

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Randy Polson, Dana Dolsen, Stacy Fornengo, Laurie Dolsen, and 13 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 August 8, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting were previously reviewed, and no changes were made. DD motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Reports: Clerk Laurie Dolsen shared she has been working on preparing for the budget workshops, organizing and filing, preparing for next year's elections (there will be 4, including the presidential election), purchased checks, and killing lots of crickets that have been entering the building. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo shared she had a face-to-face review of dog licenses with a resident, the August Settlement was received, and she has been reviewing records retention (she handed out copies to the board). Supervisor Dana Dolsen did not have a report. Supervisor Randy Polson said he has received 2 calls from the 911 dispatcher regarding a loose pig on the road (CTH B) and a loose horse on the road (CTH L). The sheriff's department was contacted but they put it back onto the township (they said they would not respond unless the animal was hurting a human)—a brief discussion followed. Chair Jack Byrd shared he was out checking roads after the recent rainstorms, and he said the Koenen Road looks awesome. The sign is up and looks nice and Fall Fest preparations are underway. Fire Department reported the old equipment van has been prepared and can be put up for sale; they are getting the new equipment truck ready and cleaning the hall; 2 new members are in training at Parkland, the CPR class will be held here on Saturday, September 16, at 8 a.m. New members are always welcome. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley shared they worked on the DOT flood documents, ditched the Koenen Road, graded the roads, installed a driveway culvert on Jodell Road, graveled the end of Koenen Road, seeded and mulched the Koenen Road ditches, worked on the flagpole and sign at the town hall, lowered the culvert on Neuman Road, fixed washouts, fixed the tire on the equipment trailer, and hauled topsoil to the Tri Lakes Pit for sidewall slopes. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared in Forestry, they are winding down for the summer and in Zoning, the proposed concrete batch plant in the Town of Superior is under review. Regarding the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP), a member from each township should be at the WTA meeting in Wascott at 7 p.m. this week for selections to the committee reviewing/approving plans. Community Group representative Dana Dolsen shared the Fall Fest is this Saturday, September 16 from 1-3 p.m. with many activities planned. There will also be a recognition at 2 p.m. for Raquel Stockey from 4 Corners Store for her exceptional support and for promoting a community spirit for not only our community but all of those surrounding us as well. A resolution formally establishing and recognizing the Community Group, determining officers, and providing insurance was presented. After review, RP motioned to approve the resolution as presented; JB seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

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

Plan Commission: They did not meet as there were no applications received to review.

Citizen Letter Regarding Dog Issue on the Tri-Lakes Road Area: Recently, there have been a few dog attacks from loose dogs in the Tri-Lakes Road area (some resulting in injury to both the owner of a dog being walked on a leash and the dog). It is not just one dog (1 was licensed and 1 was not) and the attacks have also occurred in the Town of Summit. All calls must go through the 911 dispatcher/sheriff department as we do not have a constable or a trained animal control officer. Discussion followed and we will increase communication of dog requirements by inserting information in the tax bill along with the dog license application. Communication will also appear on the town's Facebook page. If needed, a board member can talk to the offending resident or a letter can be sent.

Culvert Replacement Letter: A driveway culvert at 5496 E Otto Road needs to be replaced before winter sets in. Verbal communication was initiated with the owner and an application was given but nothing has been received yet. A letter requesting a culvert be purchased asap so we can install it before the ground freezes will be sent.

Propane Prices/Contract Update: RP contacted local vendors (Midland, Como, Lakes Gas, Ferrell Gas, and Kimmes) and after discussion, RP motioned to stay with and accept the contract price quote from Midland for \$1.38; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Public Comment: Budget workshops will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26 at 6 p.m. at the town hall. LD reminded the board, employees, and committee members to check their mailboxes for mail (a community group box will be added); she will be gone for the October meeting and SF will take notes for her; and a reminder that ARPA funds need to be spoken for by the end of 2023 was given.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7 p.m. DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk