

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County  
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 7 p.m.  
Oakland Town Garage**

Present: Warren Dolsen, Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Laurie Dolsen and 6 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. Minutes from the October 10 (2), October 17, October 21, and October 27 meetings were previously reviewed and no changes were made. JB motioned to accept the minutes as presented; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

**Reports:** Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared that she has been working on preparing everyone's tax bills to be distributed in December and also preparing for the end of the year wrap-up, etc. Treasurer Pat Asbury was not present—no report. Supervisors Jack Byrd and Shelby Barnard had no report. Chair Warren Dolsen had no report. Fire Chief John Melcher reported they had 1 mutual aid missing person call; 2 mutual aid medical calls; 1 mutual aid fire call; 6 medical calls and 1 motorcycle vs deer call. The 2 sets of extrication tools donated and received from the Appleton Fire Department were picked up recently; we have one new member who will go on medical calls—he is looking to get his EMT license with the town possibly assisting up to the amount that would be paid for an EMR license (which the town covers for all of our first responders). Randy and Debbie Martin have announced they will be done at the end of the year and we thank them for their many years of service to our community on the Volunteer Fire Department and as First Responders—they will be greatly missed. Planning for this year's snowshoe races has begun. We will be teaming up with the Town of Summit as the Town of Superior is dropping out this year. The Road Crew shared that the wings are on the grader now and we have already had a snowstorm with 10 inches of snow. Winter tires have been put on all the vehicles/equipment and the sander has been added to the truck in preparation for winter. They have also been doing general maintenance on all of the equipment. Due to the very wet conditions of the ground and roads this past year, they advise we will be having a very difficult time this spring with our roads. They will keep a close eye on this when spring arrives next year. Douglas County Supervisor Dan Corbin shared that the County's budget was passed on October 31. The County has decided to go with the state policy and take away the protective rights of the county jailers (they will no longer be a part of the union). A wage study is being conducted now that could increase their wages approximately \$5. The zoning variance for Gary Doty was denied. The WTA meeting is next Tuesday—Oakland is next to host the meeting in January but our building will not be ready and Dan was wondering if we wanted to defer to Parkland until our building is ready to go—yes we will defer. The recycling contracts out for bid will be opened tomorrow.

**Plan Commission:** They have not received anything to review so no meeting was held this month. They are currently working on the dog ordinance and asked that the driveway ordinance be acted on at next month's board meeting as the board has had it for review for a few months.

**Bills:** The bills were reviewed for payment and SB motioned to approve the bills as received; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

**2018 Budget Approval:** At a Special Town Meeting held at 6 p.m. tonight, the townspeople approved the proposed 2018 town budget and town tax levy of \$235,160. SB motioned to approve the 2018 proposed budget and the town's levy of \$235,160 that was recently passed by the town; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

**Insurance Renewal:** Al Schiefelbein, insurance agent from Rural Mutual briefly reviewed the proposed insurance renewal—there is a slight increase due to the added insurance on the new building. Our Workers Comp insurance has gone down as our rating is good (ratings are based on the frequency and severity of any claims). Al also explained their new WC program that has been implemented—it takes the burden off the town as the employees can talk directly to a nurse regarding an incident and this has greatly improved response and service of claims. JB motioned to approve the insurance renewal proposal received from Rural Mutual; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

**Superior Days Donation Request:** We have received a request for a donation to help fund the Superior Days delegation as we have for many years in the past. JB motioned we approve a \$100 donation to the Superior Days delegation; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

**LRIP Discusstion:** The application for a LRIP project needed to be in by November 1 but they have stated they can work with us to get our application in since the deadline has passed. Approximately \$27,698 is available to the town for a project and we have 4 years to use the money once it is approved. JB will follow up with Jason Jackman regarding applying for a LRIP project.

**WISLR Report:** The deadline to submit the WISLR Report to rate the roads is December 15. WD/JB/SB all agreed to meet in the town garage on November 27, 2017, at 8 a.m. to submit the report.

**Tax Bills Out:** Tax bills will be ready soon and the board usually assists the treasurer and clerk with folding and sending them out. This year, the treasurer may not be available for personal reasons so a date needs to be set to get together (although no town business is transacted, this would be considered an open meeting if the public would like to attend so it must be posted as well). Tax bills will be put together on December 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the town garage.

**Water Management Meeting:** There will be a Forest Management for Wildlife and Water Quality meeting on November 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the Superior Town Hall—is anyone interested in going? JB will attend for our township.

**WTA Meeting:** The next WTA Douglas County Unit meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 7 p.m. in Maple. WD/SB/JB have all shared they will be attending on the town's behalf.

**New Town Hall/Fire Storage Garage Status Update:** Right now, the plumbers have been installing the plumbing in the building. Schweikert would like to start the roof in the next few weeks. Brian Conley shared he has some concerns about pouring the concrete flooring during the winter due to the cold temperatures and having to add the accelerator to the concrete as well as the cost of heating the building so it cures correctly. A final decision will be made when the time comes based on the weather. Brian is currently checking on the HVAC permit.

**Public Comment:** No comments were heard. The next Regular Town Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 7 p.m. SB motioned to adjourn the meeting; JB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk