

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 6 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 2 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Town Supervisor Dana Dolsen; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted.

VFD Insurance/Peer Services: Randy Martin (formerly our fire chief for many years) shared a video regarding issues faced by our firefighters and first responders, etc., and how a peer mentorship and various services can provide much needed support to face some of the mental health issues that come with the job.

He discussed the peer mentorship program in Minnesota he participated in that is modeled after a program in Illinois. He is now part of the successful Minnesota program as a peer mentor and would like to bring the same program to Wisconsin and our area and is looking for support and guidance, etc. from our township and board to get things started.

Discussion and questions followed on how we could provide support. We can start by getting this information out to other townships at the May 21 WTA Douglas County Unit meeting and invite local legislators, etc. The next meeting is in Bennett but LD will check with Dan Corbin to see if we can host the meeting as we have the large TV to project the video and the PA system if needed.

After discussion, DD motioned for the town/town board to support Randy in whatever way we can to bring this valuable program to Wisconsin and our area; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

DD motioned to adjourn the meeting; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk