

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen (via phone), and 5 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Byrd at 7 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted. Meeting minutes for the March 8 Regular Town Board Meeting and the March 11 Special Town Board Meeting were reviewed. There were questions regarding the March 8 Regular Town Board meeting minutes and approval was tabled until the next meeting. RP motioned to approve the March 11 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported that the April 5 Spring Election went well and was well attended—we had almost 200 voters who voted that day; she attended the WTA District Meeting in Cable on April 9 and completed Board of Review training (required for one person on the BOR to be trained annually); Jack completed his training virtually) and she heard presentations on ARPA and BIL funds—she will be posting and publishing the BOR notice on April 15 (Open Book is Friday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Board of Review is Monday, May 16, from 4 to 6 p.m.; she is getting information ready to bring to the accountant to complete the Form CT report; she is working on the Annual Meeting Financial Report for next week’s meeting (April 19); the clean-up day poster will be posted soon but she is waiting to know if the prices are changing; ARPA funding report is due April 30 and she is preparing for that; she reported that Mike Koles (WTA) provided presentations on ARPA funding (what qualifies, etc.) and BIL funding (application deadline is June 3 and there are various funding options to apply for, etc.); she also checked with Lara Carlson (WTA lawyer) on how to follow federal procurement processes to purchase a new equipment van for the fire department using ARPA funds; and she shared that they recommend applying for the BIL funding if we qualify (only qualified bridges in our township would be the Mikrot Bridge or the Oliphant Bridge) but we would need to cover 20% of the costs. The board asked LD to send a copy of last year’s clean-up day poster for review of prices. DD thanked LD for her work with the recent election. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo had nothing to report. Supervisor Dana Dolsen shared the roads are in rough shape right now as they always are this time of year due to spring breakup and continued rain/snow storms occurring and the road crew is doing the best they can and is placing gravel on roads as needed until they can be graded. She asked for patience as we navigate a challenging spring season and to let Jack or the supervisors know of roads that need immediate addressing. Supervisor Randy Polson shared he contacted Mike at Gronks to line up lunch for May 21’s town cleanup. Chair Jack Byrd shared that the wall panels were up but the ceiling panels came in damaged and replacement panels should be here for installation the first week of May. The company will not take back the ceiling panels and suggested we approach other townships to see if they would like them (Amnicon purchased panels already, Maple has not responded; and we are waiting to hear from Parkland). He also shared that the floor cleaner is in and Stan is happy with how it performs. Jack also thanked the road crew for all their work during this tough spring season. Fire Chief John Melcher was not present—no report. Road Crew foreman Brian Conley was not present but he gave his report to Stacy to read. This last month, the road crew has been fixing the roads as needed (it is bad this year), fixed the grader mold board, set up the steamer for culverts, worked in the shop, steamed culverts, hauled gravel, plowed snow and the parking lots, welded the summer “stinger blades” up, fixed the lights on the F550, fixed the shifter on the F550, sanded the roads, and patched potholes. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report.

Bills: The bills were reviewed previously and RP motioned to approve/pay the bills as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Plan Commission: PC chair Brian Conley was not present but PC member Sandy Waletzko presented his report. PC met on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. and reviewed the following:

- Aleckson/Krause CUP application—was not approved by DC Zoning and needed to be revised to be more clear; revised application was received and the PC reviewed and recommends approval for gatherings, etc. so long as they do not have AirBNB style camping. DD motioned to approve the Aleckson/Krause CUP with stated recommended comments; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
- Hansen Non-Metallic Mine CUP Renewal and Reclamation Plan applications—PC reviewed and they recommend approval. RP motioned to approve the Non-Metallic Mine CUP renewal with the stipulation they follow the town’s non-metallic mine ordinance; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. DD motioned to accept the Reclamation Plan with the stipulation that the plan meets all County and DNR requirements/approvals; RP seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.
- Van Horn CUP for a corn maze/pumpkin patch was reviewed and the PC recommends approval as long as there is adequate parking available “off street” in a field area. DD motioned to approve the Van Horn CUP application with the stipulation there is adequate off-street parking; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Mary Brill continues to work on formatting of the Comprehensive Plan survey data. PC also talked about adding I-plan to its land use website (which is an interactive program that shows different scenarios for different land uses).

Douglas County Zoning Resolution: Douglas County needed to make some formatting changes to their 8.0 Zoning Ordinance (no change in wording occurred—only formatting) and a new resolution needs to be approved by the town. PC recommended approval. RP motioned to approve the DC 8.0 Zoning Ordinance Resolution as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Community Events Committee Update: DD shared the group met on April 6 (3 were present) and determined some community events they would like to plan. The first would be a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 18, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Their next meeting will be on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. LD shared that the Town of Parkland has an established Community Group and suggested this group contact Lorri Prendergast to find out if there are any rules or regulations surrounding town community groups.

Steve Olson Culvert Update: RP reported that Steve Olson will be taking care of updating the culvert this spring.

Public Comment: Jack shared that he has been making calls to area townships to see if they would like the ceiling sound panels and will report his findings at the next meeting. LD asked if the board had a chance to look at the Policy Manual to review the proposed updates and to provide their comments/changes—JB is reviewing and DD did not have any other recommended changes. The next regular town board meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laurie Dolsen (clerk—via phone) and Stacy Fornengo (treasurer—in person)