

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 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, John Cedar, Chris Cook, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe, and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Joe DeYoung, Renee Schuster, Steve Paul, Kevin Baker, Chad Conger, Ron Engel and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 12, 2022 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Public Works:

St. Luke's project: John Cedar informed the board the Plan Commission met and approved the Certified Survey Map for the combination of St. Luke's parcels as part of the project. The Board of Appeals also approved a Special Use Permit for the residential zoning of the parcels.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve the Certified Survey Map as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Sewer lateral letters: Joe DeYoung from MSA Engineering spoke to the board about the upcoming sewer lateral project. Last fall a smaller project was delayed due to contractor availability and large cost increases. M&E is ready for a spring project and there are around 100 properties left to repair in the village as part of the original 7-Year Plan. Joe encouraged the board to consider doing a larger project to try to include as many properties as possible as cost trends continue to increase even from last fall. Contractors will most likely become difficult to schedule as there are many similar projects happening around the area and there aren't a large number who solely do the type of repairs that have been done. Joe would like to hold another Public Informational Meeting in February with the project to happen in March and April. Properties with laterals on South Main Street will be the only ones not notified as they are slated to be repaired when the street is redone approximately within the next five years. There were no objections from the board. The clerk will work with MSA to compile a comprehensive list of properties left to repair and send out letters and meeting notices.

Sewer: Annual generator maintenance was done late last fall. The clarifier and aeration basins will need to be taken down and cleaned this year. It was suggested that MSA inspect the tanks when they are drained to ensure they will be effective for the future wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Drying beds will also need to be cleaned again but that will wait until fall. Jason Crout is no longer the water operator with MCO. Tony Trudeau has taken his position.

Water: There were two water main breaks near each other on the same Friday a couple weeks ago. Large rocks appeared to be the reason for the breaks. They were both repaired by the following Monday.

New PLC screens have been installed at the water tower and booster stations. A new furnace is being installed at well #5. The new pump for the Elm Street booster station has been ordered. The water tower needs to be inspected this year. This should be scheduled for the spring so it doesn't interfere with Seneca's canning season. Tony is also getting quotes to touch up the paint on the water tower.

Pickup truck purchase: Dan is working on getting a firm price on a new truck through the state contract that includes everything the village will need.

Solid Waste & Recycling: The committee will be meeting to discuss getting requests for proposals for a new contract as the current one expires at the end of the year.

Fire Department: The agreement for the annual \$15,000.00 payment the fire department has made to the village for the last twenty years has expired and the department has been working on a lease agreement for the building for the future. Ron Engel presented a brief history of the building and how the original lease payment was figured. The current proposal is to pay \$5,000.00 annually to the village for rent, budget \$5,000.00 for building repairs and maintenance and \$5,000.00 to be split up among other budget line items as needed. This is the first rough draft for the agreement. Any changes to the agreement should be directed to the clerk for future discussion.

Ron also informed the board that the state has made money available for municipalities to test for PFA substances in their water systems. Testing would be free but the cost for cleaning up any contamination is unknown. PFAs are commonly found in water systems across the country from various sources but there is currently no state or federal standards for PFA levels in drinking water and the clean up methods are still being researched. The cost of disposing/destroying of the substances are extremely high.

New Business:

Monthly check approval: The monthly approval sheet was passed around and signed.

Belle Reynolds donation: Dan informed the board he had made a \$200.00 donation to post prom from the fund.

Committee list: There are several vacancies in committees. Some positions were filled during the board meeting. There are still two open positions for the Board of Appeals, one on the Beautification Committee and one on the Plan Commissions. Anyone interested should contact the clerk.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Julie Franke, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer