

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday December 7, 2016 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: Ellen Garner, Miriam Thomas and Lauren Prochnow.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Dennis Steinke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 31, 2016 special budget meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Tim Stopplesworth, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 9, 2016 regular board meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Ellen Garner brought up an idea she had about having the FFA from the high school sell tags for \$5.00 for Christmas tree pickup this year since the village will not be collecting them anymore. She has spoken with Marcie Zimmerman from the high school and the FFA is willing to do this as a fundraiser. Trees would be disposed of at the Village Garage but the possibility of taking them to the Horicon Marsh to be used as wildlife habitats will be explored also. There were no objections to the FFA doing tree pickup.

Public Works:

Sewer lateral project: The 2016 project is complete. Overall the response to the first phase was very positive. The lateral tapes will be reviewed because the construction crew may be able to pipe burst more lines that originally thought. Joe DeYoung wants the board to decide whether to do a change order on the project in order to keep the same contractor for next year and the same pricing. Miriam checked with the village attorney and until the final resolution for the project is signed it can be changed.

Motion: Dan Redman, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to do a change order for the 2017 lateral project for pipe bursting. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe would also like to know if the final invoices should be sent before or after the final paving is done on the patches in the road. If property owners are invoiced before the final paving is done without knowing the actual cost there is a possibility of rebilling property owners or issuing refunds for payment. The board agreed to get the final paving done in the roads as early as possible next year and then bill property owners.

Sewer rate increase: Estimates in annual revenue for a 3% and a 5% rate increase were presented.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Chris Cook, to raise sewer rates by 5%, effective January 1, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

Resolution 2016-13: The 2017 fee schedule was presented with a change to the cost of color copies and a change to bring the cost of bulk water purchasing to reflect the village's tariff with the Public Service Commission.

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve the 2017 Fee Schedule. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the clerk's office during regular business hours.

Caucus date: The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2017. The caucus will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Tax bills: Tax bills are anticipated to be mailed on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Newsletter articles: Newsletter articles need to be submitted to the office by Monday, December 26, 2016. An update on the lateral project for this year will be included in the newsletter.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer