

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Stacy Fornengo, and 11 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/notice given. Meeting minutes from the September 12, 2023, 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 was not present but SF reviewed her report as follows: Budget documents are being worked on and prepared for posting/publishing after the workshops took place; she is busy preparing for the upcoming election season in 2024—the election inspectors will need to be reappointed in December for a 2-year term; she took a week’s vacation in the first week of October and thanked Stacy for covering for her during that time (meetings, safety review, etc.); and she has begun putting the paperwork together for the upcoming tax bills. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo discussed the security assessment of our Town Hall and recommendations that include cameras outside and keeping the exit doors locked when elections are happening. Supervisor Dana Dolsen thanked the Fire Department for hosting the CPR class and discussed the Fall Fest success. She also mentioned the damage to Najt Road was fixed and taken care of by the road crew. Supervisor Randy Polson stated the sign for the town hall is almost done and will have lights installed soon. The flag will be moved near the sign once it is finished. He also mentioned the landing zone in the field is also staked out. Chair Jack Byrd mentioned that ECE did put floaters on the power lines for the landing zone area. Fire Chief John Melcher stated they had 3 medical calls, 2 mutual aid calls, 1 fire alarm, and 1 structure fire. They have staked out the landing zone in the field and requested it be mowed one more time. Snowshoe races plan to be held the third weekend in February in 2024 and two new members will be done with their fire training soon. Road Crew Foreman Brian Conley stated they have been grading the roads, put the culvert in on Craig Road, the grant request to Douglas County was sent in, they have been screening sand for the salt/sand mix (15 loads so far), and Jack thanked them for all their hard work. They also discussed the the Otto Road culvert is not marked yet. County Board Supervisor Joe Moen shared that the fall timber sales will take place with a few occurring in Oakland. Brian would like notice when it is received for when they intend to cut—Jack mentioned he will forward that to him. LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) will take place on October 11, 2023. Community Events Group representative Dana Dolsen was not able to make the last meeting but said they are working on planning for upcoming events. The October 14 Wellness Fair was cancelled and moved to 2024.

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

Plan Commission: They did not meet this month. The Reclamation Plan for the non-metallic mine needs to be signed and dated. No applications were received for review.

Dowling Lake Management Presentation: Julie Peterson (chair) spoke on their behalf. They are proposing to write an ordinance regarding wake surfing. With more people buying wake boats, they will need to put an ordinance in place as large wakes damage shorelines and docks. Their intent is to not have issues in the future. They are asking Oakland to adopt a resolution to authorize Amnicon/Dowling

Lake Management to write an ordinance to prevent wakes. The Plan Commission will meet with them at their next meeting on November 13 at 2:30 p.m. and the board will discuss this topic further. A citizen did ask for the Plan Commission and Town Board to make an ordinance for all of Oakland, not just Dowling Lake in regards to wake surfing. No formal action was taken at this time.

Parr Road: JB researched the boat landing property on Parr Road and the Town of Oakland owns the land. It will be up to Barb Miller and family to prove otherwise. There has been issues between the neighbors regarding this matter. A letter will be sent out to request all their personal items be removed from the property in question.

Fire Department Sale: We are looking for direction on how to sell FD equipment, including the old equipment van, the concession stand, and other miscellaneous items. The Fire Department needs to make an exact list of items and will check with clerk Laurie Dolsen regarding how to sell the items. RP motioned to approve selling the equipment van; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. It was suggested to sell the equipment van on the Wisconsin Surplus site.

Hall Rentals with Bounce House: Some hall renters have inquired about having a bounce house when renting the hall. DD will check with our insurance company regarding the town's liability for allowing bounce houses on the property when the hall is rented for non-town sponsored events. The Board would like renters to have/purchase their own insurance if they would like to provide a bounce house for their private event. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Public Comment: The ECE Fiber grant will be discussed at next month's meeting.

DD motioned to adjourn; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The next regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk (on behalf of notetaker Treasurer Stacy Fornengo)