

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 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, Timothy Wiese, Ryan Schmidt, Bradley Winger, Kelsea Murphy, Richard Murphy, Cody Halbach, Elly Garner, Erich Scharf, Lee Martin, Lane Beulen, Steve Bournelis and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 10, 2024 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Tim Wiese asked the board if they would consider an ordinance or policy change for where agendas are posted to include online posting. Dan Redman said the topic would be added to a future agenda. Kelsea Murphy inquired as to whether other committee minutes can also be posted to the website along with a preliminary agenda for future meetings. These topics will also be addressed at a future meeting.

Public Works:

Water: There haven't been any issues with the water system. The water meter replacement program will start this summer. The village will be switching to a new meter system which will allow customers to view their own water usage. All meters in the village will be changed to the new system over a four-year period.

Sewer: Sewer mains will be televised on First Street, Second Street and West Church Street next week as part of the village's requirement to televise twenty percent of the system annually.

WWTP update: The DNR has not submitted a final report on the exceedances at the treatment plant last year. Dan stated they would like to conduct more testing in the spring

Flows at the treatment plant have been low as the first frost leaves the ground.

M&E pay request: The final pay request for the sewer lateral repairs done last year was received

Motion: Jody Marcoe, seconded by Julie Franke, to approve Change Order #5, changing the total number of laterals replaced for the projects plus add-ons such as sump pump pits and clean-outs to various properties. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve Pay Request #4 for \$226,100.00 to M&E. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Safety: Nothing to report from Chief Schuster.

Plan Commission: John provided an update from the Plan Commission meeting held last week. Dennis Steinke had requested the Belle Reynolds property to be split into two parcels as he has an interested buyer for the land south of the school who would like to develop multi-unit properties on it. John gave some background on the levels of residential zoning as approved by the Plan Commission in 2009 and why nothing was rezoned as R-1, R-2 or R-3 at the time the ordinance was changed. The Commission decided to not change any zoning until a desire to do so was expressed in the future and it would be dealt with at that time. The Plan Commission met on February 7, 2024 and approved splitting the parcel as requested. There were many citizen concerns over a lack of info on the intentions for the property from the current property owners. The Commission voted to table the rezoning of the new parcel until more information can be obtained. John emailed Dennis Steinke with a list of information to compile and have available before the Plan Commission would reschedule another meeting. Dennis has stated he can provide the info requested and a new hearing has been scheduled for March 4th at 6:00 p.m. John reiterated there was more to consider before making a final decision, especially since there are a lot of citizen concerns over the use of the land. After some questions and topics not related to the rezoning of the property were brought up by a meeting attendee, Dan Redman asked them to leave and stated board members will not allow unnecessary comments or mud-slinging in or outside of scheduled meetings. He explained why the board had been hopeful about this opportunity for a developer as a positive move for the village but after hearing all the comments at the Plan Commission meeting realize more information is needed.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to rescind the motion to reassign the zoning on the newly approved parcel as R-3 made at the January board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

There was a short discussion on how properties are taxed before moving to the next agenda item.

New Business:

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

Operator's license: An application was received for Brittany Anderson. A background check done by Chief Schuster resulted in the approval of the application.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve the operator's license for Brittany Anderson. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 2024-2: Kunkel Engineering has provided an updated fee schedule for their services.

Motion: Julie Franke, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve the new fee schedule for Kunkel Engineering as submitted. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours or online at www.villageofoakfield.com.

Ordinance 2024-1; municipal court: The Village of Eden has requested to join the Lakeside Municipal Court system. The Village's ordinance must be updated to include Eden. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes and zero nays.

The Intergovernmental Agreement for the municipal court requires approval as well to include the Village of Eden.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Municipal Court Services. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of this agreement can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer