

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Collien.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion:** Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Dennis Steinke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 11, 2015 regular board meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion:** Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 18, 2015 special budget meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Works:**

**Deduct barn meters:** The barn meter at the Philipsky residence had problems during the third quarter and recorded no usage. MCO changed both the house and barn meter and tested to make sure the new meters were recording water usage correctly. Both of the removed meters will be tested this week by MCO and results forwarded to the board.

**Land rent contract:** The board would like to see the current contract for land rental. Office staff will forward the document via email.

**Discussion about MSA:** The board discussed the future of the village's engineering. It was decided that the village continue to use McMahon for at least the completion of the first phase of the sewer lateral project and use MSA for future road projects.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2015-15, Approval of fee schedule for 2016:** Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Chris Cook, to accept the proposed fee schedule for 2016. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution is on file at the Village Office and can be viewed during regular business hours.

**Resolution 2015-16, Approval of election inspectors for 2016/2017:** Dennis Steinke, seconded by Julie Franke, to approve the presented list of election inspectors for 2016/2017. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution is on file at the Village Office and can be viewed during regular business hours.

**Discussion regarding raising the levy limit:** Since the mill rate is down for this year, the clerk was questioned what could be done to keep it the same as last year in order to start saving for future road projects. It was discovered that without holding a referendum the only other way to increase the levy would be to include some or all of the General Obligation debt the Village has. The clerk stated that including the General Obligation debt to raise the levy limit could have a negative effect in the long run, potentially with the Village ending up below the allowable levy limit. This was not an option the board is considering at this time.

**Adding Lauren Prochnow to signature card at the bank:**

**Motion:** Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dan Redman, to add Lauren Prochnow to the signature card at the bank. Motion carried 7-0.

**2016 Caucus:** The 2016 caucus will be held Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. This will be posted in the Village as required by the Village Office.

**Newsletter articles:** The office is requesting that articles for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter newsletter be submitted no later than Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. An article regarding the changes in curbside yard waste collection for 2016 will be included in the newsletter.

**Tax bills:** Tax bills should be mailed either by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> or Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Dennis Steinke, seconded by Chris Cook, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer