

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Stacy Fornengo, 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 December 12, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting were reviewed and no changes were made. RP motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has finished submitting all the property tax documents to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and is now working on submitting all the quarterly and year-end tax documents to all paid employees and board members, etc., as well as the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and DOR as required by law. Election preparation continues and there will be no February Primary held. An open records request was processed; replacement vehicle titles for the FD equipment van and old truck were obtained; the annual tobacco report was submitted to the DOR; and the annual injury report was also filed. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo has been working on personal property taxes and dog licenses. Supervisors Dana Dolsen and Randy Polson did not have anything to report. Chair Jack Byrd did not have anything to report. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present (no report received), but Stacy reported there will be a wildland fire class with the DNR on January 20. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they cut the roadside on Oliphant Road with the prisoners, sanded the roads, plowed snow, cut trees off the roads from high winds, installed a heater in the small garage, cut brush on various roads with the brusher, dug debris out of a driveway culvert on Clara Barton Road, graded roads, hauled and placed gravel on Turbett Road, cleaned the shop, worked on the brusher's hydraulic motor, plowed the hall parking lot, set up for the meeting, and changed the blades on the graders. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared that in Forestry, they are active in the area and to be careful on the roads as they are soft due to the warm weather—he has contact information if there is any damage. In the Land Development area, they have contracted with UW-Superior to study use for the County fairground. In Zoning, they will be looking at the proposal for local support of the wake enhancement ordinance. Community Events Chair Dana Dolsen shared they did not meet last week due to weather and will be meeting on January 10 to discuss the upcoming snowshoe races.

Bills: The bills were reviewed previously and RP motioned to pay the bills as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. LD will check on the Boyer bill to ensure all goes to FD truck account.

Plan Commission: The PC met on January 8 to discuss the Wake Enhancement Ordinance—it has been a lot of work and they are close to finalizing a draft. They will hold an informational meeting on the ordinance to present and explain it to town residents. After discussion, the informational meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the town hall (prior to next month's meeting). After the presentation, there will be a time for questions and general meeting ground rules will apply (3 minutes to speak, only speak once, etc.). A mailer will be sent out to all residents to inform them of the meeting/presentation/Q & A.

Roof on Town Hall: JB received a call about something loose on the roof of the building. JB checked the roof and spoke with Justin at Stack Brothers and the roof is not leaking. It needs to be fixed but we can wait until summer to fix it as it is not an urgent need currently.

Set Spring Clean-Up Day: It was determined that this year's spring clean-up day will be Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. RP will coordinate the event this year and LD will reserve the dumpsters with WM and prepare a map.

Public Comment: LD asked about the Accidental Death/Dismemberment Insurance from Rural Mutual Insurance—it will be discontinued and the same insurance will be secured through Holdens Insurance so we have everything from the same company. LD shared she finally received, signed, and returned the paperwork from Midland for propane at \$1.38 per gallon. JB shared that Douglas County Abstract will be getting us information on their research of Parr Road soon.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk