

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board  
Oakfield Community Center  
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 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: Al Kamenski, Chris Cook, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe and Owen Stopplesworth. Also in attendance: Kevin Baker, Joe Ciesielczyk and Miriam Thomas.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 11, 2026 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Fire Department:** Chief Baker said Mike Krueger from Lifestar Ambulance was unavailable for tonight's meeting but would like to speak at a future board meeting and start to give semi-annual reports regarding their coverage area. He'd like to get more involved with the communities they serve and will try to come to the April or May board meeting.

Chief Baker also spoke about the radio upgrades and recently attended a Fond du Lac County Finance Committee meeting to convey the ability to pay for the upgrades is well beyond the budgets of most of the smaller communities in Fond du Lac County. The cost to upgrade all radios needed within the county is \$3.5-\$6 million.

**Public Works:**

**Water:** There were two watermain breaks recently on Main Street. Both were fixed quickly. Fond du Lac County has also dug the storm drain upgrades along the Wild Goose Trail in preparation for the 2027 Main Street road project as directed by the Department of Natural Resources.

**Wastewater project update:** Shane Dennis attended virtually to give an update on progress at the treatment plant. Sludge pumps are set, the old digester has been taken down and new systems are starting preparations to go online. Interior equipment continues to be installed. Structure 10 was delivered with the color not matching the swatch that was picked. It could be repainted near the end of the project but Shane is suggesting to wait until all the outside work is done to see what the board would like to do.

**Staab pay request #13:** This pay request is for \$350,848.33. Shane pointed out that it has not been approved by MSA due to payroll reports needing to be submitted from Staab. Every pay request requires a certified payroll and Staab has a youth apprentice working on site. This position has no federal classification for wages. The Department of Natural Resources did recently come out with a classification and Staab needs to catch up with payroll records to match what the DNR requires. Shane recommends the board approve the pay request contingent upon receiving the corrected payroll reports. This way the board would not have to call a special meeting to get the request approved. MSA will let the village know when it is approved for payment.

**Motion:** Owen Stopplesworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve Pay Request #13 contingent upon receiving the required payroll records and getting confirmation from MSA for payment. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Human Resources:** Al Kamenski made a motion to begin closed session at 7:39 p.m. Regular session resumed at 8:12 p.m.

**New Business:**

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

**Community Development Authority committee:** Miriam is not sure the committee can be dissolved since the community center building was created under the Community Development Authority and the tax incremental district is still collecting.

**Operator's license:** An operator's license for Dylan Smeester was presented. No issues were reported by Chief Schuster.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to approve the operator's license for Dylan Smeester. Motion carried 6-0.

**Workhorse software update:** As part of the software upgrade Workhorse needs to know if the Village would like to switch to pooled cash, which means that all most of the banks accounts would be combined into one account with the balances allocated accordingly within the software. It is an easier setup for Workhorse but village accounts have always been separated. The auditors were not in favor of combining accounts. Miriam said she would adapt to whatever the board decides.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Julie Franke, to keep the bank accounts separate. Motion carried 6-0.

**Codification update:** Miriam showed the board the current status of the codification update. All the village's previous code has been transferred over to the new numbering system. The next step is to answer questions regarding things that were currently in the code. They can range from a simple approval to confusing wording in the current language that may need to be addressed through various committees. Miriam believes this step of the process will require more than just her and Chief Schuster reading through the questions. She is suggesting two or three other board or committee members be a part of this review process. She will look through all the questions and determine which committees will need to address issues and then someone within that committee will be designated to work through what is needed and bring any necessary discussions to their committee.

**Motion:** Al Kamenski, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasure