

Annual Meeting 4/21/26

Oakland Town Hall

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Call to Order: Chairman Pete Fornengo called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dan Bruner, second by Brian Conley, to approve the agenda. Voice vote: motion carried; none opposed.

Approval of Budget: Motion by Brian Conley, second by Randy Polson, to approve the budget. Voice vote: motion carried.

Business

1. **Clerk Office Hours / Resident Access:** Residents requested regularly scheduled office hours and clearer options for contacting the Clerk. Stacy stated she would establish a scheduled time and post the information. Preferred contact method discussed was email for the clerk; residents may also call to arrange an appointment. The posting of contact information at Town Hall for residents without email access was discussed. The potential use of an oversight committee to help field questions and compile information for the Board was also raised.
2. **Road Conditions / Grading:** Concerns were raised regarding road conditions and the frequency and timing of grading, including questions about why grading did not occur prior to a recent snowstorm and why some roads had not been addressed. Discussion included equipment utilization (including using both Town graders), visibility of road crew activities, and work-quality expectations (e.g., shoulder maintenance). Chairman Pete and Road Crew Foreman Greg stated they have been working on roads. A request was made to publish or make available equipment logs for resident review.
3. **Shop Operations / Mechanic and Procurement Questions:** Questions were raised regarding shop work, compensation, and the bid/quote process for repairs and equipment purchases. Discussion included the value of performing maintenance locally at the Town shop to reduce hauling and downtime. No formal action was taken.
4. **Town Hall Cleaning Position:** Residents asked about the recent change in the cleaning position, including who was selected and whether the position was publicly posted. It was stated that the position was not posted following a resignation and that another individual assumed the role. Residents requested that future openings be posted and that Town staffing decisions be communicated more openly. Comments were also made regarding the importance of maintaining Town Hall facilities.
5. **Garbage Refund (Non-Profit):** A representative of a non-profit organization requested an update on a garbage refund. It was stated that a check had been issued but not cashed, and the Town can reissue a new check.
6. **Tax Assessment / Open Book and Board of Review:** A resident raised concerns regarding the Open Book process and the Board of Review, including questions about procedure, transparency, and the handling of assessment correction requests. Board of Review/Open Book dates were referenced, including an upcoming meeting on 4/28. No formal action was taken during this agenda item.
7. **Oversight Committee (Discussion):** Discussion continued regarding the potential formation of an oversight committee to assist the Town Board by researching issues and providing input. Topics included committee purpose and scope, appointment of community members, whether a Board member would participate, and the need to adopt a policy/ordinance or resolution. The group noted that any committee meetings would be subject to open meetings requirements. Chairman Pete indicated the Board would revisit the topic at a future meeting; no formal action was taken.
8. **Fire Department Equipment Needs:** Fire Department equipment needs were discussed, including the condition of the current tanker truck and considerations for replacement (new or used). Participants referenced prior budget discussions and noted the topic may be addressed during the fall budget process. No formal action was taken.
9. **Hall Rentals / Communications:** Questions were raised about how community events are posted and whether community groups have access to update the Town website. An apology was offered regarding the application process, and the possibility of having a community events group help field related communications was discussed.
10. **Community Group Update:** The community group provided an update on activities and volunteer participation and recognized volunteer contributions. An upcoming Pancake Supper was announced for May 19. Residents

were invited to volunteer and to submit event ideas; contact information was noted as available on the Town website. The group reported it is developing a calendar of events.

11. **Fire Department Recruiting / Training:** The Fire Department reported ongoing recruiting efforts and encouraged interested residents to reach out. An update was provided on recent membership additions and training activity.

Announcements / Upcoming Items: Chair Pete announced he does not intend to seek re-election. Clerk Stacy also indicated she may not continue in her position. Open Book, the Board of Review, and the next meeting were referenced for upcoming business.

Adjournment: Motion by DD, second by MP, to adjourn. Voice vote: motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.