

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street  
Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday, March 10, 2010

President John Barbeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following trustees present: Larry Ott, Tim Stoppleworth, Darold Collien, Dennis Steinke, Gary Collien and John Barbeau. Dan Redman was absent. Also in attendance: Bill Henke, Renee Schuster, Alan Kamenski, Travis Bielinski, Eleanor Fendley and Amy Steinke.

**Motion:** Gary Collien/Dennis Steinke made a motion to dispense with the reading of the February 10, 2010 minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried 6-0.

**Old Business**

Update on the marketing of the Village of Oakfield

John Barbeau reported a marketing seminar was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010. It was conducted by Heidi Strand of Blue Door Consulting. There was good participation and it went well. Heidi will be doing an analysis of the results from the meeting. Brenda Hicks-Sorensen and Beth Myers Landbo of Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation were also present and will be giving their feedback. Ms. Landbo and Mr. Barbeau are going to start working on what our message is and how we are going to get our message out. They also will be working on the open house to be held in May for all realtors in the area. A school bus will take realtors on tours of the village from the water tower to the sewer plant with special attention being paid to the schools, the library, and the local businesses. We will be providing food and refreshments for the realtors. Mr. Barbeau will keep us posted as things move forward.

Update on water tower painting project

Larry Ott reported there was a conference call with McMahon Engineering on Monday, March 8, 2010. McMahon Engineering will be taking care of all the bids. Bid packages will be opened on Thursday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m. at the Oakfield Community Center. The board must decide on a color scheme and logo design. The goal is to have both the inside and outside painted by the end of June.

Bill Henke commented that the dry hydrant needs to be fixed down by the pond before the village starts the water tower project so the fire department has a water source for a fire. It was reported this has already been arranged to be done three days ahead of time. Gary Collien wanted to know the status of the hydrant system when the tower is out of commission. The wells will be running 24/7. Mr. Henke brought up the issue of possibly having some of the fireman learn how to turn the pumps on in the event nobody else is around.

Ordinance 2010-1 Amendment to Chapter 8.16 Fireworks

John Barbeau reworded the ordinance concerning the personal use of fireworks. Per Chief Schuster's request, a penalty provision was also added which gives the police department the power to enforce the ordinance.

**Motion:** Gary Collien/John Barbeau to adopt Ordinance 2010-1, Amendment to Chapter 8.16 Fireworks. Motion carried 6-0.

### New Business

#### Resolution 2010-4, Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement for the Oakfield Fire Department

Chief Henke reported that all fire departments of Fond du Lac County have to be member of MABAS Division 120 due to a new radio/cat system at the county building. They currently have Automatic Mutual Aid for structure fires. Chief Henke is requesting that the agreement Addendum and resolution C be signed so he can turn it in to get approval from the state.

**Motion:** Gary Collien/Larry Ott made a motion to sign Resolution 2010-4 Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems Agreement for the Oakfield Fire Department. Motion carried 6-0.

#### Discussion/action on amendment to ordinance Chapter 6.04 Animals Generally

Chief Schuster and the board discussed putting a limit on the maximum number of animals allowed per household. It was discussed to change ordinance to having three combined dogs or cats per household. If you have more at this point, you would be grandfathered in. Also, anybody zoned agricultural would be exempt from the ordinance. Special cases would be handled individually. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to table this matter until it has a final draft.

#### Discussion/action on amendment to ordinance Chapter 10.16 Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles

Chief Schuster and the board discussed the speed limit of snowmobiles and where they are allowed to be operated within the village limits. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to table this matter until it has a final draft.

#### Discussion/action on amendment to ordinance Chapter 14.20 R-Residential District

The Plan Commission proposes amending the residential district to include an R-1 district (single family dwelling units only), an R-2 district (single family or two family dwellings) and an R-3 district (three or more family dwellings) to help attract people to the village, to help with marketing and to allow for multi-dwellings. Any duplexes currently in the village would be zoned R-2. The current apartment buildings will be zoned R-3. The Plan Commission will also need to revise the zoning map.

#### Discussion/action to request loan from Bank of Oakfield to finance the water tower painting project

Eleanor Fendley requested the board's permission for her and Mr. Barbeau to talk to the Bank of Oakfield President, Russell Kamhuis, to see if the village can get a ten-year loan for the water tower project.

**Motion:** John Barbeau/Larry Ott made the motion to grant Eleanor Fendley and John Barbeau permission to approach the Bank of Oakfield to secure a loan for the water tower project. Motion carried 6-0.

#### Discuss/authorize the village office to establish a reserve water fund to pay for water system projects

Eleanor Fendley reported that if the estimated cost of water tower project is \$300,000, a ten year loan would probably cost us an annual payment of \$35,000 to \$36,000 including interest. She is requesting we establish a reserve fund to put away \$10,000 every quarter to make a \$40,000 reserve per year for paying this loan. After that is paid for, anything left over in the reserve fund, could be used towards other water projects. Mr. Barbeau stated that the village should have had a reserve fund established all along but water rates were not high enough to establish one. After this year, we should start seeing the effects of the water rate increase and hopefully water will pay for itself.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board we establish a water reserve fund.

The issue was brought up of charging water for fighting fires outside of village. We signed a 20-year agreement with Town of Oakfield so we are not able to charge them for water usage, but it does not mean we cannot charge an individual who has the fire. Chief Henke said that this is not currently being done, but the fire department is keeping track of water usage. The fire department will turn over a copy of fire reports and the village office would bill the individuals who can then turn it over to their insurance company.

Consider application for operator's license for employee for Oak Central LLC

Sarah J. Pickart is requesting an application for operator's license for Oak Central LLC.

**Motion:** John Barbeau/Darold Collien made a motion to grant an operator's license for Sarah J. Pickart. Motion carried 6-0.

**Adjourn**

Gary Collien/Dennis Steinke made a motion to adjourn the regular village board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
Amy Steinke  
Village Treasurer