

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Dan Redman.

Roll call found the following trustees present: John Cedar, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Joe Ciesielczyk and Miriam Thomas.

**Motion:** Julie Franke, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 10, 2024 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments:** Dan gave a brief update on the Veterans Memorial project, informing the board the committee has narrowed the potential location to two spots (on the bank's lot at the corner of Gilson and Main Streets and the Condon lot by the cemetery) and took a poll for public input. Approximately \$40,000.00 has been donated to this project so far. Jody brought up a lot missing a sidewalk in the Belle Reynolds subdivision and the board discussed prompting the property owner to complete the sidewalk.

**Public Works:**

**Water:** Nothing to note.

**Sewer:** MSA will be at the next board meeting with an update on the design of the wastewater treatment plant.

**Resolution 2024-6; Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures:** This resolution is required as part of the interim funding the village is utilizing to pay for initial expense for the wastewater treatment plant project.

**Motion:** John Cedar, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve Resolution 2024-6 as presented. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of this resolution can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

**Public Safety:** Jody gave an update on Chief Schuster's behalf. A picnic table was broken at Village Park. Cameras helped to identify the individuals responsible and they have been charged with restitution amounts to replace the table. There have been some fights at the migrant camp and some issues with drugs that have been dealt with.

The school will have a new resource officer this year, Officer Luke Olsen.

**Solid Waste & Recycling:** The E-cycling event last week was a success. Approximately twenty-two pallets were filled with electronic items to recycle responsibly. Jim said the board can look into making the event an annual occurrence or perhaps having another collection in the spring.

Jim also let the board know that the waste oil tank is in bad shape and should either be removed permanently or have some repairs done. After discussion about whether it was necessary to keep it at the village garage, Jim will be asking some of the local auto repair shops if they might be interested in taking the tank otherwise Jeremy will clean it up and it will be scrapped. There is not much waste oil generated anymore and the potential hazards of having a collection tank on site outweigh the benefits.

**New Business:**

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

**Floodplain ordinance:** FEMA has updated the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Fond du Lac County as discussed at the July board meeting. Two items need to be completed before the board can hold a public meeting and see a draft of the required updates to the ordinance. Act 175 (enacted in 2020) did not change the village's authority to maintain the current ordinance. If the language from the Act is incorporated a community can allow modifications, improvements, etc., to existing nonconforming structures that meet minimum requirements. Without the language, modifications, improvements, etc., are limited.

**Motion:** Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to include Act 175 language in the village's draft ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

The Community Rating System is a voluntary program that recognizes communities that go above and beyond the bare minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Community members have the potential to receive discounts on their flood insurance. The only cost to the program is the time and effort of staff members. The board didn't feel we have a current staff member who could devote the time necessary to the program and its requirements to participate.

**Motion:** Jim Eckberg, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to not participate in the voluntary Community Rating System. Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 2024-4; Building permits:** In July, John brought some proposed changes to the permit requirements for multi-unit housing to the board. These changes are intended to give the building inspector and board more information about a desired permit before it can be issued.

**Motion:** Jim Eckberg, seconded by Julie Franke, to approve Ordinance 2024-2. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of this permit can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours or online at [www.villageofoakfield.com](http://www.villageofoakfield.com).

**Operator's license:** Aayushma Adhikari has applied for an operator's license. Chief Schuster said the background check was good.

**Motion:** John Cedar, seconded by Jody Marcoc, to approve an operator's license for Aayushma Adhikari. Motion carried 5-0.

**Prairie Garden:** After receiving some complaints about weeds in the prairie garden maintained by Fond du Lac County next to the trail between Elm Street and Main Street, Dan is trying to get some information about the continuing maintenance of the area from Terry Dietzel at Fond du Lac County. More information should be available by the next board meeting.

**Motion:** John Cedar, seconded by Dan Redman, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer