

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 15 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Town Chair Jack Byrd; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes for the January 9, 2024, meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to approve the minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen said she has been working on year-end taxes, employee payroll reports and taxes, various other reports, etc., and has also been preparing for the upcoming election season—lots of rule changes, new forms, etc. There will not be a primary on February 20. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared that she has been working on the dog licenses and taxes and she helped with the mailing for the snowshoe races and the Plan Commission open house on the Wake Enhancement ordinance. Supervisor Dana Dolsen thanked Randy and Greg for finishing up the grout in the Town Hall and Brian for picking up the new cabinets for the cleaning chemicals, fire department, etc. Dana also shared that the Community Events Group is working with the Fire Department on the upcoming snowshoe races that will be held whether or not there is snow—they will run on the grass if there is no snow. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 25, with the races starting at 1 p.m. There will be a concession and raffle prizes for purchase. The King and Queen will be crowned on Saturday night at The Kettle where a dance/band will take place from 7-11 p.m. Raffle tickets are available for sale at various locations or from members of the community group or fire department. Supervisor Randy Polson had no report. Chair Jack Byrd had no report. Fire Chief John Melcher shared that a new air compressor is needed and will be purchased soon. The old equipment van and ATV tires sold. A new fire department member started and will be taking classes to become trained to respond to fires. Calls made were 1 fire, 1 mutual aid fire, 4 medical, 3 mutual aid medical, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 1 lift assist. DNR training was held here at the end of January. With the absence of snow, the fire danger is very high and burning permits are needed—check the DNR website before burning. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley stated they plowed snow, sanded the roads, scraped the blacktop at the Lakes, plowed the town hall parking lot, worked on the brusher hydraulic motor, stuffed envelopes for the land use/fire department mailing, brushed Oliphant Road, cut trees on Oliphant Road right-of-way with the prisoners, hauled gravel on Najt Road, fixed a hole by the bridge on Neuman Road, and moved the excavator to Oliphant Road to gather and haul brush to the Tri Lakes pit. County Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report.

Bills: The bills were reviewed prior to the meeting. DD motioned to approve paying the bills as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Plan Commission: PC Chair Brian Conley reported that they met on Monday, February 12, at 2:30 p.m. and worked on the presentation for the Wake Enhancement ordinance that was held tonight prior to the board meeting (at 5:30 p.m.). A nice crowd was present with some concerns being raised about oversight of the ordinance, etc. Comments received will be reviewed and the draft ordinance will be forwarded to the Board for review prior to next month's meeting. Other concerns were more about visitors to the area with large boats that are renting Air BNB's (for enforcement purposes). A list of certified/registered Air BNB's can be obtained from the County.

Beaver Contract: Dan Zuchowski sent a beaver contract for 2024 and it is the same as last year except it has this year's dates. DD motioned to approve the contract as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Spring Clean-Up Day: LD ordered the dumpsters for clean-up day in May and it was requested by the board to add an additional 30-yard dumpster this year if one is available. Aggregate Tire had a price increase this year so tire prices will most likely increase—we are waiting for the contract from them. Afterlife Electronics had no price increase this year. RP will contact Gronk's to line up food for the day.

Spring WTA District Meetings: LD asked if anyone planned to attend the April 5 WTA District Meeting in Cable. Jack said he would be going and LD will go to attend for the required Board of Review training. LD asked to be notified if anyone else would be going to the meetings so she could get them registered.

Parr Road Updates: There are no updates to this issue at this time.

Public Comment: LD shared she recently received the annual Joint Powers 911 Agreement from the Douglas County Communication Center for approval and signature. DD motioned to approve the Joint Powers 911 Agreement as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Mary Brill asked if a person had been hired to replace our custodian Stan Dzikonski who retired. Dana Dolsen has taken on that position.

The question was asked what was wrong with the roof and JB shared there is a loose piece of metal on the back side of the building that needs to be replaced—that will take place later this year when it is warmer. There is no leak at this time and it is being monitored.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared she will not be at next month's meeting as she will be out of town but she will have everything ready before she leaves.

DD motioned to adjourn the meeting; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk