

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 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 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 June 13, 2023, regular town board meeting were reviewed 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 reported that along with her regular work, she has received some open records requests, completed and submitted the quarterly payroll reports to the IRS, has started organizing the office and records, worked with the County to submit the Statement of Assessment, is working on budget preparations, is working with the County regarding election preparations for 2024 (4 elections to be held), and prepared letters for the Craig Road residents regarding replacement of the culvert. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo will be coordinating retrieving any remaining old records from Pat Asbury's garage. Supervisor Dana Dolsen did not have anything to report. Supervisor Randy Polson checked and cannot get price quotes from propane vendors until August—will report at the next meeting. Chair Jack Byrd thanked the road crew for continuing to keep the roads well maintained, for Randy, Stacy, Pete Warner, Stan Dzikonski and John Melcher for their work regarding the new equipment fire truck and Dana for her work with the community group and the successful rummage sale they had. Fire Chief John Melcher reported they responded to 6 medical calls, 1 structure fire, 2 mutual aid medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 1 wildland fire. John asked about license plates for the new equipment truck and LD said the application was being prepared and sent to the DMV in Madison for processing. He also reported that new firefighter training will be held from August to October in the Town of Parkland and we will be holding a CPR class on September 16 in the morning—it is open to VFD members and the public but prior registration is needed. Road crew foreman Brian Conley reported they ditched the Brannan Road, graded roads, placed hay bales in the Brannan Road ditch, placed seed and sprayed hay for erosion control, moved the dozer to the ditching dump site and dozed out the ditching material, started mowing the roadsides, moved the excavator to various roads to remove debris from the spring flooding, hauled lime and black dirt to the Tri Lakes pit for high walls/slopes, hauled the excavator to the Neuman Road, hauled the dozer to the new dump site, and started ditching the Neuman Road. County Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report. Community Group representative Dana Dolsen reported the June 17 rummage sale was a success (approximately \$873 was raised) and thanked all the volunteers for their efforts. Remaining items were donated to the Ruth House, Salvation Army, Goodwill, and Friends of the Library (books).

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

**Plan Commission:** The Plan Commission met on Monday, July 10, at 2:30 p.m. and discussed a possible wake boat ordinance with Kim Nygaard of the Amnicon/Dowling Lake Management District (ADLMD) as the district is looking to get support from the local municipalities. ADLMD would prepare and approve a proposed wake boat ordinance and they would like the surrounding townships/municipalities to approve a resolution supporting their ordinance (ordinance does not include Lyman Lake). This was a discussion only and no action was taken at this time by the PC. They also reviewed the Musch zoning change application received and recommended approval of the application by the town board. Also discussed was the revised document for the Plan Commission. Discussion and questions/answers then followed from board members and citizens present at today's regular town board meeting who were in favor of supporting the zoning change application and citizens who were opposed. Items discussed included but were not limited to regulations and agencies monitoring deer farms; health concerns for residents, the environment (air/water/land), and the deer herd; testing for CWD; loose deer; purpose for expansion; safety; buffer zones; community involvement; benefits; how it will be run; etc. Board members also shared they had researched information about deer farms and after much discussion and the Q&A session, RP motioned to approve the Musch Zoning Change application as recommended by the Plan Commission; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote;

motion carried. DD motioned to approve the updated Plan Commission ordinance as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. DD motioned to approve the Ordinance Establishing Use of Town Owned Access Locations as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

**Insurance for New FD Equipment Truck:** RP contacted the insurance company to put a basic amount of \$150,000 coverage on the new FD equipment truck to have coverage while it was being delivered and knows we need to up the coverage now that it is here. After discussion, the insurance amount will be changed to \$250,000 and RP will contact the insurance company to make the change.

**Utility Trailing:** Stan has been using his personal trailer to transport items (i.e., mower, snow blower, etc.) between the hall and the garage, and we need to look at purchasing one for the town that can be used. DD will get pricing so we can move forward with this.

**Two Storage Cabinets:** Two steel locking (for safety reasons) storage cabinets are needed for the hall and for the fire department to store materials. One may also be needed for the community group as well. Sam's Club has some for \$249. Cabinets will be purchased according to size/need for their respective areas.

**Old Town Records:** Former town treasurer Pat Asbury still has some old town records stored in her garage and there are some old town records in our garage as well. The old records in Pat's garage will need to be picked up and Stacy will coordinate that. We will also evaluate getting the records from the town garage for storage.

**Public Comment:** LD asked about the flagpole at the hall as she tried to get it to be at full staff and was not able to. The location of the flagpole and possibly having to purchase a new one will need to be discussed at future meetings as it will be moved when the sign for the hall is installed. The next regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk