

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 7 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warren Dolsen at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. The meeting minutes from October 9, 2018, were reviewed previously and no changes were made. JB motioned to approved the October 9, 2018, meeting minutes as written and presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported that the November 6 Gubernatorial Election was very busy with 581 voters casting ballots. The new machines are working great. She is also working on preparing the budget information, preparing the tax bills to be mailed in December and verifying FEMA flood damage documents, etc. The tax collection contract from the County was received and needs to be signed by Warren and we received our yearly request for a donation for Superior Days. Treasurer Pat Asbury did not have a report. Supervisor Shelby Barnard thanked the road crew for their recent assistance. Supervisor Jack Byrd did not have a report. Chair Warren Dolsen stated he would be attending the WTA meeting to be held in Wascott on the 20th. Fire Chief John Melcher reported there was one medical call and one mutual aid medical call last month. They recently received a DNR grant for \$4,500 and will use the money to reprogram their radios. A new DNR Fire Danger sign will be ordered for the new town hall and they will also begin replacing outdated fire gear. New light bars were placed on the equipment. Tickets have been printed for the snowshoe races which will again be held on the third weekend in February—dance will be Saturday night and races will be on Sunday. Road Crew Chief Brian Conley reported that they serviced the backhoe; hauled gravel on Wilkinson, Old Lyman Lake, Swamp, Najt, Clara Barton and Mikrot Roads; placed culverts on a Najt Rd driveway, South Lyman Lake Rd, Clara Barton Rd, and Oliphant Road; moved the dozer/excavator back to the shop; hauled 4" minus and placed it all the way around the new town hall so the contractor could work on the soffit/facia; hauled sand in for the salt/sand mix and placed it in the shed; rebuilt the front end on the F550 (ball joints); fixed signs on the Lucas and Old Lyman Lake Roads; graded the roads; started the prisoners working on Jacksino Rd; met on-site with FEMA and contacted the County about Lucas Road; and supervised the fiber install on the Clara Barton and Jacksino Roads. Pat Asbury requested that the Wilkinson Road be sanded due to the recent rains and freeze up as it is quite icy. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared that they have approved the Budget for the County; there are parcels for sale from the County (Land Development Committee); they are working on the trail system (Zoning); and there was \$1.5 million in timber sales (Forestry Committee).

Bills/Payments: The list of bills was reviewed and SB motioned to approve the bills as presented; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Plan Commission: Plan Commission Chair Brian Conley reviewed correspondence they received from the County regarding a resident using an accessory building as a dwelling and the deer farm on Najt Road. They also reviewed the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Bates/Burger requesting to change a seasonal dwelling to a year-round dwelling—they recommend approval. In other business, they are working on the language to put on signs for the public access points on Dowling Lake and they discussed and will be contacting the County to see what they will be doing regarding short-term rentals (i.e., Air BNBs). It is becoming more and more popular for residents to rent out their cabins around the lake (summers = lake use and winter = ATV trail rides, etc.). Will the County be developing an ordinance and enforcing it? No other discussion items were received. JB motioned to approved the Bates/Burger CUP

as submitted and recommended by the Plan Commission; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Insurance for 2019: Discussion followed regarding insurance for the town and fire department for 2019. Items discussed were the value of the equipment (John Melcher will look at the Fire Department's equipment and let Rural Mutual know if all is correct) versus full replacement. Rural Mutual representative Al Schiefelbein shared that we will be getting \$1,755 back from Rural Mutual for savings through the Workers Comp audit. After the question/answer session and receiving no other proposals, SB motioned to approve the insurance quote received from Rural Mutual for insurance for 2019; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Union Contract for 2019: After a brief review of the union contract—no changes were made, only a cost of living increase in base pay and a slight increase in health premiums, SB motioned to approve the proposed Operating Engineers Union Contract for 2019; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Proposed 2019 Budget and Town Levy: After a review of the revised proposed budget that was discussed previously at the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting, SB motioned to approve the Town's recommendation to accept the proposed 2019 revised town budget and approve the town's levy for 2018 (payable in 2019) of \$236,044; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Status Update: The concrete floor was recently poured on the Town Hall side of the building and Stack Brothers will hopefully be pouring the fire storage garage side soon—pending final approval of the floor drains. The floor is currently curing so there will be a lull in construction while the concrete cures. Stack also did extensive repair to the roof from the previous contractor and also worked on the soffit and fascia. SB has received requests from a few townspeople to see the current progress being made on the interior of the building and suggested maybe setting a specific time to open it up to anyone who wanted to take a look—this is a construction zone and the contractor would need to approve any viewings and Al from Rural Mutual stated the town would be covered if we decided to do this. No action was taken at this time. Brian Conley shared that depending on when the building would be ready for occupancy this spring, it may not be ready for full public use because the ground is now frozen and there is 4" minus around the building for construction purposes. We might need to wait until spring for public occupancy/use when the parking area could be prepared after the frost leaves the ground.

Public Comment: LD shared she had recently received a request from a resident regarding swapping out a recycle bin for another garbage bin—LD had explained that the \$200 fee per dwelling is for 1 garbage can and 1 recycling bin. If another can is needed, the cost would also need to be increased. A brief discussion followed and it was generally felt the current ordinance is working well and no changes would be made—if the resident wants more cans, they will need to pay for them. We will send someone to talk with the resident regarding their garbage can needs.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Oakland Town Garage. SB motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk