

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Monday, April 10, 2023 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: Miriam Thomas, Joshua Thieme, Gary Zillmer, Cassie Kurzer and Emily Winger.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 9, 2023 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None.

Public Works: John met with Terry Dietzel from Fond du Lac County and received any data the county has for the village. John is applying relevant info to Diamond Maps.

Water: A new hydrant was ordered for the broken one on Waupun Street.

Cross connection inspections: The larger meters in town are due for re-inspection per a notice from the Department of Safety and Professional Services. Hydro-Corp performed the inspections for the village in 2021 for a cost of \$3,084.00. The topic will be on the next Public Works meeting agenda.

Sewer: There have been higher flows at the treatment plant with all the rain but no bypassing has been needed. Tony did some manhole inspections and there are several that need repairing.

WWTP funding: A meeting is being scheduled to talk with MSA regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade to ensure the current plans are what is needed and desired for the future.

Main Street road project: Gremmer Engineering was selected by Fond du Lac County for the Main Street reconstruction scheduled for 2026. MSA will design the water and sewer for the project.

Public Safety: Jody reported that Bill Ledger will not be working as a part time officer.

Human Resources: Dan made a motion to go into closed session under §1985(1)(c) for consideration of employment and compensation for employees at 8:16 p.m.

Motion: Dan Redman, seconded by Julie Franke, to come out of closed session at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Julie Franke, to make the clerk-treasurer position full time, retroactive to April 1, 2023, adjusting prorated PTO hours as necessary. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Center: Jim had carpet samples from a vendor for the board to view as well as an estimate of the total cost of the project including movers. The cost for the movers alone could be around \$20,000.00. It was suggested that volunteers could potentially be utilized to help move some of the smaller furniture and items in the library and office to keep the moving cost down. If any part of the building would like to have painting done around the same time as the carpeting it will be a cost to that department's budget.

New Business:

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

Ordinance 2023-3, Chickens: A draft of a chicken ordinance was distributed to the board for review prior to the board meeting. Some concerns brought up during the discussion is the desire to include language to restrict permits being issued in certain areas of the village where covenants prohibit poultry. Covenants are not enforceable by the village so the wording wouldn't be able to be included in an ordinance. There was a concern over the increase of varmints coming into the village if chickens were in the area whether they were caged in or not. A question was asked about whether the presence of chickens in a neighbor's yard would decrease the property value of neighboring properties. Several residents spoke about why they wanted chickens and the benefits they would provide. The board was not ready to pass the first draft of the ordinance and would like to work on it some more before the May board meeting.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar, to continue pursuing an ordinance to allow chickens in the village. Motion carried 5-2.

Telephone provider change: Spectrum will begin construction to place the new phone line for the water tower in the near future. The library has opted to discontinue service for three out of the four lines in the library.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Julie Franke, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer