

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 13 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 from the August 10, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting and the August 19, 2021, Special Town Board Meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Fire Chief John Melcher had an emergency to attend to so he gave the following report first—there were 2 medical calls since the last meeting; he thanked everyone for the preparation before and the open house and during the event—it was greatly appreciated (unfortunately, Life Flight was on a medical call that day and they were not able to make the open house as planned); he will be back to full duty on September 23; the FD has renewed their raffle license (it was not used last year due to Covid); the FD is in need of a secretary/treasurer and an assistant fire chief; he continues to shop for an air compressor; there will be a virtual EMR class in October; The Kettle will be using our concession trailer for their grand opening; they are looking to host a driver class here in the spring; they would like to mount a TV in the hall or fire hall to use for training; and the north door needs repair (JB to call). JB also echoed John’s thank you to the volunteers who cleaned the fire hall in preparation for the open house and also the volunteers who helped make the open house happen. Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has been working on the 2022 budget, preparing for the 2022 elections, working with the County on redistricting requirements, responding to citizen requests, assisting with the open house as needed, and handling numerous hall rentals. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo did not have anything to report at this time. Supervisor Dana Dolsen thanked everyone for helping with the Saturday, September 11, open house celebration! We had about 80 participants and everyone had a fun time! Supervisor Randy Polson also thanked the volunteers for the open house and shared that the American Legion (who did the flag ceremony) recommended the flag pole be moved away from the building. Chair Jack Byrd also thanked everyone again and also thanked Sandy Waletzko for the beautiful picture display for the open house. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley was not present but LD shared a list of work they completed that he provided to her: The road crew has cut grass/do locates for the Torgerson Road ditching project, worked on the 2004 Mack air regulator, hauled gravel on Otto Road, added additional parking area to the Dowling Lake boat launch, installed a culvert and walkway at the town hall, brought the backhoe to Fabick for warranty work, set up for meetings, installed the Middleton driveway, installed Keep Out signs at the Tri-Lakes pit, installed tile around the town hall, hauled gravel on Old Lyman Lake Road, and graded the roads. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared that the County has extended their camping season this year, there will be an increase per acre on County forest land, and an audit of the County finances is showing good reviews.

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

Plan Commission: Regarding the Petition to Rezone application that is pending, the Land Use/Plan Commission met with Shane (designer of the campground) with members of the Town Board observing

at the meeting. The plan is also available for review on the Land Use website. The boardwalk on Dowling Lake has been removed and RP said he reviewed the neighbor's culvert and that could be affecting the drainage in that area. We will check with the DNR to find out if it can possibly be fixed. Regarding vacation rentals, the County does not have an ordinance (they are, however, licensed, regulated, and inspected by the County Health Department in accordance with State law)—do we really need an ordinance as well? PC recommends to wait and see what the County will be doing but it will still be on our radar to address if needed. Prior to the Board acting on the Petition to Rezone application, a question was asked of Shane regarding the construction of the campground: Will there be rentals in the winter for snowmobilers? They are planning for 10 small cabins toward the front. Discussion then followed and Shane reviewed the project and plans for the development: wetland delineations are occurring with the DNR; they are working on approvals from the State/County/Town to move forward; there will be 10 permanent cabins w/septic; planning for shower/restroom facilities with a possible laundry; a dump station, possibly adding a pool and lazy river as they move forward; possible nature trails added, etc. Concerns heard were increased road traffic. They are hoping to open next year depending on approvals, etc. The developers have responded to all questions and concerns in a timely manner. Upon completion of the discussion and questions/answers, RP motioned to approve the Petition to Rezone application from Simonson/Nault as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Garbage Contract: The Board previously approved the garbage proposal received from Waste Management and WM representative Diana Siebels has now provided the written contract containing what was in the proposal. Upon review of the contract, DD motioned to approve the 5-year Garbage Contract from Waste Management as received; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Open House Update: Most of this was covered in the Reports section and JB thanked everyone again for all the hard work to make it a successful event and for DD coordinating the event. Sandy Waletzko asked for applause for a job well done. DD shared this was a good start holding community events and we are looking to hold future events in conjunction with 4 Corners Store and The Kettle is also anxious to get involved as well.

Public Comment: The question was asked if there was a flag pole at the Town Garage—yes there is.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7 p.m. Budget workshops will be held on October 4 & 5 at 6 p.m. RP motioned to adjourn; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen
Town Clerk