

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Pat Asbury, Laurie Dolsen, and 13 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. Meeting minutes from the August 8, 2017, Regular Town Board Meeting were reviewed previously and no corrections were made. SB motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented; JB seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reviewed the significant correspondence and shared she has mainly been working on the budget and working with the bank to adjust the payment due date for the loan payment. Treasurer Pat Asbury reported that the August settlement has been received. Supervisor Shelby Barnard shared she has been working with the road crew to increase efficiencies and work together as a team. They are also working on getting a culvert done. Supervisor Jack Byrd did not have a report. Chair Warren Dolsen shared the work on the new town hall/fire garage has begun with the footings being poured and walls to go up soon. Fire Chief John Melcher shared that they have had 3 medical calls and 2 mutual aid calls. They have also received 2 nuisance calls to the same residence this month (they have had 6 since May from that same residence) due to a fire alarm that keeps tripping. They will try to contact the owners personally or send them a letter requesting they get it fixed or we will discontinue responding to the fire alarms that keep getting tripped. The Road Crew reported they have been ditching the Lien Road and working at the town hall site prepping it for the wall installation. Douglas County Supervisor Dan Corbin reported that the Zoning Committee meets tomorrow and they have been working on the County's budget which will be very tight this year—there has been a lot of discussion regarding how they will fund some of the non-profits this year as well. This does not affect the town's budget. Dan also shared that the County pays 91% towards our recycling and the town pays the other 9%. Payments from the County go directly to Waste Management and then Waste Management bills us for the remaining amount. The County is currently soliciting for bids for a new contract term for a recycling vendor.

Plan Commission: A request for a variance has been received from Dowling Lake Properties LLC (Gary Doty) to keep the deck that was previously built. The Plan Commission reviewed the request and Dowling Lake Properties LLC has shown that they have been good stewards of the land, no complaints have been received, and no environmental issues have occurred in the years since it has been erected. They recommend approval of the Variance. JB motioned to allow the deck to stay in place as constructed and to approve the Variance as received; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The PC has the driveway ordinance ready for the board to review and distributed copies to the board. The board will review the ordinance and hopefully be able to vote on it at the next meeting or two. Correspondence has been received regarding the 10-foot easement on the lake—vegetation had been cleared. It is a public access. Brian Conley will look into it. The PC will be working on the Animal Control ordinance to correct it to be in line with statutory language, etc.

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

Mold in the Trailer: Mold has been found in the trailer and due to health concerns, the meetings will now be held in the town garage. The contractor who previously did the repair work and installed the new windows in the trailer will be contacted to fix it at their cost.

New Town Hall/Fire Garage Update: The footings are done and the walls hope to be going up soon. When the walls are done, the town hall floor will be poured first. Drains will be added to the fire garage—they are not required but are recommended. We will not do the epoxy on the fire garage floor and this will offset the costs of adding the floor drains. If needed, that can be added later.

Public Comment: A thank you was given to the Fire Department for their assistance with last month's walk/run. SB also thanked the fire department (John Melcher) for contacting the Communication Center to correct them on who should be responding to her address if there is an emergency—Amnicon was incorrectly paged out recently. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the town garage.

SB motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk