

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday August 10, 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 Stoppleworth, Julie Franke, Dennis Steinke, Jim Eckberg, and Gary Collien. Also in attendance: Ellen Garner, Sharon Belling, Chief Renee Schuster, Miriam Thomas and Lauren Prochnow.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Dennis Steinke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 13, 2016 regular board meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments: Ellen Garner submitted a petition for the proposed noise ordinance with 48 signatures. She thanked the board for listening to her and Annette Nelson's concerns last month.

Library Report: Sharon Belling provided an update on programs at the library. The summer reading program recently ended and programs are already being scheduled for the fall. Lighting replacement has started with the lights above the circulation desk changing to LEDs. Overhead lighting will be switched over to LED as well. Some of this cost will be paid for through Focus on Energy rebates. Storywalk signs are being made and painted. The Kiwanis Club of Fond du Lac County and a grant from Walmart has helped to pay for the Storywalk project. The library is anticipating receiving the same funding from the county as last year.

Public Safety: Chief Schuster stated the only complaints recently have been regarding people at Village Park. Fond du Lac County does patrol the area regularly.

Ordinance 2016-3: A noise ordinance was drafted for the meeting. After discussion regarding interpretation, an amendment was made to include verbiage referencing snow blowers.

Motion: Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Chris Cook, to adopt Ordinance 2016-3, including the addition of wording for snow blowers. Motion carried 6-0. This ordinance can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Weeds: Chief Schuster will try to make contact with the farmer who cuts the grass on the unsold parcels on Leona Way to see if any agreement exists with the developer. Residents have been complaining frequently about the height of the weeds in the subdivision.

Village Garage: Many license plates have been turned in for people dumping items in the dumpster and recycling bin at the garage. They have all been contacted; most were recycling cardboard. Chief Schuster has explained that the dumpsters are only for village use and everyone has stated they would not do it again and were unaware they were strictly for village use. Several businesses nearby do allow excess cardboard to be dropped off free of charge and the possibility of creating a permit to purchase to be able to use the village dumpsters was discussed.

Public Works: Earl has been working on fixing leaking manholes. Joe DeYoung will be in town tomorrow to assess the properties that are interested in lateral repairs this year and will meet with residents who would like to speak with him.

Human Resources: The committee has been working on updating job descriptions. Jim Eckberg presented the most recent update for Seasonal Equipment Operator- CDL. Several changes were discussed and will be updated.

New Business:

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Dennis Steinke, to approve an operator's license for Nicole Nielsen. Motion carried 6-0.

Parcels near Village Park: The two parcels next to Village Park are in foreclosure and Fond du Lac County has taken them back. They will be up for public bid unless the Village decides to make an offer for them. According to the Fond du Lac County Treasurer, bidding for the property will most likely start around the total owed in back taxes, which is approximately \$15,000 between the two parcels. Making the parcels into a larger parking lot for the park was discussed.

Motion: to offer a maximum of \$15,500 for both parcels with the intention to eventually turn the area into a parking lot.

Adjourn:

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer