Town of Oakland Douglas County, Wisconsin

The town board convened for a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14th, 2025, at the Oakland Town Hall 6152 S County Road K. The meeting was called to order 6:00pm by Chairman, Pete Fornengo.

The meeting began with a verification of public notification. A quorum was present as well as 6 interested citizens.

Agenda Items

Review and approval of Linkedin listing

A live demonstration and editing of the listing for LinkedIn was given by clerk, Lydia Schroeder. Both the Town Board and the interested residents provided feedback and the posting was edited on the spot. These changes included defining the high school diploma with a GED equivalent matching the posting, updating the job summary to include town instead of township, and updating the requirement from a Class A license to a Class B without restrictions. Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve this listing and Randy Polson seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Review and approval of website changes

A live demonstration and editing of the website changes was given by clerk, Lydia Schroeder. The changes and discussion were around changing the posting to include possible skills testing for the selection process and not requiring for hiring, updating the license requirements from a Class A to a Class B without restrictions. As part of the application itself, a resident mentioned reviewing the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 to ensure it still is the standard for hiring. The board discussed keeping the applications on file for 3 months before requiring a new batch of applications if the position is not filled or a lapse in employment should occur after hiring. The posting and information will be available at union hall, on the website, at the job center, on Linkedin and shared on the Town's Facebook page.

Review and approval of social media campaigns to accompany listing

A brief discussion was held about how to market the listing to attract candidates. Facebook and the website will be the primary places and Linkden will also be used as a secondary outlet.

Public Comment

Public Comment #1 - A concerned resident asked the chairman about the performance of the current Road Crew employee and a previously unresolved special meeting regarding a promotion for the employee to the foreman position. Once the hiring process is complete this item will be revisited and the process will follow union procedure. Supervisor Dana Dolsen provided monetary savings.

Public Comment #2 - a discussion occurred about the potential savings on the grader upgrade by selecting a different vendor.

Public Comment #3 – comment that the new board is approaching upgrades to long-term pieces of equipment as a cyclical approach for monetary savings. This approach keeps the value of the equipment better for trade in and allows for upgrades more routinely to keep equipment functional.

Public Comment #4 – meeting postings. Currently meetings are posted online and at the town hall per the statute. Clerk, Lydia Schroeder is also working to provide an email distribution list for all interested residents. Suggested to also post the meeting agendas at other businesses within and around the town. Members of the board and commissions will assist in posting these meeting agendas.

Dana Dolsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Polson seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The meeting concluded at 6:58pm.

Submitted, Lydia Schroeder, Town Clerk