

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street
Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, January 13, 2010

President Barbeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following trustees present: Tim Stoppeworth, Dan Redman, Darold Collien, Dennis Steinke, Gary Collien and John Barbeau. Absent was Larry Ott. Also in attendance: Alan Kamenski, Travis Bielinski, Foster Wagenknecht, and Eleanor Fendley.

Motion: Gary Collien/Dennis Steinke to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 10, 2009 and accept them as written. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments

Foster Wagenknecht commented on the shooting gallery on North Main – shooting deer when we have an ordinance that says you cannot shoot a rifle in the village limits. President Barbeau replied that he thought Mr. Wagenknecht was working with the Police Chief on that, to which Mr. Wagenknecht said that he has not gotten a satisfactory answer. When the deer were in his back yard, he asked to shoot them but was told that the village has an ordinance that you cannot shoot a rifle in the village, but now they can shoot them. This is a double standard. Mr. Collien stated that the shooting is taking place outside the village limits and the issue is being handled properly by the police chief.

The next issue brought up by Mr. Wagenknecht was the state of property cleanup at the Philipsky residence. Mr. Barbeau replied he has an agreement with the building inspector and Mr. Philipsky that sometime during winter, the siding will be installed and other items will be removed when the weather allows.

Alan Kamenski wanted to know if the village was going to post signs at the pond to warn the public that the ice is thin. The reason is because his son fell through the ice when he and some friends were on the pond. Mr. Barbeau said the village attorney advised that signs should be posted. Some of the board members doubted the posting because signs are not posted at Lake Winnebago and other locations warning snowmobilers and ice fishermen that ice may be thin. Mr. Barbeau will contact the attorney to confirm the advice. Mr. Kamenski said that if signs were posted, his son would not have ventured on the pond. He also stated that the schools have announced that the pond is potentially dangerous because of thin ice. It was the consensus that warning signs should be posted after receiving confirmation from the attorney.

Adoption of Resolution 2010-1 Grant Application

Mr. Barbeau reported that the village is initiating a marketing campaign to attract realtors and families with children to come to Oakfield. The Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation is helping by applying for a grant from the Fond du Lac Area Foundation for \$1,402.50 to pay for a company out of Oshkosh called Blue Door Consulting to facilitate meetings with people who have a stake in Oakfield – businesses, school system, churches, etc. A list of these entities will be made and a meeting will be scheduled in late February, early March, to have all these people attend to discuss and exchange ideas on what the good things about Oakfield are and what's bad about Oakfield that we can fix, and what we can sell about Oakfield to other people. After that, we are going to have a one or two-day open house and invite realtors from the area and provide coffee, snacks and offer tours of Oakfield, to show them the village and hopefully get some people to move here.

Motion: Tim Stoppleworth/Dennis Steinke to authorize the Fond du County Economic Development Corporation to complete the application for a grant from the Fond du Lac Area Foundation for \$1,402.50 on behalf of the Village of Oakfield. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion followed regarding the good attendance during a SWOT meeting when the village comprehensive plan was being formed. Mr. Kamenski suggested that maybe a short video could be done showing the positive assets in Oakfield that people may be interested in seeing.

Mr. Barbeau also brought up that he received a letter from Julie Tennie, who is a teacher at the elementary school, and she and Liz Roy, a retired teacher, are part of the ledge preservation organization. She suggested that promoting the ledge would be another selling point, and Mr. Barbeau added that people can park by the water tower and walk the woods and the ledge and see nature in a different way.

Appointment of Fire Chief for 2010

Motion: John Barbeau/Dan Redman to confirm the appointment of William Henke as Fire Chief for the Oakfield Fire Department. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn

Motion: Gary Collien/Dennis Steinke to adjourn the regular village board meeting. Motion carried 6-0

The meeting adjourned at time 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Eleanor Fendley
Village Clerk