

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Oakfield Village Board
Oakfield Community Center
130 N. Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
Wednesday, April 8, 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, John Cedar, Chris Cook, Julie Franke, Jody Marcoe and Owen Stopplesworth. Also in attendance: Kevin Baker, Joe Ciesielczyk, Michael Merk, Milo Perry, Renee Schuster, Chase Casey, Jon Venhuizen, Corey Moore and Miriam Thomas.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by Chris Cook, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 11, 2026 regular board meeting and approve them as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Corey Moore introduced himself as the local Johnson Bus manager and said he will be doing community outreach and expanding the fleet in Oakfield. Johnson Bus is also hiring. Kevin Baker stated the county is not receiving any disaster funding from the March snowstorms. Milo Perry apologized for the nuisance call as a result of cooking maple syrup; modifications have been made and it should not be an issue in the future.

Jon Venhuizen; FDL County update:

Mr. Venhuizen spoke about the jail and rumors circulating on the current status of the project. To date, \$220,000 has been spent on approving a design architect only. There are no confirmed plans for a location or a final design. The County Board is looking into the best way to fund the project. Some of the options being discussed are paying for it with bonds, charging a wheel tax or increasing the local sales tax.

Public Works:

Water: No issues.

Wastewater project update: Shane Dennis and Coty Weathersby from MSA joined the meeting virtually to give an update on progress at the treatment plant. Everything is still on schedule for substantial completion in October. Trainings are being held for the operation of new equipment. Interior remodeling is underway and aeration equipment and screening equipment is being installed.

Staab pay request #14: All payroll records have been corrected and the pay request for \$572,830.00 is ready for approval as is.

Motion: Al Kamenski, seconded by John Cedar, to approve pay request #14 for \$572,830.00. Motion carried 7-0.

South Main Street project update: All terraces will be four feet wide. Dan questioned whether the terraces in the business district that are planned to remain grass should be changed to concrete. He will talk to property owners for their opinions. Travel lanes on South Main Street will be sixteen feet wide and seven-foot-wide parking lanes. Dan has been in contact with MSA Engineering to verify the water and sewer plans align with the road plans. Ninety percent plans for the road should be completed by mid-April and will be presented to the Department of Transportation for approval. Final submittal must be done by August 1st and will go out to bid January 27th. There is no new cost estimate yet but the village's portion of the street cost will be 10% of the total and 100% of the water and sewer cost.

Plow truck: The plow truck has a repair that is too costly to fix. The county has two trucks they were planning on selling in a year but Dan has inquired whether they might consider selling them early. The county has to offer the truck to the whole county first to see if there is any other interest. It is a 2013 Western with 100,000 miles on it. The search for a used plow truck has not resulted in any promising leads as Chris stated every time one comes available it's usually sold before someone can go look at it.

Public Safety: The department continues to work under county grants.

A traffic study was done on Oak Street where the pedestrian signs will be placed and approximately 56,000 vehicles travel Oak Street per month.

Bike rodeos are being scheduled for May.

Chief Schuster is setting up a meeting with Seneca to prepare for the canning season. She has also spoken with Dave Schmidt about adding and moving some cameras at the Village Park.

There was a recent suicide at the gas station.

Chief Schuster is also working through the list of codification updates sent to her by Miriam.

New Business:

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

Right-of-Way permit: Another application was received from Frontier for the same type of boring work as previously submitted. Miriam informed the board she is still awaiting payment.

Motion: Owen Stoppeworth, seconded by Jody Marcoe, to approve the permit, pending receipt of payment. Motion carried 6-0. Al Kamenski had stepped out.

County Sales Tax: The amount allocated to the Village of Oakfield this year is \$16,361.00. Dan recommended the board allocate the funds to the purchase of a new plow truck.

Motion: John Cedar, seconded by Julie Franke, to allocate 2026 county sales tax funds to the purchase of a new plow truck. Motion carried 7-0.

Veterans Memorial: Dan let the board know the unveiling for the memorial will be Saturday, May 16th from 11:00am to 12:00pm. The event coincides with the Fire Department's Brat Fry. Main Street from White to Gilson will be closed for the event. The memorial stones are scheduled to be delivered on April 29th and will be covered until the event.

Board of Review: Miriam let the board know that Board of Review is scheduled for 5:00pm-7:00pm on May 13th, prior to the regular board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Thomas, Clerk/Treasure