

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 6 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 May 9, 2023, regular town board meeting and the June 8, 2023, special town board meeting were reviewed and 1 change was made to the special town board meeting minutes. RP motioned to approve the minutes as presented with 1 correction; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported that the Form CT was submitted by the deadline of May 15. The form changed again this year so she had to work closely with the accountant to get it submitted. LD reported she is catching up on paperwork and working to get things organized. We continue to have issues with Centurytel and LD will research getting a .gov email address for more security. Budget preparations have also begun (process will start in September but there is a lot of prep work to be done). A liquor license was reviewed and prepared for approval. After much searching, the paperwork for the LRIP project for Tri-Lakes Road was found but the work will not be completed and this project will be withdrawn due to its high cost. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo reported she is working on dog licenses. Donations of \$95 were received from the public at the town cleanup and it was determined the donations and the scrap metal sold will go to the fire department. Supervisor Dana Dolsen shared the Community Event's Rummage Sale is on Saturday, June 17, in conjunction with the Tri-Lakes rummage sales—donations can be dropped off June 14-16 from 5-8 p.m. at the hall. Supervisor Randy Polson had no report. Chair Jack Byrd shared that board members will now be receiving notifications for trainings for local fire departments so our members can be notified and be well trained and ready to respond when needed. He also shared he is working on pricing for signs/stickers for the new graders that were named by the Four Corners students and the ice cream social at the school was a huge hit! Fire Chief John Melcher was not present—no report. Stacy Fornengo reported the FD received a donation from the Tri Lakes Community Club (TLCC) and are requesting some of our fire department members be present at the Turkey Potluck to be held on June 24 from 4-6:30 p.m. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they cleaned the shop, worked on the excavator's hydraulic system, cleaned up trash along the roadsides, hauled in the scrap from clean-up day, hauled gravel on Old Lyman Lake Road and Mabel Nelson Road, graded roads, buried a cow for Ed Jossund, worked on washout paperwork (pics, etc.), fixed the ditch on Swamp Road where a large truck went in, ran for parts, serviced the dozer and the 04 Mack truck, R&R the hydraulic cylinder on the excavator, put in a driveway culvert on Clara Barton Road and Brannan Road, hauled the dozer and excavator to Brannan Road, pushed out stumps at the Tri-Lakes pit, put new batteries in the brusher, and started ditching Brannan Road. County Supervisor Joe Moen reported Forestry had a timber sale on June 6 that realized over \$1 million; Land & Development is in the process of putting the trailer parks in Parkland up for bid; and the Zoning Committee had no update. Dana Dolsen already gave a report on the Community Group (see above).

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

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission met on June 12 at 2:30 and are continuing to work on various ordinances. An ordinance regarding town-owned lake access is ready for Board review. Regarding preparing a short-term rentals ordinance, that has been tabled as they are regulated by the Health Department and it makes no sense for us to pursue it at this time (the City of Superior tried to develop one and it is very complicated and difficult). Regarding the Parr Road issue, the town has put resources into the maintenance of this road (ditched, gravel, etc.) and it is the burden of proof on the landowner to show ownership of the road. Also, a letter needs to be sent to the owner to remove items in the ROW (note—a call was received by the son of the owner and they will remove any items that are in the ROW). A resolution is being put together regarding the existence of the Plan Commission and will be ready for approval at next month's town board meeting. A hazardous waste collection will take place on June 21 from 2-6 p.m. in Solon Springs. Topics discussed at the recent WTA meeting were: fiber optic development—East Central Energy is

putting funds into implementing fiber optics and the County may also have funds to help. NWRPC also may have funds to help with fiber optics as well. Douglas County is surveying the damage done to approximately 10-15,000 acres from last winter. LRIP funding is available in addition to grants and if the governor's budget is approved as submitted, it could mean funding increases for shared revenue and transportation needs.

Municipal Emergency Plan Ordinance Approval: PC members met with members of the town board and fire department and made any corrections needed. After a brief discussion, RP motioned to approve the Resolution to approve the updated Municipal Emergency Plan Ordinance as presented, DD seconded, all were in favor via voice vote, motion carried.

Extended Warranty for New Dump Truck: Discussion followed on if we should purchase an extended warranty on the new dump truck (up to 5 years and 250,000 miles). After the discussion, DD motioned to purchase the 5 year/250,000 mile extended warranty on the new dump truck; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Letter to Residents Regarding the Craig Road Culvert Installation: A letter will be prepared and sent to residents on Craig Road (dead end road) that will be affected when the road is closed to install a new culvert. It should take one day from approximately 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the installation. Brian Conley will give LD the addresses and she will prepare the letters on town letterhead.

Policy for New Town Hall Rental (Mary Brill): Mary Brill sent a memo regarding suggested language changes to the town hall rental agreement. A brief discussion followed and no action was taken.

Propane Contracts: RP has been calling to get pricing for propane this year and most won't quote prices until August however our current provider, Midland, shared their price may be around \$1.50 this year.

Clean-up Day Results:

2023 = 32.68 tons of trash and 11.64 tons of scrap = 44.32 tons total

2022 = 36.21 tons of trash and 4.67 tons of scrap = 40.88 tons total

2021 = 26.57 tons of trash and 3.80 tons of scrap = 30.37 tons total

2020 = 28.27 tons of trash and 5.05 tons of scrap = 33.32 tons total

Next year we should use signs and put together a map so people can park their trailers accordingly.

New Fire Department Equipment Van: Pete Warner and Stacy found an equipment truck with a cascade system located in Texas and both Pete and Stan Dzikonski will go down there next week to look at it and purchase it if all looks good. We are getting quotes on hauling it up here as it is a 1,100 mile trip. Someone may be interested in purchasing our old equipment van.

Liquor License Approval: The Kettle has turned in their renewal request and paid their fees and it will be published the required 3 times (last publishing date is June 30). LD requested approval of their liquor license and will issue it once the final publication takes place. DD motioned to approve the liquor/beer and tobacco licenses and issue it once the publication requirement is completed; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Town Hall Loan – Maturity Date: LD asked who is checking with the bank regarding the maturity date of one of our loans—JB will contact the bank.

Public Comment: LD asked if the EMR grant application was signed and submitted—not known. The next regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7 p.m. RP motioned to adjourn; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk