

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen and 11 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. The meeting minutes from the September 1 Special Town Board meeting and the September 13, 2022, Regular Town Board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve both meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has been working on the budget, started working on the garbage specials for the tax bills; is working on getting the retirement issued for a volunteer fire fighter who has retired; is preparing for and working on the November 8 General Election; processed an open records request; typed and mailed letters; volunteered at the September 24 Oakland Community Fall Fest and made signs; and completed/submitted the quarterly payroll reports. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared she has received a FEMA payment from the 2018 flood for the Brannen/Lucas Road projects. Supervisor Dana Dolsen shared that the 2022 Community Fall Fest was held on September 24 and included a chili cookoff, car show, bounce house, music, food, games, etc., and \$900 was collected for the Superior School District Angel Fund. They received some good feedback and had enough volunteers. JB thanked the community group for a job well done. DD shared they are currently figuring out their next events and/or fundraisers. Supervisor Randy Polson will be looking into our insurance options and has requested a corrected propane contract be sent to reflect the price that was originally quoted. Chair Jack Byrd did not have a report. Fire Chief John Melcher shared in September they had 3 medical calls, 1 lift assist, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 mutual aid medical calls and 1 propane call. He also reported that Lifelink did not land in the landing zone set up (our field) but instead landed in our parking lot which sent gravel and rocks flying and damaged our building and a fire fighter's personal vehicle that was being used as part of the landing zone setup (lights). We will need to set up lights in the field for markers and have the exact coordinates ready for the landing zone noted at the Douglas County Communication Center as well as posted in our building. He will also be setting up a landing zone training with Lifelink for our and other volunteer fire departments. John also visited Four Corners Elementary School for Fire Safety Week (along with the Town of Superior volunteer fire department and the fire house). He also reported the brush truck needs new tires and they are still looking for a replacement equipment van. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported they have been grading the roads, placing gravel on Lucas Road, working on the dump truck, working on the backhoe, working on the sign and picked up sign supplies, completed culvert locates, dragged the town hall parking lot, checked the roads after a wind storm and cut trees, cleaned up after the fall fest, dozed out ditchings, worked on the grader starter, fixed the hydraulic hose on the 04 Mack, attempted dredging out the Dowling Lake boat landing with no success, installed new batteries on the brush mower, hauled gravel on the Oliphant Road, and patched the potholes on the Tri Lakes/Ross Roads. He also shared that he has met with the Douglas County Highway Department on the cost to pave the stretch of Tri Lakes Road (approximately \$10,000 +/-). County supervisor Joe Moen reported Zoning is looking for feedback on an ordinance and the Forestry Department is looking at their ATV policy. Otherwise, things have been pretty quiet.

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

Plan Commission: The PC met on Monday, October 10, at 2:30 p.m.—no applications were received. They have started looking at a lake access ordinance for the access lanes around Dowling Lake and have found there are a lot of regulations which brought up questions about signs, etc. Work on this ordinance will take a little bit of time to prepare. They are also updating the map of access points. Brian will pull the deed on an access point to determine if it was platted (or did it just go away). They will also look at if they should also include Lyman Lake. They are also reviewing the Road Closure ordinance and revamping language from 2012. In addition, they are also looking at updating the language of other ordinances we have.

Community Events Committee: They now have a Facebook page to post events.

Town Sign Update: Work continues on getting a sign for the town hall. Board members have met with various vendors and the average cost for a sign is about \$30,000. During a search, a sign liquidator was found that has LED signs and the cost is about half at \$12,000 to \$15,000. Electrical line and posts will need to be installed prior to the ground freezing. Upon investigation, a permit is not needed for a sign as the town is exempt but we do need to follow regulations (distance from the centerline of the road, etc.). The board will need to tell the road crew where the sign will be located in order to install the electrical line.

Superior Days Donation: This group lobbies on behalf of our area and we have supported them with a donation every year. JB motioned to give a \$100 donation to the Superior Days Foundation; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Approve Bartender/Operator License: An application for an operator license for a bartender at The Kettle has been received. All the requirements have been met and LD recommends approval. RP motioned to approve the bartender/operator license as received; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Budget/Levy Limit: Budget workshops are currently being held to determine the 2023 budget. Discussion took place on our current equipment needs as the grader is back in the shop and repairs are occurring on other equipment.

Set Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting Date: Due to the November 8 General Election, the date for the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting was set for Wednesday, November 9, at 6 p.m.

Public Comment: The question was asked if campsites were coming back to Anna Gene Park—not that we are aware of. It was also asked that now that we have the new building if we would be selling the old building/site—no, that is our current town garage. Another question asked was if the road repair is done on Tri Lakes Road—not yet. This will also be brought up next year. LD asked if the road certifications were being worked on (WISLR)—yes. LD also asked if there were any comments on a land bid document received from the County—no. It will be looked at. The next Regular Town Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. (moved due to the November 8 General Election). JB motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk