

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen and 4 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. The meeting minutes from the July 14 Regular Town Board meeting were reviewed previously and no changes were made. DD motioned to accept the July 14 meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen reported she has been handling election duties from yesterday's August 9 Partisan Primary (301 people voted)—she thanked Stacy for assisting her with setup prior to Tuesday's election since she was still under lifting restrictions; she also updated her computer laptop software to Microsoft Office 365 since support for the previous version (2010) was being discontinued; she started the retirement paperwork for a firefighter; began preparations to renew her Notary commission; started working on the budget; researched ARPA funding regulations; started work on the November 8 election; and reviewed the significant correspondence received. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared she has added a Community Events account to track their funds and she recently received the tax collection contract from the County Treasurer. Supervisor Dana Dolsen did not have anything to report. Supervisor Randy Polson reported he has spoken with sign vendors La Crosse Signs and Signs Plus and the prices are high—we need to check with local vendors as well. Chair Jack Byrd did not have anything to report. Fire Department reported we had 4 medical calls, 4 mutual aid medical calls, and 1 grass fire. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley reported they finished mowing the roadsides; graded; worked on the brusher; installed driveway culverts; ditched the Old Lyman Lake Road north of the Neuman Road; pushed out ditchings; fixed the wingwall on the Mikrot box culvert; graveled the Old Lyman Lake Road north of Neuman Road; graveled Eastman Road; pulled the side shift cylinder for repair on the 140H grader; and fixed a hole in the road on Old Lyman Lake Road by the culvert. Douglas County Supervisor Joe Moen was not present—no report.

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

Plan Commission: The Planning Commission met on Monday, August 8, to discuss the Bergen Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to use a mobile home trailer as a storage unit/shed. The PC recommended approving the application for storage only—no habitation of any kind. DD motioned to approve the Bergen CUP application for storage only with no habitation of any kind; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The PC has also started to look at and work on language in the ordinances and is working on a form to use (criteria) for when applications are received.

Dementia Care Specialist Introduction/Presentation: Dementia Care Specialist Chelsea Thompson with the ARDC introduced herself and explained her new role in the Program for Douglas County. She shared that there are currently about 120,000 people in Douglas County living with dementia or with someone who has dementia and that number will only increase. She reviewed numerous statistics and explained that part of her role is to meet with people in their homes and provide information, training resources, services, classes, and limited screenings. She has also met with many caregivers who are burned out to

provide support through groups that meet or services available. She also does training/exposure through something called Dementia Live (simulates what it is like living with dementia)—this educational training is for the community, businesses, and organizations. They also have a Facebook page as well.

Tax Collection Contract with Douglas County: SF has received the updated tax collection contract from the Douglas County Treasurer for renewal—the County collects and processes our taxes every year for a fee. RP motioned to approve the tax collection contract as presented; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Community Events: The rummage sale planned for the end of August has been cancelled. The Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, September 24, at the Oakland Town Hall and we are combining with 4-Corners Store for this event. There will be a car show, a bounce house, a chili feed, and games, etc. Funds raised will go to the Angel Fund for the School District of Superior. The Lions Club will also have volunteers there as well. Once the hay in the field is harvested, Dave Middleton will donate and leave 2 bales at the hall to use for a sign.

Town Hall Sign: DD has contacted Enbridge/Cenovus (previously Husky) to see if we can get grants for our sign with no success. They have tried other resources for help with the sign but have not heard back from them yet. Discussion followed regarding various options or suggestions to pursue for possible grants, phased construction (base first and add digital board later), types of signs, incorporating the old signs, etc. The conversation and research will continue.

ARPA Funds: The Board continues to evaluate possible uses for the ARPA funds received. The Fire Department needs a new equipment van but it is hard to find something in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. No specific amount for the Fire Department has been designated and could be more if the right vehicle is found. Pete and members of the Fire Department will continue to research possible replacement vehicles for the equipment van.

Propane Contract: Prices for propane were checked from local vendors—Como (our current vendor), Superior Fuel, Midland Fuel, Kimmes, and Ferrell Gas. After discussion of the options received, DD motioned to go with Midland Fuel; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. RP will follow up with Midland Fuel to get a contract to sign.

Public Comment: Douglas County Zoning has a link to the minutes from their meeting where the previous Bergen CUP was denied if anyone is interested in reviewing them. The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk