

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, October 11, 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, Chris Cook, John Cedar, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Joe Ciesielczyk, Linda Alsum-O'Donovan, Gary Collien and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 13, 2023 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Many trees were planted from the tree farm this year. Thirteen went to Acorn Park and seven spruce trees were planted in the outfield of the baseball diamond.

Public Works:

Water: The state has issued approval to move the hydrant on West Waupun Street and will be scheduled for replacement.

Sewer: Once crops are off the fields the sludge beds will be cleaned out and land applied. As many as time allows will be cleaned out this year.

Wastewater Treatment Plant facility upgrade: Matt Castillo from MSA called in to discuss the treatment plant upgrade. The Village needs to move into the design phase of the project to be ready for funding opportunities and a public hearing is required. Matt would like to schedule the hearing for October 23rd. If another hearing is desired it will be scheduled at a later date. The plan for the plant will be presented at the hearing and will be able to be viewed at the village office for two weeks. Matt will bring a proposal for a design contract for the plant to the November board meeting. Matt also explained that the application deadline for principal forgiveness funding with the Clean Water Fund program is September 30, 2024 so the design will need to be complete by that time and then bid out at the end of 2024. Sewer rate increases will be in place by April 2025 as the Department of Natural Resources requires proof of the ability to pay loans. Construction is tentatively set for the middle of 2025. Interim financing will be needed for approximately twenty percent of the project cost. Matt will also invite Mark Stanek from the DNR to the public hearing.

Sewer rate increase discussion: The board decided to wait until hearing the amount needed for interim financing before discussing a rate increase. At the next board meeting there should be some more accurate figures for funding planning.

Street repairs: Second Street was completed for a total cost of \$97,345.00 which includes restoration of the terraces. Based on the cost of this street project estimates will be made for Elm Street and First Street for the 2024 budget.

Public Safety: Jody informed the board the Public Safety Committee has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. They will be preparing the 2024 budget, discussing wages and addressing some ordinances.

New Business:

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

Budget sheets/hearing: Library director Linda Alsum-O'Donovan presented the proposed 2024 library budget that was approved by the Library Board. The budget hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. before the regular board meeting that night.

ARPA funds: After the last discussion over the use of the funds still available the board had discussed using the funds at the park. Gary Collien received two new quotes for parking the parking lot that were distributed for review.

Motion: John Cedar, seconded by Al Kamenski, to pave the existing and gravel parking lots at Village Park and paint new lines according to the quote received by Area Asphalt. Motion carried 6-1.

Local Government Investment Pool Resolution: At the September meeting the board discussed putting some of the TID funds available into the LGIP in order to receive a greater return on interest. The rates for return in the LGIP are higher than local rates.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve the Local Government Investment Pool Resolution, designating the LGIP as a village depository. Motion carried 7-0.

Human Resources:

Closed session: The board moved into closed session at 8:30 p.m. under §19.85(1)(c) to discuss compensation for employees.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to resume regular session and adjourn the board meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer