

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Pat Asbury, Dana Dolsen (on behalf of Laurie Dolsen), and 9 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 September 25 regular town board meeting were previously reviewed and no changes were made. SB motioned to approved the September 25 meeting minutes as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Acting on behalf of Clerk Laurie Dolsen, Jack Byrd reviewed the significant correspondence received. Laurie has also been working on the budget (2 budget workshops and upcoming budget hearing and special town meeting); preparing for the upcoming elections in 2020 (the Special Election to replace Duffy has been moved to later in 2020) by testing the equipment at the new town hall and receiving/responding to requests for absentee ballots; completing additional FEMA paperwork; researching tables and chairs for the new hall; and preparing for the upcoming tax season. Treasurer Pat Asbury did not have anything to report. Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson did not have anything to report. Chair Jack Byrd did not have anything to report. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present—no report submitted. Road Crew foreman Brian Conley reported they have set up for the board meeting and workshops, worked on DNR permits, delivered garbage cans, worked on equipment (on a rain day), worked on FEMA paperwork and responded to their emails, mixed the salt/sand and put it in the shed, hauled the dozer to the new town hall, hauled gravel to the new town hall for the parking lot, hauled the excavator to Lucas Road, started the FEMA mitigation project on Lucas Road, had a meeting with Cody from WE Management, ditched Lucas Road for FEMA, scraped the new town hall floors, brought the aluminum cans to Simko, brought the backhoe to the Lucas Road pit, had a +5 inch rain storm with some flooding and put up signs/cones and hauled gravel to the washouts, started hauling gravel to Lucas Road, hauled more gravel on roads, and graded a lot. County Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report submitted.

Bills: The board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and SB motioned to pay the bills; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Plan Commission: The PC met today (October 8) at 5:45 p.m. at the town garage. Brian talked with Steve Olson and the boardwalk and steps need upgrading—they are looking into ADA requirements to upgrade. Sandy Waletzko continues work on the garbage ordinance. The proposed Douglas County ATV/UTV ordinance is pending town and village approvals. If it passes, Brian said they are asking for \$12,000 from snowmobile/ATV clubs for signage. Not included in the routes are CTH B from Four Corners to STH 35 and CTH Y (Bayfield). Bayfield will approve if Douglas County approves the ordinance. SB and JG stated they were in favor of supporting the proposed DC ordinance. Concerns raised were about safety and how will they enforce having insurance. Having a driver's license is required and extra law enforcement would be needed (rec). JB asked Brian if a vote was needed—no vote was taken.

Set Date for Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting for 2020 Budget: The date for the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting to approve the 2020 town budget will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Town Garage or the new Town Hall if it is ready. The regular town board meeting will follow.

Special Election Dates to Change: Due to federal law requirements, the dates for the special election (primary if needed and actual election) will most likely change from the originally scheduled dates in December 2019 and January 2020. No new dates have been set yet.

Douglas County ATV/UTV Ordinance: This item was discussed during the Plan Commission report. No further discussion took place.

WTA Information/Opportunities: *WisDOT 90/10 Program*—This is a great opportunity for all townships. Applications are Due December 6. *Elections Security Grant Program*—Another great opportunity we should look into. Deadline is November 15 to apply. JB asked SB to look into this (both). *Broadband Expansion Grant Opportunity*—If we are interested, the deadline to apply is December 6.

Received Correspondence Noted: Notice of timber sale was received; Rural Mutual Insurance will be updated as the building goes into use; no permits were issued last month by Inspection Services of Douglas County LLC; and the annual equipment interruption for ECE is October 10 and 12 from 6 to 9 p.m.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Update: The State inspector came today and JB has a list of minor punch list items to complete. The rolling door in the kitchen goes in Thursday and the cupboards and countertops are in. Signs have been ordered—handicapped parking, fire door, access door, no parking, cones, etc. Dan Shanahan and JB have discussed the best access for handicapped parking. A cover for the AC needs to be built—town crew? SB gathered price comparisons for tables/chairs (see attached). JB will check on a six-burner stove and cooler/freezer.

Public Comment: Sandy Pease shared that Mary Missinne is donating 15 flowering trees (no fruit) in memory of her parents. In the spring, she will donate some bushes. She will care for them a year. Brian shared that the road crew is doing their best to keep up on grading along with working on FEMA paperwork. They will try to blade up the roads before freeze up. The next town board meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7 p.m. SB motioned to adjourn; JG seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dana Dolsen on Behalf of Laurie Dolsen, Town Clerk