

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President.

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: Greg Deer, Brian Foster, Bill Rusch, Meg Murphy-Steinke, Jeff Franke, Renee Schuster, Lauren Prochnow, and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 12, 2019 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Jeff Franke, residing on West Church Street, asked if the board can enforce the weed ordinance along the trail behind him. The area in question is DNR land and the police chief will forward a phone number for a contact.

Meg Murphy-Steinke asked for clarification on the ordinance regarding parking in front of a mailbox and if putting garbage and recycling cans in front of a mailbox is against the ordinance. Chief Schuster will address the issue.

Jim Eckberg stated he had talked to some neighbors in the Oakview Circle subdivision regarding the empty lot on the corner of Deer Trail Lane and Oakview Circle. He said most neighbors would like it to stay green space, however, Tim Stopplesworth stated the neighbors he talked to were neutral regarding the sale of the lot. Office staff are still looking into whether the lot can be sold or not.

Fire Department: Bill Rusch informed the board that the fire department is using a new fire inspector out of Beaver Dam. Inspectors were completed last week and the community center has the most violations out of the entire village. All the emergency lights will be replaced with LEDs at a cost of \$17.00-\$30.00 each. There is also a hole in the roof of the community center building which Earl will look at and try to fix. The fire alarm in the building needs to be tested annually by a professional which has a cost of approximately \$300.00.

Fire chief Brian Foster handed out an updated picture of the new fire engine. Members of the department recently spent a day viewing the progress on the truck and the delivery date is still on schedule for late October or early November.

Public Safety: Fifty six citations have been written in conjunction with the Highway Safety Grant. Funds have been extended through August so grant hours will continue to be worked through next month.

Some migrants have been sent home already but otherwise no major issues.

Public Works:

North Main St. update: Electric and gas updates are nearly complete. The Environmental Permit for the project was recently approved but the project start date has been pushed back to July 22nd.

Water: Rebuild kits are needed to complete the work on the PRV valves.

Sewer: The wastewater treatment plant is in need of cleaning and painting. Dan is hoping Dean can spend some time doing some minor updates now that two seasonal employees are taking care of lawn mowing.

Human Resources: A second seasonal employee, Harold Franke, was hired to mow lawn in the Village.

The committee is starting to plan for the deputy clerk-treasurer position as the current deputy will be leaving within the next month. The best options are being explored and will be presented at the next meeting.

New Business:

Foreclosure property: Dennis had a chance to go through the recently foreclosed property at 106 Putnam to see if it might be of value for the village to purchase from Fond du Lac County. The county treasurer stated the land would have to be for municipal use and she suggested making a parking lot for the adjoining trail but there is already a small lot around the corner. After a brief discussion the board decided it was of no benefit for the Village to purchase the property.

Donation to car show: The Village has been making an annual donation for the radio advertising for the Oakfield Car Show and Village-Wide Rummage sale. The request has been made again by the FFA, who currently runs the car show.

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Dan Redman, to make the \$420.00 donation for radio advertising with Radio Plus. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer