

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Monday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 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, Joshua Thieme, Joe Ciesielczyk, Kevin Baker and Renee Schuster.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 11, 2023 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Joe Ciesielczyk had a question regarding the upcoming elections.

Fire Department: Newly elected Chief Kevin Baker gave an update to the board. The lighting in the apparatus room will be upgraded to LED fixtures this year for approximately \$2,300.00. The chassis for the new Emergency Medical Responder vehicle is on order through Marion. The grant received from the state last year was reduced due to Oakfield being a non-transport unit. Chief Baker expects delivery of the new vehicle to be late this year or early 2024.

The department is submitting a grant for new radios. Current equipment is older and the county will be switching to new system in the near future for which the radios are needed.

The fire flow data in the village hasn't been tested since 2009 and should be updated, then done regularly every 1-2 years. The equipment needed to complete the task is around \$3,500.00. It was discussed that public works could work with the fire department to complete the testing and possibly split the cost of the equipment needed.

Public Works:

Water: Nothing to report.

Sewer; Sewer laterals public meeting: A public meeting was held Monday evening for the remaining approximately 30 houses, not including Main Street, needing repairs. This will be the final project the Village will be coordinating for the 7 Year Plan and therefore property owners' final opportunity to join in and receive a discount on the repair. The clerk will be calling property owners who have yet to turn in a waiver.

Main Street project: Chris and Dan met with county and state representatives and the engineer, Gremmer, for the road project, scheduled for 2026 for an overview on the project. No details are available yet.

Ordinance 2023-1; Right-of-way permit/application discussion: The previously presented ordinance and application form were discussed again and will be updated with a few changes and brought back for approval at the March meeting.

Public Safety: Chief Schuster gave an update to the board. There was a recent overdose in the village where Narcan was used. A program on drug identification will be rescheduled at the high school for spring. The municipal court judge issued a final citation and fine for dogs at large in the village as well as fined unregistered vehicles.

Chief Schuster also mentioned the need for new radios as part of the county-wide system changeover but is looking into non-budget funding options to replace the police department's radios.

A public safety meeting will be schedule in the new future. Another community member is needed for the committee. The bike rodeo will happen again this spring and Junior Police Academy will be offered with summer school. Tony Liebenow has resigned as a part time officer. The Brandon/Fairwater Police Department is talking about disbanding.

Community Center: The board discussed how to use the sales tax revenue from Fond du Lac County.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to allocate funds of \$15,959.00 received from Fond du Lac County from the county sales tax revenues for new carpeting in the community center. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

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

Ordinance 2023-3; Natural Lawns: Board members would like to see additions about the allowed area for natural lawns in the ordinance. Changes will be made and the ordinance will be revisited at the March meeting.

Telephone provider change: Telephone bills from Frontier for the water tower and wastewater treatment plant have been getting increasingly expensive. The clerk asked for permission to look into changing to Spectrum since both locations have internet access now. John Cedar suggested seeing if Bertram might have a phone plan also since their antennas are on the water tower.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer