

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall at 6152 S Cty Hwy K**

Present: Jack Byrd, Shelby Barnard, Jens Gregerson, Laurie Dolsen, Pat Asbury, and 4 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 October 29 and November 4 Special Board meetings, and the November 12, 2019, regular town board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. SB motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written; JG seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen said the tax bills were printed, received, and distributed; and she is working on change of address information; preparing for the February primary election; working on year-end information; processing lawsuit paperwork; working on the election inspector appointments; and prepared the proposed rental agreement document. Treasurer Pat Asbury did not have a report. Supervisors Shelby Barnard and Jens Gregerson thanked the road crew for their hard work and long hours during the recent storms plowing our roads under very difficult conditions. Chair Jack Byrd thanked Shelby for working on and applying for the 90/10 road grant. Fire Chief John Melcher could not attend the meeting but submitted the following items via text to Laurie: Snowshoe Races are scheduled for the third weekend in February and it will be held at the town hall—they are working with the Four Corners Elementary School PTA to do a snowshoeing event for the kids the night before (possibly a candlelight snowshoe with hot chocolate). In November, they only had one medical call. He also wanted to give a shout out to the road crew for putting in the long hours and doing a great job with the snow cleanup. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they worked on the new town hall painting and cleaning, serviced the old Mack truck, put wings on the dump trucks, serviced the 140H grader, worked on equipment, worked on FEMA paperwork, got keys made for the fire department for the new hall so they could move in, moved the fire department equipment to the new hall, sanded the roads, buried a horse, picked up pallet racks for the new hall, buried a cow for Dennis Lien, plowed lots of snow, completed driveway wingbacks, plowed the forest roads, and plowed Anna Gene Park for the County. County Supervisor Joe Moen shared he really liked the new town hall (he was given a tour), reminded everyone that the census information was very important and to make sure to be counted, the Forestry Committee has been quiet recently, the Land Use Committee recently divided the management of the fairgrounds up; and they are looking for a new administrator in Zoning.

Bills: The bills have been reviewed and SB motioned to pay them as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Plan Commission: They have not met—no report. Sandy Waletzko continues to work on drafting a new garbage ordinance.

Appointment of Election Inspectors: LD presented the following to be appointed as election inspectors for a two-year term: Millie Tuura (chief election inspector), Kay Warner, Bonnie Byrd, Sue Martin, Sandy Waletzko, and Naomi Musch. SB motioned to appoint the election inspectors as presented; JG seconded; all were in favor; motion carried. We are still looking for a few additional people to serve as election inspectors—notify Laurie if you are interested.

Elections Security Grant Program: LD applied for and received approval for a \$1,200 grant to fund the purchase of a new computer and IT support to enhance election security. She will be working with a local vendor to complete the terms of the grant.

911 Agreement: The annual 911 agreement with Douglas County Emergency Services was reviewed and SB motioned to approve the annual 911 agreement as submitted; JG seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Snow Event: We have recently had two very big snow storms/events—one just before Thanksgiving, and one in the first part of December with numerous inches of snow received for both storms. Our road crew worked for over 18 hours straight for both storms to open up the roads and they did a great job. Cleanup still continues after the initial plowing. All present thanked them for a job well done.

Town Hall/Fire Garage Status Update: We recently received a \$31,700 change order from Stack Brothers that we weren't anticipating for an exhaust and air exchanger in the fire garage due to a law change and Jack will be meeting with Bill Stack to discuss payment options. Sandee Pease is working on getting the punch list items complete and asked if the board sees anything that needs to be addressed to please let her know. LD prepared a draft of a rental agreement based on the Town of Amnicon's agreement. The board will review it and discuss moving forward with approval at next month's meeting. We still need a stove/refrigerator and tables/chairs. Pat Conley would like to use the hall on January 4 but we will not charge him since the hall is not really ready for rentals and we do not have an approved agreement yet.

Public Comment: BLC shared that we need a snow blower for the new town hall/fire storage garage to remove snow closer to the building (plows cannot come that close). They have been looking for one and it will cost about \$1,200 to purchase one. After a brief discussion, SB motioned to approve purchasing a snow blower for approximately \$1,200 for the new town hall/fire storage garage; JG seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

The next town board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the new town hall. JG motioned to adjourn; SB seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K Dolsen, Town Clerk