

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday November 9, 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 Stopplesworth, Dan Redman, Julie Franke, Dennis Steinke, Jim Eckberg, and Gary Collien. Also in attendance: Sam Kaufman, Al Kamenski, Lance Thomas, 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 October 12, 2016 regular board meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Al Kamenski spoke to the board about his continued involvement with the Village.

Sam Kaufman: Mr. Kaufman gave the board a brief overview of Fond du Lac County's proposed budget. One of the discussions in the county will be whether to continue implementing the 0.5% sales tax which is supposed to have a sunset date. Right now the tax brings in over \$7 million annually and eliminating it would mean lost funding for many needed projects.

Public Safety: Lance Thomas presented the updated Emergency Management Plan. The only thing he plans on adding is the school's emergency plan and is working with Officer Tackett on that. The Plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

Public Works:

Sewer lateral project: The sewer lateral project began yesterday. Dan Redman reported that the contractor's crew were all very professional and very effective at completing the first repair. Only one home was scheduled to be repaired but once the hole was dug in the road the house across the street's lateral connected to the main at the same point so the homeowner was approached about fixing theirs at the same time. That lateral was fixed this morning. The contractor and engineer met with more homeowners yesterday afternoon to get repairs set up for next week. Five more houses are scheduled for repairs this week.

East White Street: The board will look at the overall project and try to get a breakdown of what exactly would be getting done for the cost. Funding for this project is still unknown.

Human Resources:

2017 wage increases: Wage increases were discussed for full time, part time and seasonal village employees. Performance reviews were discussed at the last Human Resources meeting.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Gary Collien, to approve a 3% wage increase for the clerk-treasurer, deputy clerk-treasurer and public works laborer for 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dennis Steinke, to absorb the 17% increase in the public works director of operations' 2017 health insurance monthly premiums and have no wage increase for 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Julie Franke, to approve a 25 cent increase in 2017 for each returning seasonal employee. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve the library wage increases for 2017 as presented at the October special board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Dennis Steinke, for no wage increases for public safety. Motion carried 7-0.

Parks:

147 N. Second: Gary met with a contractor who took a sample from the siding on the house to test for asbestos. The trees were trimmed at the house and some were removed completely by Arnie Riese. The garage on the property should be moved to the village garage eventually.

Softball diamond: New clay fill was delivered and put in.

Acorn Park lighting: Lakeview Electric has been installing LED fixtures in the park. Over the winter the lights may be turned off again as the park does not get plowed over the winter.

New Business:

Resolution 2016-11: Three street lights on School Street are currently owned by the school district and Alliant requires the village to pass a resolution accepting the lights before ownership can be transferred to the village.

Motion: Gary Collien, seconded by Tim Stoppleworth, to add the three streetlights on School Street to the village as specified in Resolution 2016-11. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the village office during regular business hours.

TID #1 payoff: The bonds on the TID are only callable on interest payment dates with the next one being April 1, 2017. Paul Thompson from Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. will take care of notifying bond holders thirty days before April 1st as required by law. The CD for the final payment on the TID at the Bank of Oakfield renewed on November 5th but the village has a 10 day grace period to pull the money from the CD and put it into a money market account so it is accessible penalty-free in the spring to make the early payoff on the TID.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dan Redman, to pull the money from the TID CD at the Bank of Oakfield and put the whole amount into a money market account. Motion carried 7-0.

Safety Patrol request: A request was made from the 5th grade class for the Safety Patrol field trip at the end of the year. Since this is a youth program, Gary will make a donation from the Belle Reynolds fund.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Tim Stoppleworth, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer