

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday November 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Collien.

Roll call found the following trustees present: Tim Stoppleworth, Dan Redman, Julie Franke, Dennis Steinke, Jim Eckberg, and Gary Collien. Also in attendance: Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

**2016 Budget Discussion:**

**Library:** There were no changes to the proposed 2016 budget.

**Plan Commission:** No changes to the 2016 budget from 2015.

**Community Center:** Supplies & Maintenance is up \$850 from 2015 due to factoring in the cost for replacing more lights and repairing the cracked ceiling.

**Beautification:** 2016 Budget is down \$1,200. The increased cost was due to purchasing the new Christmas lights on Main Street. This year Dan would like to redo the Oakfield signs at the edges of town. There were no objections.

**Solid Waste & Recycling:** Wages were increased due to adding Mike Fisher as an employee. After discussion about how much time is actually spent hauling brush and leaves, and considering the elimination of curbside yard waste for 2016, the formula used to calculate Mike's average yearly wages was adjusted so the wage increase was not so high. The amount allocated for equipment use was cut in half as a result of the elimination of curbside yard waste pickup in 2016 and the fuel surcharge cost removed completely.

**Public Parks:** Maintenance & repairs and Supplies & materials are down back to normal levels following the updates to the concessions stand in 2015. Salaries are increased to account for the hiring of a new Parks Director.

**Public Works:** Wages increased due to hiring Mike Fisher. An extra \$10,000 was added to account for the cost of the engineering for White Street. This amount was moved to a new line item. Supplies & materials were reduced since this line in consistently underspent. Dan added a cost of \$15,000 for purchasing or leasing new lawn tractors; following discussion this amount was reduced to \$4,000.

**Water Utility:** The main increase in this budget is for the purchase of the new meters and meter radio heads needed to start changing to the new meter reading system. Wages were increased slightly due to raises.

**Sewer Utility:** The sewer utility current shows a surplus of \$42,668; this amount would be earmarked for the sewer lateral replacement project.

**Public Safety & Welfare:** The only change was due to the fire department asking for a \$5,250 increase to start saving for a new fire truck. This amount was added as a new expense line on the Public Safety & Welfare budget.

**Village Office:** Costs for training were increased slightly to allow for more training opportunities for the new deputy clerk/treasurer. Election costs are increased due to 2016 having 4 elections. The clerk asked for an increase in election inspector wages to \$9.00 per hour; these wages have not changed in more than 5 years. There were no objections.

**Motion by Gary Collien to move into closed session under Wis. §19.81 for consideration of employee wage increases.**

Following closed session, approval was made to change Paul Uttendorfer's hourly wage to \$14.00 as a CDL equipment operator. All other proposed wages were accepted as presented.

**Resolution 2015-14, Approval of the 2015 levy limit and 2016 budget:**

**Motion:** Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve the 2015 levy limit of \$386,620.23 and the 2016 Budget as discussed. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of both the resolution and the budget are available at the clerk's office during regular business hours.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Dennis Steinke, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer