

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Collien.

Roll call found the following trustees present: Chris Cook, Tim Stopplesworth, Dan Redman, Al Kamenski, Dennis Steinke, Jim Eckberg, and Gary Collien. Also in attendance: Larry Ott, Paul Much, Brandon Kaufman, Jeff Mies, Sharon Belling, Eugene Stimac, Miriam Thomas, and Tracy Sabel.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth/Dennis Steinke to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Library Budget Report: The library is asking for a slight increase for 2015. The reasons for the increase are for wage increases, carpet cleaning for the year, telephone overages and bringing supplies and materials back up to previous levels. The library will received the same amount from Fond du Lac County as last year. The county amount is not expected to ever go up.

Fire Department Budget Report: No one was available to present this information.

Public Works:

Water System: Both booster stations and wells are up and running. The magnetic meter at Well #5 is not recording the flow correctly. MCO and Earl cleaned out iron deposits inside the meter and it is working but unsure of the accuracy. A probe will be purchased and attached to the meter to verify the accuracy. It was verified that the water line on Filby Street between Main and Putnam is a 4" line and will need to be replaced per the DNR. This will be added to the Capital Improvement Plan for 2018 when sewer laterals in that area are expected to be replaced. After testing done by MCO, two large meters failed; the elementary school low flow meter and the ball diamond meter. This will have to be replaced in the near future. A response to the DNR's letter regarding water loss will be sent out this week to comply with deficiencies.

Water Well Solutions bill: Water Well Solutions offered to reduce the bill for the temporary tanks by \$4,000.00 since the actual amount ended up being much higher than expected.

Motion: Jim Eckberg/Dennis Steinke to pay the discounted Water Well Solutions bill. Motion carried 7-0.

Great Lakes/7 Year Plan update: Great Lakes is done televising for the year. Tapes of the televised laterals will be sent to Don Voogt to begin reviewing. The clerk will contact Don regarding an estimated timeline for a completed report. A public hearing will have to be held in the spring pending receipt of Don Voogt's report. The White Street project is being put on hold for now due to lack of funds.

Beautification: Tree planting is finished for the year. Seven trees were replaced behind the high school and one was transplanted. Paperwork for Tree City USA for 2014 and the Urban Forestry Grant will be completed and turned in.

Human Resources: The committee is proposing a 2% pay increase for employees. They are also looking into possible vacation pay for part time workers, based on the previous year's hours and not to exceed thirty hours of pay.

Parks: Several residents have asked why Acorn Park isn't lit anymore. This was due to the amount of vandalism that was occurring with the lights on as well as cost savings. The cost of changing the lights in Acorn Park to LED lights or timed lights will be investigated.

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for the Bank of Oakfield to install a new electronic sign on October 27, 2014. Information was also received from Joe Huffman regarding the Oakfield Sewer Service Area. There was a questionable area on the map which Tim will have Joe correct before final approval.

New Business:

Ordinance 2014-7: **Motion:** Jim Eckberg/Al Kamenski to amend wording of Section 12.04.120 per attorney's suggestions for readability purposes only. Motion carried 7-0.

Appointing new Board of Appeals chairperson: A new chairperson is needed for the board of appeals and suggestions are appreciated. Committees are always looking for new members.

Capital Improvement Plan: Most current lists were handed out. Board members should review and let the office know of any changes. A new plan will be distributed once it is updated.

Budget: Budget sheets were distributed. Dan requested the Beautification budget to be raised \$1,000.00 in order to restore signs placed at the edges of the village. Public Works budget was increased \$15,000 to allow for the purchase of two dump trucks, if available, from the county next year. \$1,050 was added to Public Safety to account for increased fire dues. A special budget hearing will most likely be scheduled to approve the 2015 budget once all taxing entities have been received and a mill rate is calculated.

Adjourn:

Motion: Dennis Steinke/Al Kamenski to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer