

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, October 12, 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, Chris Cook, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Linda Alsum-O'Donovan, Ron Engel and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 14, 2022 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments:

Joe Venhuizen from Envision Fond du Lac: Mr. Venhuizen gave the board an update on how Envision is working to expand broadband throughout the county and to develop the workforce by drawing people to the area. They are also looking at how to make childcare more available in order to help the expansion of the workforce as well as educate citizens on running for local office.

Library: A member of the library board resigned recently and they would like to appoint Ellen Garner to fill the vacancy.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Julie Franke, to appoint Ellen Garner to the library board. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Works:

Water: Check valves for well #2 and the Elm Street Booster are being replaced. The DNR will be requiring communities with populations under 10,000 to test for PFAS chemicals in 2023.

Resolution 2022-11, pool/bulk water use: The policy to allow pool filling under certain criteria was discussed.

Motion: Jody Marcoe, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve Resolution 2022-11. Motion carried 6-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Sewer: The subdivisions should be scheduled for this fall. It should take about five days to complete.

M&E pay request: The final pay request for the lateral projects this year was discussed.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve M&E's pay request #3 for \$196,996.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Sewer rate increase: Information for three, five and ten percent increases were presented. Sewer is not regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Motion: Jody Marcoe, seconded by Julie Franke, to increase sewer rates by 5% starting January 1, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Parking on E. Church St.: Parking has not been designated on East Church Street since the completion of the road project. There was a concern over parking on both sides over the summer. The project was designed with bike accommodations on the north side of the road so Fond du Lac County will paint a bike lane line on the north side of the road.

Human Resources: The board moved into closed session at 8:13 p.m. under §19.85(1)(c) for consideration of employment and compensation for employees.

The regular board meeting resumed at 8:44 p.m.

Community Center: Replacing the carpeting in the community center this year is not likely due to the amount of time required to plan for it. The sales tax money from Fond du Lac County needs to be used this year and it was designated for use upgrading the community center in some way. The furnaces in the building are more than twenty years old and have been having on and off issues for the last few years. Updated quotes will be mailed to Dan, Chris and Ron Engel and all furnaces will be scheduled for replacement this year.

Finance Committee: The committee met before the board meeting to discuss financing for future projects. Money from the TIDs will be start being recouped in 2023. The capital project list was handed out. Board members were asked to review the list and update estimates if needed or provide a cost to add to the sheet if none is listed.

New Business:

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

Operator's license:

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Al Kamenski, to approve an operator's license for Vaughn Williston. Motion carried 6-0.

Liquor Licenses: The owner of Oakfield Petro is selling the business and the new owner has applied for liquor and beer licenses.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Dan Redman, to approve Class A beer, Class A liquor, Class A cider and tobacco licenses for Path Petroleum. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget sheets: The board would like to discuss the 2023 budget more in depth at a special meeting. The public hearing for the annual budget is tentatively schedule for November 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Memorial: A committee is being sought to plan a Veterans Memorial at the Avoca Cemetery. Miriam will talk to Etta Held about putting an article in the next newsletter.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer