

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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: Bill Rusch, Brian Foster, Sandra Porter, Miriam Thomas, and Lauren Prochnow.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 10, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Parks:

Resolution 2018-12; Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: The final resolution was presented to finalize the update to the Rec Plan.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve Resolution 2018-12. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Fire Department: Fire chief Brian Foster stated that the bid for the new rescue engine from Marion was \$576,300.00 and the bid from Custom was \$548,000.00. Both bids received were lower than expected. Both companies have financing available for a ten year loan; Custom at a 3.9% interest rate and Marion at 4.25%. The department is leaning toward the bid from Custom. Their leasing program says it does not count against the village's debt limit. The clerk will verify the information. The current interest rate for the State Trust Fund loan program is 4.5%. Delivery for the new engine would be late summer or early fall of 2019 with the first loan payment due in 2020.

Resolution 2018-13; Financing for new rescue engine: This resolution authorizes the fire department to borrow up to \$375,000.00 from either Custom Fire or Marion Body for the purchase of a new rescue engine. Funds already in hand will be used to offset the total cost of the new engine.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve resolution 2018-13. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes and zero nays. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Public Safety: Keith Hellwig has been working for the past two weeks.

Public Works: Well #5 is put back together and MCO is testing the chlorine residual to ensure a clean sample. Another sample will be taken tomorrow.

Human Resources: Jim Eckberg reported that the Human Resources Committee came up with a sample budget to estimate what the potential cost could be for adding an additional full time employee for public works. Based on current revenue estimates it does not appear to be an option. Adding another full time employee would make the village eligible for a group health insurance plan. Employees would have to contribute at least 12% to their health insurance premiums. The board discussed ways to increase revenue to be able to fund the extra expense of another employee. There was discussion about using the extra money from the TID increments. Jim also stated that finding spring and fall seasonal/part-time help continues to be a problem and perhaps there might be a way to hire another part time employee versus a full time employee at the moment.

The board moved into closed session under §19.85(1)(c) at 8:15 p.m. for consideration of performance evaluations and wages for employees.

The board moved back into open session at 9:42 p.m.

New Business:

Budget: New library director Sandra Porter presented the 2019 proposed library budget. Changes to the budget include fewer library clerk hours and an increase in the director's monthly hours as well as raises for employees. The rest of the discussion regarding individual budgets will take place at the November 26th budget hearing.

Lakeside Municipal Court Agreement: The agreement was updated to include the Town and City of Ripon starting January 2019.

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve the Lakeside Municipal Court agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 2018-5: The ordinance was updated to include the Town and City of Ripon.

Motion: Dennis Steinke, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve Ordinance 2018-4, regarding updating the municipal court ordinance. Motion carried 7-0.

Operator's license:

Motion: Chris Cook, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve an operator's license for Jean Schaefer. Motion carried 7-0.

Associated Appraisal: The discussion over the new contract was tabled until December's meeting.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dan Redman, to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer