

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street
Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

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

Roll call found the following trustees present: Larry Ott, Tim Stopplesworth, Dan Redman (present at 7:04 p.m.), Darold Collien, Dennis Steinke, Gary Collien and John Barbeau. Also in attendance: Gary Sharpe, Renee Schuster, Alan Kamenski, Travis Bielinski, Michael Steinbarth, Foster Wagenknecht, Randall and Anita Pribnow, Lorilyn Geisthardt, Amy Steinke and Eleanor Fendley.

Motion: Gary Collien/Dennis Steinke to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes of January 13, 2010 as written. Motion carried 6-0.

Gary Sharpe introduced himself and distributed brochures. Mr. Sharpe is a candidate for the office of Circuit Court Judge Branch 4 being vacated by retiring Judge Weinke. He gave a presentation detailing his education and experience and matters upon which he is basing his platform.

Public Comments

Foster Wagenknecht commented on matters that did not pertain to current agenda items or current village business.

Public Works and Utilities Committee Report

Dan Redman reported that at a public works meeting held January 20th, the committee reviewed the three engineering proposals for the painting of the water tower submitted by J. E. Arthur and Associates, Excel Engineering and McMahon Engineering. The committee is recommending to the village board that McMahon Engineering be contracted to engineer and oversee the refurbishing of the water tower based on the professional content of the proposal.

Motion: John Barbeau/Dennis Steinke that the Village of Oakfield Board accepts the proposal from McMahon Engineering for the engineering and oversight of the water tower improvement project. Motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

Dan Redman then reported on the plan to tackle the sewer system's infiltration and inflow problem for 2010. Manholes will be inspected in early spring and assessed to either repair or replace parts, and also generate a timeline on the progress we make on I & I problems. MCO has indicated that they will assist at no charge. We also need to move forward on the Infrastructure Recovery Plan so that we can get enough clear water out of our system which includes expanding the sewer plant so that we can work on the I & I slowly over the next 3 to 5 years and to meet the needs of future development in the village.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to approach the I & I problem slowly, starting with fixing the manholes with the money that was budgeted for 2010 and in 2011, replace the sewer line from North Main Street to the sewer plant and see what it looks like, and if it still is not alleviating the clear water inflow problem enough, then continue with the upgrade of the sewer plant in 2012.

John Barbeau updated the board on the status of the North Main Street bridge construction. He reported that Tom Janke of the Fond du Lac County Highway Commission received notification that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has agreed that the project will include a sidewalk on the east side of the bridge from the Fryman's all the way up to Mrs. Smith's house. In 2011, we will be budgeting for sidewalks. The construction is estimated to take place August-September 2011.

Old Business

Resolution 2010-2 Village Board of Trustees Salary Schedule

Village board trustees have not had a pay raise since the year 2000, and this subject was brought up in a recent board meeting at which time it was voted down. Because of the inordinate amount of extra time spent by trustees on village business and on committees, President Barbeau is once again proposing the increase for trustees from \$75 a month to \$100 a month and the village president from \$95 a month to \$150 a month. The rate per meeting will remain unchanged at \$30 per meeting.

Trustees re-elected to office in April 2010 will be the first to have the pay raise. The rest of the trustees will continue to receive the current rate until May 2011, when the trustees who are elected in April 2011 will then receive the new rate. These rules are outlined in Wisconsin State Statute 66.0505 (2). Although the raises were not budgeted for 2010, the amount of \$675 for trustee pay increases can be handled by the general fund.

Motion: Darold Collien/John Barbeau to adopt Resolution 2010-2 Village Board of Trustees Salary Schedule. Motion carried 7-0.

Update on the Marketing of the Village of Oakfield

Mr. Barbeau reported that in promoting the village, the first thing scheduled is, by invitation only, a meeting on February 25th for "stakeholders" – people who have a stake in the village, such as the bank, schools, library, churches, and all businesses. The meeting will give feedback on the good things about Oakfield, what things may not be as good and how to fix those problems. In May, a realtors' open house will be scheduled and all the realtors in this area will be invited to visit Oakfield. Mr. Heinzelman has given us permission to use the school's small bus, and we are going to give the realtors a tour of the village, the water tower, the sewer plant and other areas. We are going to try to convince them that this is a place to bring prospective homeowners and a place for young families to come and live.

New Business

Ordinance 2010-1 Amendment to Chapter 8.16 Fireworks

Mr. Barbeau noted that in conjunction with the Fire Department, the fireworks ordinance is being amended to change the responsibility of issuing a fireworks permit from the village president to the fire chief.

Motion: John Barbeau/Tim Stoppleworth to adopt Ordinance 2010-1 Amendment to Chapter 8.16 Fireworks.

Discussion followed regarding the enforcement of the ordinance and a penalty provision and whether or not a permit would be issued to an individual giving him permission to shoot off fireworks from his home. The motion was withdrawn and the issue tabled until the police and fire departments can meet and clarify the requirements for a fireworks permit.

Discussion/action on Class B Reserve License for prospective owner of 210 N. Main Street

Anita Pribnow and Lorilyn Geisthardt introduced themselves as the officers of the new business called A & L Log Cabin, LLC, future restaurant and bar at 210 N. Main Street, hoping to open by April 1st. The new owners are required to purchase a Class B Reserve License for \$10,000.00, according to Wisconsin State Statutes. President Barbeau indicated that the village does not want to charge the owners the \$10,000.00 and that there were about 32 other communities that went through the same process that we propose to do tonight. Mr. Barbeau has informed Senator Randy Hopper and Assemblyman Dick Spanbauer that this type of regulation penalizes the village and discourages prospective business owners by charging this amount, to which they responded that the rule is in place to make sure that people going into this type of business are serious about their venture.

Motion: John Barbeau/Gary Collien to issue Anita Pribnow and The Log Cabin Restaurant and Bar the Class B Reserve License at a cost of \$10,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

We, as a community, are going to offer the owners an economic development grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Resolution 2010-3 establishes such a grant for an initial reserve Class B alcohol beverage license. Mrs. Pribnow has completed the application for the grant and the village will issue a check to the business in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion: John Barbeau/Larry Ott that the Village Board of Oakfield adopt Resolution 2010-3 Establish a Grant for Initial Reserve "Class B" Alcohol Beverage Licensees and give the Log Cabin Restaurant and Bar an economic development grant for the initial reserve "Class B" alcohol beverage license in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

As information, the village holds three reserve "Class B" licenses, two of which are now granted. Should a new business open which requires the third reserve license, the economic development grant would be offered to the new owner as well.

Adjourn

Motion: Gary Collien/Dennis Steinke to adjourn the regular village board meeting. Motion carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at time 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Eleanor Fendley
Village Clerk