

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County  
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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. Meeting minutes for the August 10 Regular Town Board Meeting and the September 1 Special Town Board Meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve the August 10 and September 1 meeting minutes as presented, RP seconded, all were in favor via voice vote, motion carried.

**Reports:** Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared she has been wrapping up the August 9 Partisan Primary election and is currently working on the November 8 General election; she researched and updated our Operator License application, is working on the retirement for a volunteer firefighter, has received numerous calls regarding garbage setup, maintenance, etc.; is working on the budget documents and researching switching our email to a .gov secure email system, updating our website, and purchasing a new copier/printer for the office; working on updating clerk processes and training Stacy for backup; and met with the Community Events Committee (along with Stacy) regarding setup, banking, etc. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared we have received the August Settlement. Supervisors Dana Dolsen and Randy Polson had nothing to report. Chair Jack Byrd had nothing to report. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present—no report but Stacy mentioned they received a lot of calls. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they hauled gravel on Eastman Road, addressed the culvert on Lyman Lake Road, graded roads, ditched, cleared trees off roads, worked on the 140H grader, worked on Lyman Lake Road ditches (seeded and put down hay), worked on the town hall sign, worked in the shop, installed signs, delivered and fixed garbage cans, installed culverts, and worked on ditches in the gravel pit. He also mentioned they could make a temporary sign for the town hall for now and they are updating the sign at the town garage. County Supervisor Joe Moen shared they have had a busy summer. He is on the Zoning Committee and they have been working on revisions to their ordinances and is requesting comments/input—they will be holding a zoning forum for hearing concerns/functions/etc. Forestry—they are anticipating lower sales this year so that will mean lower revenue. The Highway Committee is looking at the Highway W issue and is working on fixing the roads.

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

**Plan Commission:** The Plan Commission is currently working on review of the 8.0 ordinance and is also reviewing our ordinances. They have not met and no new applications have been received.

**Community Events:** The Community Events Committee recently met with Lorri Prendergast of the Parkland Community Group on how they set up their group (i.e., bylaws, officers, recordkeeping, etc.). Laurie and Stacy also attended. Setup is in process. The Fall Fest is coming up on September 24 and volunteers are needed.

**Town Hall Sign:** Once a location for a sign is decided, power could be run to the site and a temporary sign could be erected. Various types of signs have been reviewed and the cost is high for all options. Grants are being researched for possible assistance in paying for one.

**Amnicon/Dowling Lake Management District (ADLMD)/Kim Nygaard:** Kim shared that they are trying to get more residents involved and are suggesting people adopt a landing (specifically the boat landing) for care and maintenance (i.e., weed whacking, garbage pickup, etc.). It is hoped this will promote community pride in keeping up the area(s). The question came up about insurance coverage and the Board will check with our insurance carrier regarding coverage and Kim will check with their insurance carrier. Kim also asked about the possibility of widening the boat landing as it is difficult to get boats in and out with recent water levels. We will need to check with the adjacent landowner to see if we can access their property/land in order to excavate the area. The town will need to send a letter to the owner to gain access after inspecting the area to see if widening is doable.

Kim also shared they have been meeting regarding the Dowling Lake grant and discussing recommendations to pursue to address issues occurring as Dowling Lake is a very populated lake (overpopulated) and it is affecting the health and ecosystem of the lake. ADLMD will be determining the best route to pursue and will report back to the Board with an update. Kim also brought up the access lanes on the South side of the lake and asked that we please respond to emails sent—RP will respond to the email. DD asked if there needs to be an ordinance about leaving the access lanes as green space—she will meet with the Plan Commission to discuss this matter further. Also, a letter needs to be sent for a property owner to remove the remaining foundation that is located on town property.

**Road Inspection:** Road inspections should be done before the upcoming budget workshops. The board will meet to do road inspections on Saturday, October 1, with a potential for Sunday, October 2, if needed.

**Anderson Driveway on Mabel Nelson Road:** Currently, there is no culvert for their driveway and water backs up and drains over the road causing damage. A letter will be sent to the owner requesting they purchase a culvert and the town will install it or we will need to ditch the area to correct the drainage issue. Brian drafted a letter—LD will send it out on the Town's letterhead.

**Budget Workshops:** Budget workshop dates were set for October 10 and 12 at 6 p.m.

**Public Comment:** LD asked about the safety issues on the curve on CTH K as her house was recently hit by a drunk driver and there have been numerous accidents on that corner over the years. County Supervisor Joe Moen recommended bringing up the matter with the Highway Committee and asked LD to send him some pictures he could share with the committee. Brian shared he contacted the County regarding the Tri-Lakes Road project (wedging the problem areas and paving by the boat landing) and is waiting to hear back from them. Kim Nygaard asked the board to request the County enforce their ordinance regarding campers on sites around the lake.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk