

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, April 8, 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, Al Kamenski, Jim Eckberg, and Gary Collien. Dan Redman and Dennis Steinke were previously excused. Also in attendance: Renee Schuster, Greg Deer and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth/Al Kamenski to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 11, 2015 meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: Greg Deer would like to donate \$500.00 towards the cost of new wood chips/dirt for the parks.

Library Board: Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Gary Collien, to approve Linda Alsum O'Donovan and Sharon Kollman to another three year term on the library board. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works:

A representative from Bertram Communications was not present to discuss the current contract. The Public Works Director of Operations states that there are presently 9 antennas on the water tower and believes there were only 3 or 4 when the contract was initially signed in 2010. No new antennas have been officially authorized by the Village. According to the current contract, Bertram should be supplying the Village with a list of persons authorized to work on their equipment. No one is aware of this list. Before next month's meeting the clerk will contact Bertram to obtain a list of authorized personnel and a list of what equipment was on the tower as of the last contract renewal versus what is currently there.

Parks: Last Friday the netting was put up along the baselines of the west softball diamond. The yellow tile capping was put on the baseball fences. Searl Construction came out to fix the fence fail that was previously damaged. Repairs/updates in the park stand have been completed. The walls and ceilings have been painted and the floors and window ledges were epoxy-coated for a total of \$7,200. The Oakfield Recreation Department donated \$3,000 towards the flooring project in the concessions stand. All the equipment in the stand was purchased from the Fire Department for \$1,300. New LED light bulbs were purchased for \$160, paper towel dispensers for \$150 and door levers/locks for \$400. The exhaust vent cover will be replaced on the roof. New wood chips are being ordered for Village Park and Acorn Park for approximately \$2,500. Lakeview Electric is looking into options for replacing the light fixtures in Acorn Park to allow it to be lit at night.

Public Safety: Chief Schuster asked again how far the board would like to go with the fines at 334 N. Main St. Office staff is waiting for a response from the Village attorney on how best to proceed. Chief Schuster also asked whether the board wanted to pursue passing an ordinance to allow golf carts. There were no objections to drafting an ordinance so she will start preparing one.

Human Resources: Copies of the Employee Handbook were handed out. The Human Resources Committee has compiled a part-time employee PTO benefits recommendation for permanent part-time positions based on the average hours worked during the previous year. This benefit is aimed at employee retention and would cost less than \$1,000 per year to fund.

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Al Kamenski, to add the part-time benefit policy to the handbook for approval at a later date. Motion carried 5-0.

The previous clerk, Tish Brooks, has filed for unemployment through the Village. The maximum benefit the Village is liable for is \$8,495.33. Currently \$3,267.40 has been paid out.

New Business:

Resolution 2015-04: **Motion:** Gary Collien, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve the updating of the building fees, along with the new contract, per Kunkel Engineering. Motion carried 5-0.

License:

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve the 6 month Class B beer license for Critters Park Snacks from April 8, 2015-October 8, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Al Kamenski, to approve an operator's license for Tim Wiese. Motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion about the recent legislative proposal to eliminate personal property tax with no way to recover the loss besides raising property taxes. Many municipalities have drafted resolutions opposing this proposal as the impact would be substantial.

Resolution 2015-05: Al Kamenski, seconded by Tim Stoppeworth, to oppose the legislative proposal to eliminate personal property tax. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn:

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Tim Stoppeworth to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-1.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer