

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday September 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll call found the following trustees present: Chris Cook, Tim Stopplesworth, Dan Redman, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe, Jim Eckberg, and Dennis Steinke. Also in attendance: Bill Rusch, Brian Foster, Renee Schuster, Miriam Thomas, and Lauren Prochnow.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Julie Franke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 8, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Fire Department: Fire Chief Brian Foster and Bill Rusch spoke to the board about the upcoming purchase of a new rescue engine. This truck would be dually used as a tanker and an equipment truck. The engine desired by the department currently costs around \$550,000, which would be around \$67,000.00 annually for a ten year loan. The department currently has \$205,000.00 in an account for the purchase of the truck. The department would like to use whatever funds are available from this account to subsidize the loan for this truck; this would make the annual increase for the fire department budget much smaller (roughly \$400.00 per year increase). The loan program through the manufacturing company currently has better rates than the State Trust Fund loan program. The Village Board would like to look at the village's upcoming financing needs with the two road projects happening in the next couple years to make sure the debt limit will be able to accommodate the full fire truck loan amount on the village's books. If the truck is ordered this year, the first payment would be in 2020 by the time the manufacturing, financing, and delivery of the truck is complete.

Public Works:

Well #5: The well was pulled apart and inspected. There are holes in the casing of the pipes that are always under water. New pipe sections will be installed at CTW's recommendation as well as a new pump. CTW also recommends downsizing the pipe from ten inches to six inches to reduce costs. None of these changes require DNR approval. The well isn't designed to pump more than 500 gallons per minute and six inch pipe would be able to accommodate this. The check valve isn't working correctly and needs to be looked at. The televising of the well itself looked good.

East Church St. project: Fond du Lac County has received the 30% plan from MSA and will be looking at stormwater and drainage next. There is a meeting next Thursday morning with MSA at the county to discuss those issues.

Public Safety: Canning at Seneca should be done next week. Ryan should be working around twenty hours per month. The squad car keeps blowing fuses and it will be taken to Matteson for troubleshooting.

Human Resources: No applications were received to help with fall law mowing. Earl and Dean will be covering it for now but other options are being looked at.

The committee is checking to see if there might be a good candidate for the School to Work program this year. They are also looking at the budget to see if it possible to afford having two full time public works employees, one part time employee and no seasonal employees. For next month's proposed budgets a 3% wage increase will be used.

New Business:

Budget sheets: Budget sheets were handed out to each respective committee member. Board members were asked to make sure they are filled out and turned in before next month's meeting.

Newsletter articles: Please get any articles to the office within the next two weeks.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer