

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County  
2020 Annual Town Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7 p.m.  
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Laurie Dolsen, and Shelby Barnard

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was posted (not a requirement).

Due the recently declared worldwide and national pandemic due to the Covid 19 virus and Governor Tony Evers Stay at Home Executive Order, SB motioned to postpone this annual town meeting and move it to May 26, 2020, at 7 p.m. when hopefully the order will be lifted; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

SB motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County  
2020 Annual Town Meeting (Rescheduled)  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7 p.m.  
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Shelby Barnard (acting as chair for this meeting as Jack Byrd is not able to attend due to an emergency); Laurie Dolsen, and 9 Interested Citizens (see sign-in sheets)

The meeting was called to order by Shelby Barnard at 7 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; and the rescheduled date was posted. SB called for agenda items and the following were requested by the town residents present:

1. Gravel Crushing (Brian Conley)
2. Updating Equipment/Replacement (Brian Conley)
3. Office Trailer Sale (Brian Conley)
4. Refinancing Loan (Randy Polson)
5. Levy Limit Increase (Laurie Dolsen)

Brian Conley motioned to approve the agenda as created; Randy Polson seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Gravel Crushing:** Gravel in the town's pit has been depleted faster than anticipated due to large flooding events that occurred in both 2018 and 2016. Brian Conley requested that we crush more gravel in our pit to replenish our supply. He shared that it is much cheaper and easier to utilize our own crushed gravel (approximately \$4 per ton versus \$6.50 per ton from Udeen's and we have 24/7 access to

our pit). It was suggested we crush about 20,000 tons (last time that amount was crushed, it was about \$80,000) and that we use the FEMA money we have received from the 2018 flood event (FEMA reimbursement of costs is about 75% of the actual cost with 12.5% coming from the State and 12.5% being absorbed by us). The Board will look into moving forward with crushing gravel to replenish our supply.

**Updating Equipment:** All of our equipment is quite old and is breaking down more often now. Our backhoe is the number one piece of equipment that needs to be replaced and Brian shared that a new replacement backhoe would be approximately \$132,328 as of today but with the trade-in amount for our current backhoe (\$18,700), it would only cost approximately \$113,622. The board will look into moving forward with a plan to begin replacing equipment, starting with the backhoe.

**Office Trailer Sale:** The old office trailer is currently just sitting at the town garage location and it was suggested we sell it “as is” noting there are mold issues in the trailer. The purchaser would need to sign a waiver accepting the trailer “as is,” noting any issues (such as mold) with the trailer. Brian Conley can list it on an auction site that specializes in this type of equipment sale. After a brief discussion, Brian motioned for the town to get rid of the trailer by disposing of it in the best interest/advantageous way for the town (i.e., selling it via auction, etc.); Maxine Petite seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Refinance Loan:** Randy Polson suggested that since interest rates are going down due to the pandemic, it might be a good idea to look into refinancing our loans. The board will look into possibly refinancing our loan to lower our interest rates if it is in our best interest to do so.

**Levy Limit Increase:** Laurie Dolsen has spoken with WTA about how to properly increase the levy limit to purchase updated equipment since our general levy has not increased since 2013. They explained the process of how to increase a town’s levy but shared that debt payments for items such as equipment purchased can be added to the town’s levy each year.

**Meeting Minutes/Financial Statement:** Brian Conley motioned to accept the Town’s annual meeting minutes from April 16, 2019, and the November 12, 2019, Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting minutes as presented; Carol Nelson seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Lois Dolsen motioned to accept the financial report as presented; Carol Nelson seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Next year’s annual town meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7 p.m. in the Oakland Town Hall. Brian Conley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Greg Dolsen seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk