

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll call found the following trustees present: Al Kamenski, Tim Stopplesworth, Dan Redman, Jody Marcoe, Julie Franke, Jim Eckberg, and Chris Cook. Also in attendance: Katy Flury, Jim Cleveland, Bill Steiner, Kathy McMichael, Grace Seager, Emalie Seager and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion:** Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Julie Franke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 10, 2021 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comments:** None

**Bug Tussel:** Rural internet provider Bug Tussel is looking to build business and Bill Steiner and Kathy McMichael gave a short presentation on what the company can offer customers.

**Ordinance change request:** Emalie Seager is requesting the board consider changing the animals ordinance to allow keeping chickens in the village and presented a list of potential problems and solutions to them. The board requested Emalie create a list of residents who might be interested in keeping chickens before they consider having a public hearing.

**Envision Fond du Lac:** Jim Cleveland, vice president of economic development, gave a presentation to the board about what Envision Fond du Lac can offer to communities and small businesses.

**Public Works:**

**East Church Street update:** Construction has begun on the road project. The only change order to occur so far has been to combine the two phases of the project to hopefully shorten the duration. Fond du Lac County will be paving an extra section of blacktop west of the intersection at Church and Main Streets. Additionally, a manhole at the corner of Church and Second will be replaced along with the storm sewer and approximately twenty feet of pavement on Second Street, south from the intersection.

**Resolution 2021-1:** This resolution names MSA as the village's authorized representative to apply for an Environmental Improvement Fund loan through the State of Wisconsin.

**Motion:** Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve Resolution 2021-1. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the village office during regular business hours.

**Resolution 2021-2:** This resolution states the village will pay for expenditures incurred in the interim time period until financing is secured.

**Motion:** Tim Stopplesworth, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve Resolution 2021-2. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the village office during regular business hours.

**Water:** The variable frequency drives were installed at the booster stations successfully. One motor needed to be fixed.

**Sewer:**

**WWTP funding:** MSA learned there is a potential funding opportunity from the federal government but requests must be made directly from a Representative in Congress. Miriam has been calling and emailing Glenn Grothman to try to get funding for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade included. Details on this funding are unknown as well.

**Sewer laterals discount discussion:** Homeowners who have been notified twice of the needed sewer lateral repair on their property have contacted the office and stated they had wanted to be included in the next project but hadn't signed the waiver but this information was never relayed correctly due to miscommunication.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve the 20% discount offered by the village to three property owners. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Safety:**

**Radar trailer:** The old radar trailer has been unusable for quite some time and is not able to be repaired. Chief Schuster would like to donate it to the high school to be used for Project Grill. The cost of a solar powered sign that flashes will be researched as an alternate speed deterrent device.

**Temporary stop sign:** Renee would like to put a temporary stop sign by the crosswalk near the tennis courts across from the school to see if it helps slow down all the extra traffic. She would like to leave the signs up until the construction is done.

There is a Bike Rodeo scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> with May 27<sup>th</sup> as a rain date from 3:30pm-5:00pm. The Rodeo will start in the parking lot behind the community center and go east on White Street, up Putnam Street and onto Filby to enter Acorn

Park and back. Donations have been collected from several entities for the purchase of bike helmets to distribute to participants.

Junior Police Academy will be held as part of summer school this June.

**New Business:**

**Approve licenses:**

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Tim Stoppeworth, to approve a Reserve Class B liquor license and a Class B beer for Katys Log Cabin Restaurant, LLC. Motion carried 7-0.

**New phones for community center:** Miriam presented information on upgrading the phone system in the building. The one quote she has received would save the office and fire department on their monthly bill but the library's would increase per month. Other estimates are still being sought.

**Memorial Day parade/rummage sale:** Due to dwindling attendance in recent years, no Memorial Day parade will not be held. A memorial service at Avoca Cemetery will still take place; time to be determined after talking to the VFW.

The village-wide rummage sale will still go on the first Saturday in August as in the past. The village, however, will not be advertising it officially or creating a map of information/sale locations.

**American Rescue Plan funding:** Congress is working on passing a bill to distribute money to all municipalities. Specific details on how the funds can be used are still being worked out.

**Seneca's additions:** Seneca Foods is planning on building three open gazebos and an open food preparation area. The building inspector didn't see any issues with the buildings but wants to know if the board would like to have the Plan Commission discuss it since it is a commercial property.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Dan Redman, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer