

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Monday February 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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: Sam Kaufman, Sue Stagg, Joe Franke, and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Julie Franke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 9, 2019 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Sue Stagg, residing at 118 W. Church Street, spoke to the board about receiving an exemption for licensing more than three dogs per village ordinance due to a specific situation.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to allow a one-time exemption to village ordinance 6.04.010 for Ms. Stagg. The clerk will compose a short letter allowing the exemption for Ms. Stagg. Motion carried 7-0.

Sam Kaufman: Mr. Kaufman gave an update on the county sales tax. The County Board is trying to allocate \$1 million to be set aside for municipalities from the sales tax revenue. The discussion is whether it should be split up equally or distributed based on equalized value.

Construction on the courthouse entrance has started on the north end of the county building.

Fire Department: A letter was received from a resident questioning the use of fire department funds. The Public Safety Committee met to discuss the concerns in the letter. Representatives from the Town of Byron, Town of Oakfield and the fire department were present at the Public Safety meeting to participate in the discussion. The committee concluded that every transaction at the department is recorded, audited and there is no misappropriation of funds. A letter was sent stating the findings by the committee which satisfied the resident.

Public Works:

Water: Both wells are online. There was a small issue with the DNR representative not being specifically notified about the Well #5 column size reduction and the valve replacement not being reported. No action was taken but the village was informed the information needs to be reported in the future.

The Public Service Commission asked for more information regarding switching to electronic meter readings. The Village Office is providing the needed information.

There was a water main break on West Church Street last weekend.

Sewer: The Public Works Committee would like to pursue a 2019 sewer lateral replacement project since the North Main Street project is delayed until 2020. After talking with MSA about the laterals that have been televised, MSA feels the village has enough laterals to do a 2019 pipe-bursting project with the potential to repair laterals needing to be open cut as well. The board was in agreement about pursuing another phase of the project this year.

The sewer line that was plugged recently is getting cleaned out by Speedy Clean. There are some roots in the line and some grease build up that will be cleared out. A preventative maintenance plan for the problem section of sewer line is being set up as well.

North Main Street Project: Fond du Lac County prefers to wait until next year for the North Main Street project. MSA was in agreement and stated that getting the Community Development Block Grant funds extended for a year shouldn't be a problem.

Public Safety: A letter from Chief Schuster was presented with the pay raise requests for officers. It includes a probationary period of forty working hours.

Motion: Jody Marcoe, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve police officer wages, retroactive to January 1, 2019, as stated in Chief Schuster's letter. Motion carried 7-0.

Human Resources: Jim Dogs has stepped down from the HR Committee and Ann Seyfert is interested in joining. Jim Eckberg has talked with a representative from the state health insurance program about joining. Employees would contribute 12% to the premiums and the village would need to start the process in March to be set for the program in 2020. The state plan may be able to manage annual costs better than the current setup. Jim will be contacting the representative again to find out some more specifics on the program to see if it would be a good option for the Village or not.

The Committee has created a compensation letter outlining the benefits employees receive and the value placed on them.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer