

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 14 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Warren Dolsen; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. The meeting minutes from the August 15, 2018, regular town board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. JB motioned to accept the meeting minutes from the August 15 regular town board meeting as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reviewed the significant correspondence received and shared that she had recently attended the FEMA briefing meeting regarding the June 2018 flooding event. She is also finalizing the budget sheets for the upcoming budget hearings and preparing correspondence upon request regarding the town hall. Treasurer Pat Asbury reported the August Settlement has been received and is in the bank. Supervisor Shelby Barnard did not have a report. Supervisor Jack Byrd thanked the road crew for a job well done as he has been out and visited the flood damaged sites and all looked good. Chair Warren Dolsen will be attending the upcoming WTA meeting in the Town of Superior next Tuesday. Fire Department Chief John Melcher could not make the meeting but sent his report to Laurie and she read it from her phone. For August, the VFD had one medical call, one mutual aid medical in the Town of Superior, and one mutual aid locomotive fire in the Town of Parkland. The DNR grant will be awarded soon and that money will go toward the purchase of new pagers and wild land fire pants and shirts. Fall is also a time for wild land fires as the grass and leaves dry out and he urged everyone to check the DNR's website or call for burning restrictions. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley shared that they have finished work on large culverts on 5 roads, and they have also been patching, grading, mowing, and graveling roads as well as fixing the brusher. County Supervisor Joe Moen said the county is currently working in their budget and money is tight. He reminded everyone present that they are looking for residents in the Town of Oakland to get their wells tested. He also shared that the Cranberry Dam on CTH L will not be restored after the flooding damaged it and it will be removed.

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

Plan Commission: Two Conditional Use Permit applications have been received and reviewed—one for a hobby farm (Mohammed) and one for a seasonal dwelling on Otto Road (Petite). The Plan Commission recommends approval of both. They also discussed the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance that was recently received—only discussion was held and no action was taken on that topic. Regarding the lake access issue, they have been reviewing past records and gathering input and facts regarding this issue. Lake Management representative Dan Corbin suggested the Lake Management District take over approximately 6 sites (develop at least 2 sites for public access). They will prepare a proposal and bring it to the town board at a future time. Plan Commission member Sandy Waletzko showed pictures of the boardwalk, steps, and dock in question and reviewed what was discussed at their PC meeting. The board also received signed petitions of those who are in favor of taking a look at access and development at the various sites. After much discussion on this issue, the PC

members stated that they had motioned/seconded at their PC meeting that the boat and dock must go immediately but that the boardwalk could stay for now until a final decision is made by the Board because the boardwalk does provide public access. Even though the boardwalk, steps, and dock were erected without the town's approval, the residents who erected the boardwalk and dock will maintain insurance until a final decision can be made. It was mentioned that at all public access points on the lake, that a dock can be present but boats cannot be moored there overnight. Discussion on the width of the access was held and it was basically felt that a 20-foot wide access would be enough space to provide access. After the discussion, JB motioned to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation to have the residents remove the boat (immediately) and dock (within two week's time) while the Lake Management District discusses maintaining access further; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. A letter will be sent from the town board to the residents who constructed the site. Action on the CUP applications occurred next. SB motioned to approve the CUP for a hobby farm the Muhammed family; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. JB motioned to approve the CUP application for Petite; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Set Budget Workshop Dates: It was decided to hold budget workshops on the 2019 Budget on September 25 and October 3. Both meetings will start at 6 p.m. and be held in the Oakland Town Garage.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: Right now, Schweikert Construction states they plan to start the floor on September 17 but last minute changes are being requested by them and it is not known if they will ever show up to the construction site to complete their work. In addition, it was discovered that the roof they installed was not the correct roof specified in the plan (it was supposed to be a standing seam roof). Our lawyer requests that all correspondence or responses to Schweikert Construction be in writing and done within a 24 hour time frame due to all of the continued delays from Schweikert Construction. Discussion followed on issues that have also occurred regarding this project such as the Styrofoam boards recently being stolen, constant delays and excuses from Schweikert Construction, and the fact that they have been overpaid quite a bit and there is not a performance bond on this job so we will end up trying to recoup some of our losses if we decide to terminate their contract for non-performance. We have also received an outstanding bill from when the footings were placed that Schweikert's subcontractor has not paid yet. Right now, we need to get the floor poured before the snow flies. After taking everything into consideration, SB motioned to terminate the contract we have with Schweikert Construction due to non-performance and delays and to hire another contractor to replace them with approval from our lawyer; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment: Dan Corbin shared that the Tri-Lakes Civic Club will be having a Soup/Supper fundraiser on Saturday, September 29 from 12-3 p.m. It will be held at the community center. All are welcome and it is \$8 plate/bowl. A huge thank you was given to Sandee Pease for keeping this project moving and for all of her hard work. JB moved to pay Udeen's when the holding tank is installed; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The next town board meeting is on Tuesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. JB motioned to adjourn; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk