

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steinke.

Roll call found the following trustees present: Chris Cook, Tim Stoppleworth, Dan Redman, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe, Jim Eckberg, and Dennis Steinke. Also in attendance: Daniel Kaari, Darcy Meyer, Steve Meyer, William Rusch, Andy Collien, Laura Halfinann, Lauren Prochnow and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Julie Franke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 13, 2017 regular board meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Jody Marcoe took over the meeting at 7:04 p.m. for a public discussion of the nuisance ordinance changes. The Public Safety Committee has not had a chance to meet to discuss the changes for the ordinance so it will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Dan Kaari spoke about a drainage issue on his property that he has been trying to take care of for a while. Officer Halfinann told Mr. Kaari he should collect all the information he can about his situation and bring it to civil court as these problems are common in the county and it is the best way for him to deal with the issue.

Fire Department: Chief Bill Rusch presented the proposed 2018 Fire Department budget. No changes from last year. The Town of Byron is behind on the amounts requested by the department in prior years and the department has been compensating out of the operating budget to continue allocating the designated amounts into the truck replacement fund.

Fire truck purchase update: The desired truck is priced at \$550,000.00 right now and it is expected to increase \$25,000.00 every January 1st. From contract to delivery would be approximately one year. Right now around \$130,000.00 is saved and another \$52,000.00 is expected in 2018. A grant was received for \$25,700.00 to cover new hoses and appliances on the new truck as well as a \$2,900.00 grant from the DNR. The department would most likely use a state trust fund loan for the remaining balance on the new truck. They anticipate putting a loan payment in the budget within the next three to four years.

Public Safety: Since the Public Safety Committee has not met to discuss the nuisance ordinance changes, the discussion and possible approval of the ordinance was tabled until the committee has had a chance to meet.

Public Works:

Water: Nothing new to report. A Public Works Committee meeting was held on Monday and the budget for 2018 was discussed.

Sewer: The new chemical pump for treating phosphorous was hooked up and the first test was under the allowable limit.

Sewer rate increase: Miriam presented info on how much extra revenue a 3% and a 5% increase would create for the sewer utility. Since sewer rates are not regulated the increase can happen at any time of the year and at multiple times during the year. The topic was tabled until next month to see how the budgets look first.

White Street Project: The project is complete. The only thing remaining are some barricades and barrels that should be picked up this week.

R&R Wash Materials pay request:

Motion: Dan Redman, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve pay request number 2 from R&R Wash Materials in the amount of \$99,089.42. Motion carried 7-0.

Stoppleworth subdivision paving: A letter was emailed to Mr. Stoppleworth after last month's board meeting letting him know of the outcome of the board's discussion to his proposal. There has been no response so the board will continue to wait and see.

Human Resources: Jim Eckberg informed the board that the Human Resources Committee has created some corrective active and employee/witness statement forms to be utilized.

New Business:

Ordinance 2017-2, regarding stop sign placement: This ordinance includes a change in the placement of the stop signs at East White Street and First Street that were changed as part of the road project.

Motion: Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to adopt ordinance 2017-2, regarding stop sign placement. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget discussion: New budget sheets were handed out with the best estimates currently available. A special budget meeting will be held next month to finalize amounts.

Resolution 2017-14, Rosendale's municipal court membership: The Village of Rosendale is withdrawing from the municipal court system to which the village belongs. They have requested all other members of the court system pass a resolution accepting their withdrawal.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dennis Steinke, to pass Resolution 2017-14, regarding the Village of Rosendale's withdrawal from the municipal court system. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer