

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 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: Owen Stoppleworth, Jim Eckberg, Julie Henke-Franke, and John Cedar. Al Kamenski arrived at 6:08 p.m. Also in attendance: Joe Ciesielczyk, Renee Schuster, Kevin Baker and Miriam Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

2025 Budget Discussion:

The board reviewed the proposed budgets for 2026. John stated the village's Comprehensive Plan was going to be expiring in the next couple years and planning/budgeting will need to be done for that soon. Miriam will be watching a webinar on the Comprehensive Plan and should have more info on what resources are available for updating it.

Nothing was changed in the proposed library budget.

The Community Center includes \$7,000 in capital costs to cover the cost of a new air conditioning unit. It has been malfunctioning the last couple years.

A small amount for capital costs is included in the Beautification budget to possibly cover the cost of updating the Oakfield sign at the corner of County B and County D east of the village. It is not known if this project will take place or not.

Jim reported that the company the village used for the free e-cycling event in 2024 is willing to do another event. He suggested maybe holding it in the spring.

The Parks budget was discussed and the board decided to remove funds for capital projects including epoxy coating the concessions stand floor and installing a wider roll-up window for serving.

Public Works includes extra requests for a new roof on the village garage and a potential sidewalk project as well as budgeting extra money towards a new dump truck.

Water and sewer budgets were not changed.

Chief Renee Schuster spoke about the Public Safety budget and explained the three different options included for monthly hours available for officers to work. Two more deputies have been hired and with the total now employed varying times of the day and week should be covered, as well as some weekends. Chief Schuster compared the requested increase in the village's budget to what neighboring communities are paying Fond du Lac County for extra coverage. The board decided to increase monthly hours available to 120 from 100 and increase line items for maintenance and repairs, fuel, and supplies by \$500.00 each.

Fire Chief Kevin Baker reported no requested increase for fire protection in 2026. The only increase shown is from the state's 2% dues. 2027 may see a budget increase request.

The Village Office budget includes the cost of upgrading accounting and payroll software to integrate with the current utility billing software.

Resolution 2025-16, Approval of the 2025 levy limit and 2026 budget:

Motion: John Cedar made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes and zero noes approving the 2025 levy limit of \$452,550.00 and the 2026 Budget. A copy of both the resolution and the budget are available at the clerk's office during regular business hours.

Adjourn:

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Jim Eckberg, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer