

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County  
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 6 p.m.  
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Laurie Dolsen and 15 Interested Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Jack Byrd, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly posted.

**Road Updates/Discussion:** This special town board meeting was called to discuss residents' concerns regarding the upcoming project to gravel the East Lyman Lake Road and Ross Road (pulverize blacktop and overlay with gravel). The roads are failing and are becoming hard to maintain. They were last blacktopped in the early 1990s (approximately 1992) and they have been patched periodically since that time. We have applied for grants from the County to fix the road (\$86,000) but costs have skyrocketed (\$150,000+) and the grant money has stayed the same so re-blacktopping is no longer an option we can afford. While some parts are holding, some are failing and need to be addressed. Previously, the board approved pulverizing the road now as it was the most cost effective option to fix the road since costs have gone out of our reach and doing nothing is not an option. In addition, prices to pulverize keep going up as well and if we pulverize and gravel, it would provide a good base if we were ever able to blacktop the road again. We have also spoken with the Forestry Department and County Board Chair Mark Liebert for assistance but there are no budget funds available. Residents were also reminded that our town levy has not increased since 2013.

Discussion and a question/answer time followed and the residents in attendance presented a petition with 25 names asking the board to do nothing and leave the road as is. Unfortunately, that is not an option as the Town is liable if something were to happen. The residents then asked the board to patch the road where they could and to wait a year in order to revisit the issue.

The Board then discussed the costs of patching (patch or blacktop the bad areas) versus pulverizing and Brian will check prices in the morning. Time and materials for patching could run about \$7,500 depending on the number of loads needed. After much discussion, DD motioned to rescind the current pulverizing project that is scheduled to start next week and to patch the bad areas and revisit the issue in one year to determine if we move forward with pulverizing; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dolsen, Town Clerk