

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday September 13, 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 Stopplesworth, Dan Redman, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe, Jim Eckberg, and Dennis Steinke. Also in attendance: Kim Becker, Joe Becker, Sam Kaufman, Blane Boruch, Al Kamenski, Dan Kaari, Ann Seyfert, Meg Murphy-Steinke, Steve Schulz, Steve Meyer, Darcy Meyer, Renee Schuster, Lauren Prochnow and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 9, 2017 regular board meeting and accept them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Dan Redman informed the board that the Eagle Scout project is coming along nicely and Jonathan Schmitz has done a very nice job of cleaning up the trails.

Dennis Steinke told the board that proceeds from the Oakfield Car Show have been able to pay for a veteran to go on an Honor Flight. They hope to continue to send veterans as funds allow. The Oakfield FFA also dropped off a thank you for the Village Board for paying for the entertainment for the Car Show this year.

Dennis Steinke handed the rest of the public comments section over to Julie Franke at 7:07 p.m. and removed himself from the room for the public comments regarding the nuisance and parking ordinances. Julie and Chief Schuster read a summary of the proposed ordinance upon request by Dan Kaari. Mr. Kaari's main concerns were regarding the requirement of insurance, the potential of limiting the number of vehicles based on licensed drivers and being able to park in front of mailboxes. A discussion regarding these concerns ensued. Julie ended the comments section for the nuisance and parking ordinances and stated the public safety board would take another look at the nuisance ordinance before bringing it back to the board and it would not be voted on tonight.

Sam Kaufman: Sam informed the board that Fond du Lac County was working on the budget. He helped work on the Town of Oakfield floodplain issue over the summer. Many municipalities are considering wheel taxes but Sam feels this is a state issue and that the state needs to fix the shortfalls in the budget instead of municipalities filling the gaps.

Public Safety:

Chief's Report: Chief Schuster stated that Seneca had to let go quite a few migrant workers. The school resource officer is now only part time, working only two days per week. Chief Schuster will try to check in with the school on the days an officer is not assigned to the school.

Ordinance 2017-4, regarding parking restrictions: No more discussion regarding this topic took place.

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve Ordinance 2017-4 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Works:

Water system: Well #2 has been having problems with a pump. MCO and Dan Immel should be looking at it this week. The water tower was cleaned and inspected.

Simple Rate Increase: The clerk presented information on how a 3% increase in water and fire protection would impact the average residential water bill (an increase of approximately \$6.00 per quarter). The simple rate increase is the annual increase the village has been doing for several years.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Tim Stopplesworth, to have the clerk apply for a simple rate increase through the Public Service Commission with rates increasing on January 1, 2018. Motion carried 7-0.

Sewer system: The Village's phosphorous limit was received from the DNR with the new permit. The limit will be 3.63. MCO thinks we should be able to meet the limit 50% of the time. Area communities are working with different systems to reduce the phosphorous in the system which is a benefit to the village to see what is working and what is not.

White Street: Several aspects of the project were overlooked before it was bid out but those issues are getting worked out with the contractor. Right now the contractor is waiting on storm sewer parts to be delivered before continuing.

Change Orders 1&2: The question of whether or not the paving of the road in front of the fire department was included in the original bid was brought up. No one could remember for sure so the clerk will double check with the engineer to be sure it was not included and should not be showing up as a deduction on a change order.

Motion: Dan Redman, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve pay orders 1 &2 from R&R Wash Materials. Motion carried 7-0.

Pay request from R&R Wash:

Motion: Dan Redman, seconded by Julie Franke, to approve the pay request from R&R Wash for \$166,080.60 upon confirmation of the fire department portion of the road being removed from the original bid. Motion carried 7-0.

Stopplesworth subdivision paving: A proposal was received from Gary Stopplesworth for payment for the paving of the subdivision. He proposes to pay for 1/3 of the cost of paving upon completion, 1/3 on the one year anniversary of paving and 1/3 on the two year anniversary of paving. The majority of the board did not feel that the Village should be involved with the payment process. Mr. Stopplesworth would also like a guarantee that the agricultural tax base would stay on the remaining lots. This decision is not up to the village to make and should be discussed with the assessor.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Jody Marcoe, for the Village to not get involved with the blacktop financing except to accept payment from the developer in order to pay Fond du Lac County for the paving work. Motion carried 5-1, 1 abstaining.

Human Resources: Jim Eckberg presented the Spark Youth Apprenticeship Program to the board. The program assists in placing youth with employers to learn job skills. The Human Resources Committee looked into the program for Tyler Franke. He would be working 10 hours per week throughout the year and would be paid his regular wage. Lance Thomas will not be able to blow snow this year so Tyler would take over snow removal when required and eliminate the need to hire another seasonal employee. Chris Cook has agreed to be the mentor for the program. Pending budget allowance, the committee hopes to make this a permanent position for Tyler.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Dan Redman, to participate in the Spark Youth Apprenticeship Program for Tyler Franke. Motion carried 6-0 with one abstaining.

New Business:

Operator's license:

Motion: Dan Redman, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve an operator's license for Leann Wettstein. Motion carried 7-0.

Christmas tree pickup: The Oakfield FFA would like to know if the Village Board would like the student group to pick up Christmas trees again this year as they did last year. There were no objections; the clerk will inform the FFA.

Budget sheets: Budget sheets were handed out for members' respective committees. Members were asked to fill out their budget sheets and to check with the office with any questions as budgets will be discussed next month.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dan Redman, to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer