

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Special Town Board Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd; a quorum was present; and the meeting was properly posted.

Insurance for VFD Peer Mentor/Support Services Effort (Randy Martin/Steve Kimmes): Steve Kimmes was unable to attend at the last minute for personal reasons, but Randy Martin provided an update on his efforts to promote and develop this program in Wisconsin:

- Met with Vacationland Fire Association (a non-profit organization is usually needed to apply for grants and using them is a possibility) and they were very supportive of this effort.
- Went to the Fire Chiefs meeting and presented, etc.
- Updated us that Minnesota also has an effort underway to provide peer mentor/support for spouses and families.

RM also shared his most recent experience as a peer mentor and we also reviewed the PAR360 video.

Action Items:

1. RM will work to see who he can have come from the program to present at the May 21 meeting.
2. RM will continue to work getting volunteer peers for the program.
3. Once known, RM will reserve hotel rooms for the presenters and Oakland will reimburse him.
4. Oakland Board members will work to promote/market attendance at the May 21 meeting to local officials, town officials, legislators, etc.

The question was asked about insurance—who covers the peers if something happens (do we put them on our FD roster, etc.)? We will have to meet with Steve Kimmes of Holden Insurance when he is next available to find this out.

DNR Contract: After reviewing the DNR contract received for use of our equipment if there is a wildland fire, it was decided to go ahead and approve/sign the contract with various adjustments (i.e., operator w/piece of equipment, costs, etc.). RP motioned to approve the DNR contract with the adjustments from the RC foreman; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

JB motioned to adjourn; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk