

# Village of Oakley

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March 11, 2025

The budget meeting was called to order at 6:40PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council was presented with copies of the budget by Treasurer Kirk Yaros.

Scheuneman asked that \$10,000 be added in revenue to the marijuana facility for licenses.

Scheuneman made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budgets, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03P.M.

March 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Trustee Scheuneman, Trustee Schrems, Trustee Kelly, President Fish, Treasurer Yaros, and Clerk Hart were all present. Trustee T. Fish was absent.

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

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

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Kelly. Discussion: Scheuneman asked if a total fund balance could be placed on the future reports, Treasurer Yaros agreed. Treasurer Yaros informed the council the CDs would be closed and the funds would be put into a high-end return account. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to approve the Police report, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

DPW/Wastewater

Fish said the bids for the Woodard Street project will go out this month.

He is working on treating the lagoons and will discharge soon.

Guest Speakers/Public Comment on Current Agenda

A resident asked for clarification if the Code Enforcement officer is part of the police department and if not, why are his hours on the police report. Clerk Hart said the Code Enforcement Officer is not part of the police department and Chief Ferguson included the Code Enforcement hours on his report to make it simpler.

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Old Business

None

New Business

Scheuneman made a motion to approve the budgets for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, seconded by Schrems. Motion carried.

Clerk Hart informed the council that Chief Ferguson posted the 2003 International Dump Truck for sale on Facebook Marketplace for \$39,999.

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

Public Comment

A resident asked if our roads would be chip sealed because the lack of maintenance is hurting them. Fish said the roads would be chip sealed and Bockee should be graded this summer. A resident asked how much liability insurance we carry for the village police department, and if there was a running toilet at 211 S Main Street because the workers use D'ss and if it is a working business they should have a bathroom and it should be investigated. Scheuneman said she would contact Rob Kehoe. The resident also volunteered to help with recounting REU's and code enforcement. A concerned citizen addressed the council with a complaint that Chief Ferguson was harassing his daughter when he pulled her over for failing to properly yield. Other residents voiced concerns about Chief Ferguson. President Fish said he has never had a complaint filed against Ferguson until now. Fish also stated that he has contacted the Michigan State Police to assist with some village matters. A resident asked Fish where Woodard Street ends and he said he would show him the maps. The resident was concerned that his property line has changed since he bought his house. A resident asked where the property the village has received from the 1033 program is. Fish said it is stored in buildings throughout the village and some has been sold. Some residents voiced concerns that Anthony Fish is employed by the Village.

Scheuneman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schrems. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM.

Village of Oakley Clerk,

Jennifer M. Hart

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