

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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: Renee Schuster, Dick Bartell, Ron Preissner, and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion:** Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 11, 2020 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comments:** Ron Preissner and Dick Bartell, residents from North Main Street, were at the meeting to voice concerns over the invoices received for sewer lateral replacements on their properties. Dennis informed the residents that there had been a mistake in the billing information the Village received and some people may be receiving updated bills. Due dates will be adjusted accordingly and residents will either receive a new bill in the mail or a phone call informing them it will not be changing.

**Public Safety:** Chief Schuster told the board that the department has a traffic grant through April. There is a possibility the grant could be extended through August but any additional funding may be allocated to the Highway 23 project.

The old radar trailer hasn't been working for some time so they will be trying to sell it since it is a dated piece of equipment.

Chief Schuster received a request that the Village designate one parking spot in front of the post office as handicapped. The board was not opposed. Chief Schuster will check to make sure there would be no issues with the post office or otherwise by designating a spot.

A recent parking issue at the elementary school will be brought up at the next Public Safety meeting to decide which areas should be marked as no parking, or no parking during certain hours, near the school. The committee will look at traffic laws and the way the road is laid out to determine the safest action to take.

All-terrain vehicle use on the trails has been discussed increasingly by residents. Renee is working on a draft ordinance and will be looking at Campbellsport's and Waupun's ordinances and speaking with their departments about challenges faced so far.

**Public Works:**

**Sewer system:** Sewer lateral invoices were sent out last week and are being reviewed as discussed above. Members of the board questioned why the connection to the main was not equally assessed to all property owners on North Main Street. Since the engineer is reviewing the billing list the board discussed removing the charge for all residents as the connection would have been made regardless of whether a new lateral was installed or not.

**Motion:** Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Dan Redman, to remove the charges for wye connections at the sewer main after the engineer's review of the billing is complete. Motion carried 7-0.

**Water system:** Increased pumping in the water system (around 25,000 gallons per day) is still occurring and public works employees have been watching for any water leaks or main breaks to surface.

**New Business:**

**TID #2 & Water Tower loans:** The clerk informed the board that TID #1 currently has enough money in the account to transfer to pay off TID #2's loan with Bristol Morgan Bank a year earlier than scheduled. There is no prepayment penalty and several thousand dollars in interest would be saved.

**Motion:** Dennis Steinke, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to transfer the appropriate amount of money from TID #1 to pay off the TID #2 loan at Bristol Morgan Bank as soon as paperwork is ready to do so. Motion carried 7-0.

The Water Tower loan is scheduled to be paid off in July of this year. Without any foreseeable cash flow problems, this loan could be paid off by the end of March also. There is no prepayment penalty on this loan as well.

**Motion:** Dennis Steinke, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to pay off the water tower loan as soon as the paperwork is ready to do so. Motion carried 7-0.

**Newsletter:** Ideas for articles were asked to be given to the clerk by the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion:** Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Chris Cook, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer