

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2024

2024-14

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held October 8, 2024, at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 6:31 PM

Present: Greg Dean, David Howard, Betsy Koett, Pamela Riker, Ken Rittersdorf, Chad Sowerby, Sue Trainer

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for September 10, 2024, offered by Koett, second by Sowerby, approved per a roll call vote 6-0, Riker abstained.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasurer Report for September, 2024 offered by Sowerby, second by Rittersdorf, approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds Fire Millage Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$6,055.50 for wages offered by Sowerby, second by Riker, approved per roll call vote 7-0.

Transfer of funds Minor Construction 101-446-781-000 to Building Improvements 101-446-974-002 and transfer of funds Capital Fund to General fund for Macclain paving tabled to November meeting due to Kent County Road Commission being behind in their billing.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of September, 2024 in the amount of \$60,500.51 offered by Sowerby, second by Rittersdorf, rescinded by Sowerby due to a correction in the dollar amount.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of September, 2024 in the amount of \$59,971.91 offered by Sowerby, second by Riker, approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake Expenditures for the month of September 2024 in the amount of \$7,880.14 offered by Koett, second by Rittersdorf, approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- September calls: 20 medical, 1 P.I. accident, 1 P.D. accident, 2 structure fires, 1 wire call, 1 illegal burning, 2 vehicle fires, 1 odor investigation, 1 Grattan assist
- Monthly training – search and rescue
- Air pack testing was done this month
- Dash cameras have been installed in two vehicles so far
- The first Academy class went well, 16 students attended

PCI Report:

- 40 permits issued
- Total charges \$11,639.00; total due \$10,475.10; total evaluation of projects \$1,298.712.00

Planning Commission:

- Wind and Solar Amendment was sent to the Township Board

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Cushman variance was turned down

Zoning Administrator:

- Court issued fines without notifying the Zoning Administrator of the hearing date

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Kent County Road Commission

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- Matthew DeLange introduced his candidacy for Kent County Probate Judge

OLD BUSINESS:

- Macclain Paving Project – 1st coat of paving is on, 2nd coat with 2 weeks

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Wind and Solar Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Township attorney Jim Scales explained details of the ordinance revision to the Board.

Motion to adopt Wind and Solar Zoning Ordinance amendment 10-8-2024 offered by Sowerby, second by Trainer, approved per roll call vote 6-0. Dean abstained due to disgust with the State of Michigan.

- Snow Plowing Bid for 2024-2025

Motion to accept the snow plowing bid from O'Dowd Lawncare & Snowplowing, Inc. for the 2024-2025 snow season offered by Trainer, second by Sowerby, approved roll call vote 7-0.

- Lawn Care for Oakfield Cemetery, White Swan Cemetery, and Horton Cemetery; Debris Removal

Motion to accept the lawn care and debris removal bid from O'Dowd Lawncare & Snowplowing for 2024-2025 offered by Koett, second by Rittersdorf, approved roll call vote 7-0.

- Refund for Hall Rental Cancellation

Motion to refund \$100.00 to Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association due to their cancellation of scheduled hall rental offered by Koett, second by Riker, approved roll call vote 7-0.

- Approval of Election Workers

Motion to accept the election workers approved by the Election Commission for the November 5, 2024 election offered by Sowerby, second by Dean, approved roll call vote 7-0.

- Ashlee Vanderkooi – Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission

Motion to remove Ashlee Vanderkooi from the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals offered by Sowerby, second by Riker, approved roll call vote 6-0. Koett abstained.

- Planning Commission Appointments – James Tilton and William Pelak

Motion to reappoint William Pelak and James Tilton to the Planning Commission offered by Koett, second by Riker, approved roll call vote 7-0.

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- Historical Commission Appointments – John Frueh, Sharon Bouck, Ray Salyer, Steve Tower, Carolyn Balko

Ray Salyer no longer wishes to serve on the Historical Commission.

Motion to reappoint Carolyn Balko, Sharon Bouck, John Frueh, and Steve Tower to the Historical Commission offered by Koett, second by Sowerby, approved roll call vote 7-0.

- Billing for Damage to Scram Lake Sewer System at 10532 Swem Street

The boat company hired by Henry TenWalde for work on his property did \$4,923.71 to the Scram Lake sewer system. Mr. TenWalde has been billed for the repair.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Rittersdorf and Sam Peterson are collecting donations for the retired fire chaplain plaque.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjournment at 7:06 PM offered Sowerby, second by Rittersdorf, approved per a voice call vote.

Sue Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk