

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, December 13, 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, Chris Cook, John Cedar, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Joe Ciesielczyk, Sally Cole and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 8, 2023 regular board meeting and November 8, 2023 Special Budget Hearing and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Sally Cole from Representative Glenn Grothman's office was in attendance. She had been contacted by Joe Venhuizen from Envisions Fond du Lac regarding the lack of funding opportunities for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade. Ms. Cole let the board know she had been in contact with the US Census Bureau to verify the most recent median income data that has been preventing the village from qualifying for most grant and loan opportunities. She suggested setting up a meeting with the Village after the holidays to discuss the project and suggested inviting the local branch of the USDA as well as MSA to be included in the discussion.

Joe Vehuizen: Unable to attend.

Public Works:

Water: All hydrants were flushed this fall and annual generator maintenance was performed.

Sewer: The drying beds were cleaned out recently with no problems or delays. Excess sludge was hauled to Lomira and the rest was land applied within the required time.

Tony is still working on locating a problem with the samplers.

An enforcement hearing is scheduled with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for this Friday morning regarding the recent violations exceeding limits. Dan, Chris, Miriam and several employees from MCO will be attending.

Wastewater Treatment Plant facility upgrade: Miriam contacted financial advisors for estimates on the facility upgrade. A financial advisor is needed to verify the rates that MSA will be projecting. Companies that were contacted had a very similar cost for the scope of the project.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to use Ehlers for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Facilities Upgrade project. Motion carried 7-0.

Main Street project update: Dan gave the board an overview of what has been discussed in recent meetings. Parking on both sides of South Main Street between White and Filby will be eliminated; only the east side of the road will be designated parking. Federal funds require space for bike lane accommodations. The road is being designed to require as little real estate acquisition from property owners as possible. The intersection at Main and White Streets need to have bump-out handicap ramps so some corner parking there may be eliminated as well. Any driveways in the project area that do not have a grass terrace with need a handicap transition for access. Gremmer Engineering would like to bid the water and sewer portion of the project at the same time to keep the project moving fluidly.

Clearing sidewalks ordinance: After the last snowfall several board members received complaints about property owners not clearing their sidewalks per village ordinance. The ordinance requires property owners to clear sidewalks within twelve hours of a snowfall. The board would like to have police officers watch for this when they are working and notify property owners initially. The contact can be logged and follow-up notices sent if need be. The clerk stated that the cost of the village taking care of removal for the property owner is a charge that can be assessed on taxes if desired.

New Business:

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

Resolution 2023-6; election inspectors: The clerk read a list of election inspectors for appointment for the January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 election inspector cycle.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve all election inspectors as read. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed in the clerk's office during regular business hours.

Resolution 2023-7; budget amendment: The clerk explained that no department really has excess funds to be moving around to make the budget balance better on paper. Resolutions were not needed. The only thing that was needing to be funded for this year was the new leaf vac, the cost of which was absorbed by the village's bank balance.

Country Sales Tax: The amount the village will be receiving in 2024 is \$15,793.00, down about \$240.00 from the previous two years. These funds will be need to be designated through a motion eventually.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar, to adjourn the board meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer