

Village of Oakley

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Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month

January 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: President Fish, Trustee Scheuneman, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Schrems, Trustee T. Fish and Clerk Hart were all present.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the December minutes as read, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Police Report as read, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

DPW/Wastewater

Fish reported there is some minor drain work that needs to be done. He has found a local guy who has the equipment needed to clean drains instead of having to replace them.

The newer system still needs some logistics figured out to get the large chemical barrels delivered to the tank. They weigh nearly 700 pounds; delivery has not been easy.

Guest Speakers/Public Comment on Current Agenda

Rob Kehoe was in attendance to field questions about the mobile homes that have entered the village. Kehoe admitted that he made a mistake with not following some of the current zoning requirements with the installation of new mobile homes. He asked if we would like him to resign, Clerk Hart said that was not necessary. The council and residents in attendance tried to figure out where to go in the future. The ordinance requires a pitched roof where the eaves must project six inches beyond the walls. Residents requested that the three recently installed trailers be removed. Kehoe stated that would cost the village thousands of dollars in court costs and the village would more than likely lose in court. Kehoe suggested the ordinance be amended to only allow for trailers that have a width of 20 feet, that would prevent most trailers from being able to meet requirements in the future.

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Old Business

It was discussed that a Planning Commission is needed to help with the changing of the ordinance allowing mobile homes. President Fish said he has talked to people who are willing to be on the Planning Commission. Fish and Scheuneman said all interested parties need to come to the February meeting and a Planning Commission could be appointed then. Clerk Hart will post it in the paper.

New Business

Kehoe told the council that long time electrical inspector Gary Palmer has retired and Bryan Thomas would like to be hired to take his place. The council was presented with his resume and list of qualifications. After discussion, Scheuneman made a motion to approve Bryan Thomas as the new electrical inspector, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Residents asked about blight in the village including the Family Tavern and what was being done about it. Fish stated it is still in litigation and the county land bank might soon own it, if that happens, they will probably tear it down.

Kehoe explained that the burned house on 3rd Street has a current building permit. Permits are good for one year and then residents can request an extension good for another year. So technically they are complying.

Scheuneman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM

Village of Oakley Clerk,

Jennifer M. Hart