current vendor was not picking them up. Jack also agreed with Shelby regarding the work the road crew has been doing on our roads. Chair Warren Dolsen did not have a report. Fire Chief John Melcher was not able to attend this meeting but sent a report to LD. He reported that the fire department had 5 medical calls, 1 gas line hit, and 1 vehicle fire. They will be helping the Tri-Lakes Association with medical staff for their upcoming 5K on Dowling Lake. They have added a few new members over the summer and will need to purchase new gear for them as what we currently have is outdated. They have also been receiving quite a few calls for pool fills this summer as well. John met with Sandee Pease at the new fire storage garage to ensure all the VFD needs have been met in the new building. Road Crew foreman Brain Conley reported that they have been extremely busy this summer with flooding road repair, ditching, and placing culverts on Lien, Mabel Nelson, Oakland, and Jacksino Roads (riprap as well) and they graveled Eastman Road. They have also placed a 4' overflow culvert on Clara Barton Road, an 8' and 3' culvert on Clara Barton Road, an 8' culvert on Pearson Road, an 8' culvert on Range Line Road, and an 8' culvert on S Lyman Lake Road. They have also repaired numerous driveway culverts on Mikrot, Wilkenson, and Old Lyman Lake Roads. They have been mowing but a bearing just went out on the mower and is being fixed. Lucas Road is finally fixed but a lot of our roads are very washboardy and we need rain so we can grade them. They have been putting in very long hours but have had good help to get things back on track. We are still renting the big excavator for some of the large culvert replacements but they should be done with that soon. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared that July is slow as far as County meetings but there was a timber sale in June, the County had many washed out roads they were repairing too, and there will be a new fire tower on the Polish Road soon. Zoning Administrator Steve Rannenbergh has recently retired but there is still staff to handle all Zoning needs until a decision is made regarding filling his position.

Bills: The bills were reviewed and JB motioned to approve the bills as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Plan Commission: No meeting was held recently as there are no applications received that need to be acted upon but they are still working on various ordinances. The Harty Life Estate Conditional Use Permit application needs town board approval (that step to act was forgotten at last month's meeting due to numerous discussions). Zoning has approved the application pending our town board approval. As discussed last month, the PC recommended approval of the Harty Life Estate CUP. JB motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit application for the Harty Life Estate, SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the boardwalk and dock that were constructed without town permission on town property. Lake District representative Dan Corbin asked if he could present a proposed solution on behalf of the Foss/Najar family. He proposed a 1-year agreement between the town and the Foss/Najar family for use of the boardwalk and dock to see how it goes. The Foss/Najar family would retain insurance and maintain access for the public and themselves. It was also stated that while it is not legal to permanently dock a boat at a public access, others on the lake do it. Foss/Najar spoke and stated they thought they had approval back in 2015 or they would not have built the boardwalk or dock. It was also suggested by a neighbor that it be posted as a public access point for others to use. Neighbor Anita Olson reviewed the history of their experience as property owners next to this public access—they previously received a letter from the Town indicating that their shed that had been there for many years and some wood was encroaching on the Town's right of way (ROW) and needed to be moved or taken down. They complied with the terms of the letter from the Town and removed the shed from the ROW. In the spring when they arrived, they found that a boardwalk, stairs, and dock had been constructed on the Town's ROW right where their shed had been located and they had never been approached by Foss/Najar about completing that construction right next to their property. Fearing the public would now enter their private land adjacent to this public access on the town's ROW, they posted "No Trespassing" signs on their property. Discussion continued regarding other older docks on the lakes, the public's right to have access to the lakes, the legality of mooring a boat permanently at a public dock, DNR enforcements of wetland disturbances, a letter from Steve Lavalley regarding the legality of mooring the boat, the town's liability issues, and if the dock, boardwalk, and stairs should be removed immediately as requested previously. SB recommended we take no action at this time as more information on this matter is needed. WD stated the matter would be referred back to the Plan Commission for review and possibly holding a public hearing on it. Sandy Waletzko stated she felt the Town needed to operate on the documents and information it has regarding this matter (i.e., town's liability, letter from Lavalley, etc.). SB motioned to refer this matter (construction of the boardwalk, stairs, and dock as well as clearing of the vegetation, etc.) back to the Plan Commission for further review; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. Pending a final decision to be made and acted on by the board, the boardwalk, stairs, and dock will be allowed to stay at this time. The question was asked if the location could be posted as a public access point and the board will take that request into consideration as well.

Transportation Resolution: The Wisconsin Towns Association is requesting all townships, villages, etc., in the State of Wisconsin pass a resolution to promote addressing the State's long-term transportation budget/plan (Just Fix It) and that the passed resolution be sent to our legislators. A template resolution is posted on their website for use by towns regarding this issue. It is hoped to have the resolutions passed in July and August so it will be fresh in the legislator's minds when they meet in October. LD presented the Transportation Resolution and JB motioned to approve the resolution as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Road Check Date: Due to inclement weather during the last planned road check, a new date needs to be set. Road checks will occur on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. The Board will meet at 8 a.m. at the town garage and will then proceed to review the roads. Those present were reminded that while the board will be together to review the roads, no town business will be transacted and anyone is welcome to ride along as it is open to the public.

Budget Hearings: LD did not have her calendar with her so setting budget hearing dates was tabled and will be set at next month's town board meeting.

Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: Sandee Pease shared that both Stack Brothers and Young Plumbing are done with their in-floor work and the building is ready for the contractor to begin the slab work/concrete pour of the floor. An email to Schweikert Construction has been sent requesting a schedule and she has met with Schweikert on site to discuss any issues. The sanitary permit has been reapplied for as that expired recently. She has also met with the fire chief on site and reviewed the plans and they are satisfied with the current plan and most all of their needs have been met. After the slab is poured, it will need to cure for a minimum of 21 days. It was asked if the legal issue is done and WD shared that we have a local attorney on retainer who is helping us with any legal matters. At the moment, everything seems to be settled, the communication chain is working, and things are finally starting to move along toward the October 31 completion date. The board thanked Sandee for all of her hard work to keep this project moving forward. LD shared that even if the building is able to be occupied by November 1, this fall's November Gubernatorial Election will still be held at Country Peace Church since a change in the polling location must be posted and published at least 1 month in advance and because we don't know if the building will be ready for occupancy, we must remain at the church for this election.

Public Comment: Dan Corbin shared that the Tri-Lakes Community will be having a 5K run/walk and a corn/pig roast on Saturday, August 18, and all are welcome to come and eat and participate. Registration for the 5K begins at 8 a.m. and the roast is from 4-6:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Oakland's volunteer fire department. The September Regular Town Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. JB motioned to adjourn; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk