

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Monday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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: Miriam Thomas, Jon Venhuizen, Joe Ciesielczyk, Steve Bournelis, Josh Thieme and Karl Huth.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Julie Franke, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 5, 2022 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Dan Redman thanked the board for serving the community last year.

The trash collection changeover went smoothly.

Joe Ciesielczyk thanked for board again for the updates to the park restrooms, the landscaping at the corner of North Main and Church Streets and the installation of the flashing speed limit sign on Oak Street.

Jon Venhuizen: Jon let the board know the county board is working on spending the remaining ARPA funds. New squad cars were purchased for every deputy for \$1.8 million. County Executive Sam Kaufman is reevaluating some of the internal processes to potentially identify time and/or costs savings. A wage study is also being completed. Last year a gift receiving policy was created and approved. The county is also in the process of combining the Department of Community Programs and Social Services.

St. Luke's Prairie Garden: Karl Huth, representing St. Luke's Church, presented the desire to plant a prairie garden on approximately one acre of land owned by the church. It would be planted either behind the school or on the north side where there is enough green space. The church committee would like to beautify some of the unused green space and create walking paths through the garden as well. Weeds would be treated and maintained. There was no opposition from the board but an ordinance addressing prairie gardens will be looked into for guidance.

Public Works:

Water: White Construction bored through the phone line near the Waupun booster station during the broadband expansion installation and it affected the auto-dialer at the Water Tower and wells. This caused the on-call employee to not be notified when the furnaces turned off at Well #5 and everything froze inside the building including the water lines and meters. Repairs were made and the cost of time and materials is being billed to White Construction.

Sewer: Nothing to report.

Laundromat requests: Steve Bournelis had previously come to the board with three requests. No one on the board had an issue with him installing a fence between the laundromat and community center buildings to deter people from walking between the two. Steve gave more information on the parking lot he intends to make behind the building. Options for a Water Evaporation Allowance were briefly discussed again.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve a 5% water evaporation allowance on the quarterly sewer usage on the Oakfield Laundromat utility bill starting January 1, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

Sewer laterals public meeting: MSA would like to schedule the final Public Informational Meeting for the sewer lateral project for Monday, February 6th at 5:30 p.m. The clerk is working with Nate Rego from MSA to ensure accuracy on the list of properties remaining with needed repairs and a notice for the meeting, along with a letter, will be sent next week. There are approximately thirty houses remaining to be repaired.

Security cameras: John Cedar received an informal quote for \$1,500.00 for two cameras to be installed at the village garage. The system being proposed is very easy to add extra cameras if needed. Before purchasing more cameras for use elsewhere John suggested seeing how these two operate to ensure the board is sure they will satisfy the current needs. The possibility of designating ARPA funds to this purchase was discussed; the clerk will check to see if it is a qualifying expense.

Right-of-way permit/application discussion: A permit and ordinance draft were both presented for review. They will be adjusted as needed before the February meeting and presented then for possible approval.

Fire Department: Annual elections were conducted last week and officers are as follows: Kevin Baker-Chief, Chad Conger- 1st Assistant and Ron Engel- 2nd Assistant.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve fire chiefs as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

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

County sales tax revenue discussion: The amount the village will be receiving is the same as last year (\$15,959.00). It was suggested to designate it for the carpet replacement project in the building. The topic will be on the February agenda again.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer