

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

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

Roll call found the following trustees present: Al Kamenski, Tim Stoppleworth, Chris Cook, Jody Marcoe, Julie Franke and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Sam Kaufman, Renee Schuster, Ron Engel and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion:** Tim Stoppleworth, seconded by Al Kamenski, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 9, 2021 regular board meeting and May 27, 2021 special board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Sam Kaufman:** County Board Supervisor Sam Kaufman said Cedar Corp. has been hired by Fond du Lac County to update the county's Master Plan to include ATV use on the Wild Goose Trail.

Sam also reported that the county is moving forward with redistricting since the governor vetoed the one-year extension. A meeting will be taking place on July 28, 2021 to begin the process even though final census numbers are not yet collected.

Sales tax revenue in the county for June was over \$974,000, which is 18% higher than in 2020. Sam is hopeful the county board will vote on how to distribute the revenue to municipalities in September this year.

Some of the funds Fond du Lac County is receiving as part of the American Rescue Plan Act will most likely be used on broadband expansion in the county.

**Fire Department Update:** Current Chief Ron Engel informed the board that former Chief Brian Foster moved out of the village and the department has moved Ron up into the chief's position for now. Bill Rusch was also moved up into the first assistant chief position but has since stepped down. The department decided there is no rush to fill the open positions as it would leave them shorthanded for help during incidents. Annual elections will take place in January 2022.

**Public Works:**

**East White Street environmental update:** Ron Engel updated the board on the progress with the ground contamination from the Steinke gas station being monitored as part of the East White Street project that was completed. The Department of Natural Resources is requiring additional testing to ensure the contamination hasn't spread north and could potentially cause issues. Ron will be working to collect boring samples to satisfy these requirements to the DNR.

**East Church Street update:** Curb and gutter for the project was put in on Monday. Sidewalks should begin this Friday or next Monday. Construction crews will install the north sidewalk before beginning on the south side.

**Resolution 2021-8; line of credit authorization:** This resolution authorizes the board to open a line of credit for up to \$1,000,000.00 for interim financing of the East Church Street project.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Tim Stoppleworth, to open a line of credit of \$1,000,000.00 for the East Church Street project. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of the resolution can be viewed in the clerk's office.

**Water:** Nothing new to report.

**Sewer/Direct request funding:** The clerk received notice from Senator Baldwin's office that she would like to submit the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Upgrade Plan as a Congressional direct funding request. It could come with a 20% village match for funding. All required paperwork up to this point has been submitted.

**Public Safety:** Chief Renee Schuster stated 140 more migrants will be coming over the weekend to bring the village's total to 240 for the season.

Junior Police Academy through the summer school program was completed successfully.

The police grants the department has been receiving through Fond du Lac County will end in August, which is longer than originally anticipated.

**New Business:**

**Monthly check/report approval:** The monthly approval sheet for June 2021 was passed around, signed, and will be filed in the clerk's office.

**Celebrate Oakfield Park donation:** Instead of issuing a refund for park use to the Oakfield Area Historical Society, the board discussed waiving/donating the fee.

**Motion:** Julie Franke, seconded by Chris Cook, to waive the rental fee of Village Park for the OAHS for Celebrate Oakfield on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried 7-0.

**ARPA funds update:** The clerk informed the board that the total amount the village will be receiving as part of the act is \$113,879.39 and \$56,939.69 has already been distributed. The other half will be paid out in 2022. Municipalities have a few years to actually use the funds and the only thing the village will qualify to use it on is infrastructure (water/sewer/stormwater) upgrades.

**Motion:** Tim Stoppeworth, seconded by Al Kamenski, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer