

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 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, Owen Stoppleworth and Jim Eckberg. Also in attendance: Joe Ciesielczyk, Lee Martin, Mike Merk, Joe Diels, Renee Schuster and Miriam Thomas.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 9, 2025, regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Joe Diels introduced himself to the board and expressed interest in being involved with the community.

Public Works:

Water: At the last Public Works Committee meeting a representative from USG Water Solutions made a presentation regarding asset management for the water tower. After their initial inspection, they recommend an exterior painting for the tower as the adhesion on the base coat is holding up well. The dry interior is recommended to be painted within five years also. USG would schedule and manage all maintenance and inspection requirements for the tower itself and presented two plan options, a 10-year payment plan which includes the exterior painting and dry interior restoration in five years and a lump sum payment for the exterior painting only.

Sewer:

Wastewater project update: Both clarifiers are poured and structure 35 and 50 are poured as well. All tanks have been water tested and piping is being installed. Weather has been favorable for construction and crews continue to make good progress.

Staab Pay Request #6: The pay request is for \$558,612.35.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Owen Stoppleworth, to approve Pay Request #6. Motion carried 7-0.

MSA contract for Main Street: MSA submitted a contract for the infrastructure design for the Main Street project planned for 2027. The estimated fee for the work is \$66,000.00.

Motion: Jim Eckberg, seconded by John Cedar, to approve the contract with MSA for Sanitary Sewer and Water Utility Improvements for County Highway Y (South Main Street). Motion carried 7-0.

Treatment plant zoning: The Plan Commission approved rezoning the combined parcels as industrial use for the wastewater treatment plant as part of the upgrade on the plant. Final approval from the village board is needed to properly process the change.

Motion: John Cedar, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve changing the zoning of both parcels to industrial. Motion carried 7-0.

Sidewalks ordinance discussion: John explained what he feels is lacking and needed in the village's ordinance before any steps are taken to enforce maintenance of village sidewalks. He would like the Public Works Committee to come up with a draft of an ordinance before bringing it back to the board for approval.

Drainage issue: Nothing new to report; Dan is waiting to hear when the engineer can come take elevations of the affected area(s).

Public Safety: Chief Schuster has received complaints of littering at the pond by the Village Garage and is wondering if some trash cans could be placed nearby. Dan said Jeremy will take care of getting some there. There have been several complaints of suspicious activities in the village and Chief Schuster is following up on all of them. She is currently looking for a young male who was driving recklessly and speeding in the village this week. Some thefts occurred within the village this week as well. The suspect was a seasonal employee at Seneca and was fired. The Seneca representative who was scheduled to be present at the board meeting tonight cancelled and will not be attending. Chief Schuster is trying to set up a meeting at Seneca instead with members of the Public Safety Committee.

Speed radar sign: Chief Schuster met with a representative of a speed trailer company. He gave her an option of a radar sign with a cost of \$2,300.00. The unit has to be charged approximately every four days and stores data that doesn't require a subscription to access. It would have to be ordered through a police contract. The board would like to order one sign and see how it works and how beneficial it is before potentially getting more.

New Business:

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

Community Center board: Jim is working with Linda to get costs from a couple other places and a new quote from Signarama for a smaller sign than what they initially quoted.

Resolution 2025-14: The library carryover from previous years hasn't been allocated back to the library budget for several years and the county money from closing the separate checking account for those funds has also never been allocated. Miriam has worked with the library director to figure out the amount that has been sitting unallocated as \$26,081.12. The library would like to use the funds for their half of the new community center sign in front of the building.

Motion: John Cedar, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to approve the carryover funds for the library in the amount of \$26,081.12. Motion carried 7-0.

E-cycling event: Julie inquired whether there might be another e-cycling event planned in the future. Jim will reach out to the company and see if they are still offering it.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer