

Town of Oakland
Douglas County
Regular Town Meeting 9/9/25

The regular town board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Pete Fornengo at the Oakland Town Hall, 6152 S County Road K. Roll call verified, all board members present. Members represent a quorum and verification of public notice was made. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from 8/6, 8/11 (both sessions), 8/12, 8/25, and 8/28, this motion was seconded by Randy Polson, all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

For the board report: Clerk, Lydia Schroeder, reported that for September, there is one town hall rental, and she is still working on the .gov implementation with a kickoff call later this week. Treasurer Stacy Fornengo reported that she is working on the annual dog license report. She also reported that the August Settlement came in and the \$100,000 levied needs to be spent before the end of the year. These funds were originally earmarked for the building. Grader maturity is due before 11/18. The loan will be paid off before, around \$9,000 left on the loan. Board members Dana Dolsen and Randy Polson had nothing to report. Chair, Pete Fornengo reported that his items will be addressed later in the meeting.

Fire Department Chief Gerry, unable to make the meeting, treasurer, Stacy made his report. The Fire Department responded to 3 medical calls and one CO check. The members attended training with the Town of Superior 8/26, the department changed to having 1 chief, and paperwork was submitted for a \$10,000 FAP grant. The money from the grant must be used for EMS but can be used to fund equipment such as for radios. The funds can be carried over by one year. The department is scheduled for training at Parkland tomorrow night.

Road Crew report: Greg absent from the meeting, chairman Pete gave his report. Greg is now a Foreman; Shawn Conley was hired during the last round of Road Crew hiring. The roadcrew worked on driveway permits, the driveway entrance to the shop, moved culverts, grading, installed driveway culverts on Neuman, took care of dead trees and a sign on Old Lyman Lake Rd, repaired the end of Clara Barton Rd, installed culverts on Old Lyman Lake and Tri Lakes Rd, repaired the garage shop door, repaired Parr Rd, installed flammable cabinet in the shop, relocated lost dog on Hwy B, trained Shawn on grading procedures, brushed on Najt Rd, repaired the brusher antifreeze leak, and changed grader blades on the 140 grader.

County Board Rep – Zoning meeting tomorrow at 9:00am. Nothing else to report.

Community Events Group – Fall Fest 9/20 11-3:00. Meeting tomorrow night. The fall fest will feature a petting zoo, car show, vendors, games, and food. The group is still in need of vendors and volunteers.

Review of bills, claims and expenses: Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve, Randy Polson seconded, all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Met yesterday at 2:00pm. Reviewed the conditional use permit for expansion across the road for Cade Musch. The questions from the group led to the following answers. The expansion will be used for hunting and more natural habitat for breeding. Zoning changed from A-1 to A-2 in 2023. Asked applicant about the process, he must obtain the permitting first and the herd regulations and other information comes after. Application stated that he will follow code requirements around fencing; all neighbors were notified, and no complaints were reported to the group or the county. If applicant follows reporting, codes, and requirements the planning commission recommends approval. Dana Dolsen made motion to approve the CUP if applicant follows the requirements, Randy Polson seconded, all in favor; motion carried via voice vote at 7:13pm. The planning commission is working on mapping and text to update the land use comprehensive plan. Mary contacted Lynn Markon and she directed the commission to get a blank map and mark out commercial, agricultural, and residential areas for the town. Future land use plan as a guideline for the county, not a zoning map.

Utility Accommodation Ordinance – Brian has a copy. Dana Dolsen made a motion to approve, Randy Polson seconded, all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Remote Attendance Policy & Telephone Attendance Policy – Brian editing it and adding more guidelines for circumstances that the policy will be used. He forwarded it to the remainder of the planning commission members for review. The commission will work on the policy going forward.

Demo from AT&T with FirstNet hotspot and cellular device. FirstNet recommends creating a group policy for the use of the FirstNet service.

Grader Loan Terms – Everything is submitted to the bank, waiting to hear back.

Credit Card Request – Stacy completed, Lydia to review and then complete.

Garbage – Board discussed and decided to have a special meeting with Randy Ott of Waste Management to discuss contract.

Propane Contract – Randy reported that the price for 2026 is \$1.54 per gallon starting in November to lock in the price with Midland. The price was \$1.39 last year.

Budget – The board discussed some items that will need to be considered in the 2026 budget. Pete mentioned a new head and tire on the brusher, Lydia mentioned budgeting money for the assessment. Budget workshops set for Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th, 5:30pm both dates.

Public Comment – Resident asked about the paved road from Country Rd L to Ana Gene Park. Is there money budgeted to do routine maintenance on that road? The park has increased traffic and there is also logging is going on L that is contributing the deterioration of this section of road. Resident asked if out of the X amount of dollars budgeted per mile of road, if a budget to patch the blacktop could specifically be added. The board decided to order a load or partial load of blacktop to try and fix before winter now that the road crew is back to full staff. Stacy made a reminder that Insurance renewal is at the end of November if a review the policies for changes would like to be done. Resident asked about the garbage pickup at the border of Summit. He asked “do we know about Summit residents on Dowling getting picked up the same time as the Oakland residents?” The board only has data for the Oakland pickup and there is no concrete way to know if the Summit route is shared for the drivers. This question has also been asked by other residents.

Next Meeting – October 14th at 7:00 PM

Randy Polson made a motion to adjourn, Dana Dolsen seconded, all in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

/submitted

Lydia Schroeder, Clerk