

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, May 11, 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, Jody Marcoe, and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Jerry O'Connor, Jenna Sabel, Ron Engel, Joe Ciesielczyk and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 13, 2022 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments: Jerry O'Connor introduced himself to the board. He is running for the 52nd District of the Assembly. Joe Ciesielczyk asked what was happening with the Belle Reynolds property after hearing some rumors. No one is aware of anything going on or what the rumors are. Joe also commented on how nice the bathrooms at Village Park are.

Dan told the board there will be no Memorial Day parade again this year, only the ceremony at the cemetery.

Skills USA: Jenna Sabel, Oakfield High School's outgoing Skills USA president thanked the board for their past support. She hopes the incoming president of the organization pursues the Fire Families project further.

Fire Department: Chief Ron Engel presented an official lease agreement between the village and fire department outlining responsibilities for the space utilized by the fire department. It includes an annual lease payment of \$5,000. The department previously paid \$15,000 annually to the village and the difference of \$10,000 is being redistributed in the fire department budget.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve the fire department agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance Committee: The committee met recently to discuss future debt after completing the East Church Street project and the upcoming Main Street one. They will be working on filling in the Capital Improvement Plan with some better estimated costs for projects.

Parks:

Ordinance 2022-1: A new ordinance was presented to prohibit glass bottles in the parks. There were no changes made.

Motion: Jody Marcoe, seconded by Chris cook, to approve Ordinance 2022-1. Motion carried 6-0. A copy of the ordinance can be viewed at the clerk's office and online on the village's website.

Public Works:

Water: The water tower inspection is complete a day ahead of schedule. MCO is waiting on the results from the two required water tests to put the system completely back online. No issues are anticipated.

Sewer: Chris informed the board that the siding is coming off the sides of the structure over the clarifier and digester tanks. Earl should be repairing it soon.

Sewer lateral project/M&E pay request: The first pay request for \$127,205 was received for the sewer lateral project.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar to approve Pay Request No. 1 from M&E. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Church St. update: Sidewalks are in and final bills should be coming soon. Dan has been talking with Tom Jahnke from Fond du Lac County to get the final sidewalk details figured out and it is unsure whether the village will receive a credit or have to pay for the required repairs.

Diamond Maps: John Cedar gave a short demonstration on the Diamond Maps GIS mapping system the Public Works Committee would like to use. Currently the village is utilizing a 30-day free trial but a permanent account will be set up. It will allow MCO and the village to capture information/locations of things electronically. Map layers can be created for different types of information. Monthly payments can be set up with a credit card. The clerk will take care of setting up payment.

New Business:

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

FFA box: Dan spoke with some of the members of the FFA who wanted to put a community box in the front entryway of the building. The group would also like to work with the local food pantry and is looking into potential fundraisers. No installation will be done yet.

.gov domain change: The clerk told the board that the Wisconsin Elections Commission will be requiring all municipalities to have a .gov domain in the future. They are also offering grants up to \$600 to cover the cost of the

conversion. Brian Lutze will be in tomorrow to finish the changeover. He will have it set up so any email sent to the villageofoakfield.com domain will still come through even though the official domain will be villageofoakfieldwi.gov

ARPA funds update: New information on the use of ARPA funds was relayed. Use of the funds was previously planned for water and sewer infrastructure use but the intended use, per the US Treasury, is for municipalities to use it for any kind of government service. At the suggestion of the village's auditors, all of the funds deposited into the utility fund were moved back into the general fund except for the cost of the PLC upgrades at the water tower and booster stations as they had already been approved to be funded using ARPA funds. Several ideas were given on how to utilize the funds on different kinds of projects. The money doesn't need to be spent for several years.

Resolution 2022-2, Appointment of Officials: The list of annual appointments was presented with no changes from the prior year.

Motion: Jody Marcoe, seconded by Al Kamenski, to approve Resolution 2022-2.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Al Kamenski, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer