

Town of Oakland, Douglas County, WI
Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes 10/14/25

The regular town meeting for the Town of Oakland, Douglas County, WI, was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman, Pete Fornengo, Jr. at the Town Hall, 6152 S County Road K. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed. A quorum was present, all board members, and 22 interested residents. Verification of public notice was made.

Approval of previous minutes; Dana Dolsen made motion to approve; Randy Polson seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Clerk – reviewed the town hall rentals for October, discussed that .gov project is still in the works, and had a discussion with the group about the table rentals from a clerk duty to the road crew.

Treasurer – grader loan approved. 11/10 potential signing date, work comp rebate from insurance \$1152.00. Randy asked about where the WC check is distributed. Clerk and Treasurer to review what has happened in the past and apply similarly.

Board Members –

- Dana – concerned resident asked about the available time for open book. Too early and the people working cannot attend. Board will review for next year.
- Randy – tried to contact Randy Ott to come to a meeting to talk about garbage, no response. Resident spoke about the arm raising for garbage truck – one example went up and down 9 times.

Fire Department – Responded to 5 medical 2 structure – welcoming 2 members, 2 members attended training for EMS, 50% match wild land grant, bid for electrical work in the Fire Hall for \$6600. Estimate included in the packet for the board members.

Road Crew – Grading, looked at Fire Department tanker, checked roads for grading and multiple tree cleanups after high winds., check on driveway permit for approval. Cut tree off of Neuman Rd, patched blacktop at Lyman Lake and Dowling Lake, repaired & replaced garbages and recycling, worked on Fire Department pumper lights, pushed trees off Kip & Edquest, fixed the gravel triangle at Ross & Tir Lakes, graded the Town Hall, cleaned up and hauled hay bales and tables for the fall fest, washed equipment, swept shop floors, trip to Superior/Duluth for parts and supplies, worked on cleaning out the dry sump in the Fire Department, fixed ruts on Neuman Rd to prevent pooling of water, removed a tree from Swamp Rd, tested the AT&T hot spot in various parts of the town, changed some of the bits on the 140, worked with prisoners on Lucas and Dowling, worked on the brusher, cleaned up blight on S Lyman Lake Rd, checked on beavers on Old Lyman Lake Rd, checked on sight corner for wanting to plant trees on Range Line and Brannen, worked on tail lights on 550, returned chipper to Douglas County, fixed town access at Dowling Lake from tree removal, picked up backhoe from pit, cleaned up blight on Oliphant, performed a located on South Lyman Laked, worked with Summit on screening sand for sand/salt mix, hauled sand, dug up a sand pocked on S Lyman Lake and filled in with gravel, cut tree of Old Lyman Lake from the beavers, put a load of gravel and leveled with backhoe, and picked up a load of salt from the County.

County Board Representative – log and load event for kids last month, land and development contract negotiations for the fair grounds. Business as usual otherwise.

Community Events Group – Fall Fest turned out to be a good event. Vendors from the fall festival asked about hosting another event for them 11/22.

Dana Dolsen motioned to approve bills and expenses; Randy Polson seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

Planning commission – Wednesday, dog ordinance and its enforceability. Town board should send a letter to the owners to start the process of enforcement. petition form working on, updating comprehensive plan and mapping. Future land use map was done in 2010. Color in the map – new plat book and county zoning map. Remote policy – waiting for the

upgrades to the internet at the town hall, Sandy Waletzko officially done this winter, Brian, the commissioner attended the WTA convention, took classes on adopting and enforcing resolutions and ordinances. Dana had a complaint about dog about barking all day and all night and the attack. Need letters to go to the homeowners.

Zone change – represented, live together without children, don't want to treat the property as a rental/VRBO, but would like to have animals and change the zoning.

Electrical Quote for the FD – manage moisture in the fire hall. Board did not make a motion, wanted to hold to figure out where the FD is budget wise.

Propane – Lakes Gas \$1.799 Midland \$1.549. DD motion to go with Midland, RP seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried. RP will call tomorrow and get that setup.

Cell Phone – switch to AT&T. Did get the equipment to replace the internet. Will get the phones; AT&T working with Brightspeed to ensure the same phone numbers. Once this is received fax and internet will be switched.

Pension Fund – previous and current employees discussed how the practice came to be, the employees wanted to build the fund up, disperse more money in the fund. This was decided to be funded with parts of the raises. Call to Laurie Dolsen – November 2010 paper filing, including payroll, documentation in front of her. Paystub, showed the portion of the pension, deduction or withdrawal in Quickbooks, previous and current employees and previous clerk questioned the process. Had most recent union contract, asked chair if this was correct. 2011 payroll in quickbooks, didn't have someone to ask about the union contract. Union will only accept one check payment and she could not separate out a check from the employees and one from the Town. Clerk addressed the group, the way that the pension fund was being funded by the Town does not match the negotiated contract, clarified with the WTA and Town's Attorney, do not need to make a change to the current 2025 contract due to length of past practice, but the language will need to be updated in the 2026 contract and practice during payroll will need to match.

Garbage – still the largest issue in the budget deficit from last year; needs to be corrected before 2025 taxes are printed.

Public comment – façade repair from the previous Town Hall (this is the 1922 sign) where does the money come from?

Next meeting date 11/11 at 7:00pm

Dana Dolsen made a motion; Randy Polson seconded; all in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Submitted / Clerk, Lydia Schroeder