

# Village of Oakley

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April 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: T. Fish, Scheuneman, Schrems, Kelly, and President Fish were present. Clerk Hart and Treasurer Yaros were also present.

Scheuneman made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

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

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Schrems. Comment: Treasurer Yaros stated the village needs to create a policy on paid sick time, and the village is considered a large business. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Police report, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

DPW/Wastewater

Fish said he will be completing a discharge at the lagoons soon.

He spent time cleaning brush up around town after the last storm. Bids for the Woodard Street project are due at the end of April.

Guest Speakers

None

Old Business

Clerk Hart informed the council that the village has been suspended from the LESO/1033 program. Clerk Hart said she thinks Chief Ferguson should be placed on a 6th month to a year probation to provided transparency with the police department. President Fish asked for a motion, no council member made a motion.

Clerk Hart informed the council that the bids for the Dollar General project are going out soon so construction can start.

New Business

Clerk Hart provided the updated numbers for the new Granger contract. Prices are only increasing by roughly \$2.00 over a 5-year period.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the new Granger contract, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

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Clerk Hart informed the council that electrical inspector, Bryan Thomas has resigned. Rob Kehoe provided a recommendation and resume for Robert Trahan who is interested in the position.

Fish recommended that the village hire Robert Trahan as the new electrical inspector pending a background check. Scheuneman made a motion to hire Robert Trahan as the new electrical inspector upon approval of a background check, T. Fish seconded. Motion carried.

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

## Public Comment

Scheuneman will follow up with Kehoe about the toilet at 211 S Main St. Residents asked who owns the non-plated truck at the Marijuana facility, nobody knew. A citizen asked if the village has paid any taxes on the marijuana facility yet. Fish said no because we have not received a bill yet. A resident asked if the dispensary has made any payments yet, Hart said they own the building but do make a \$5,000 annual permit fee. A resident asked why nobody on the council voted to put Chief Ferguson on probation. A resident asked when the village plans on doing something about blight. There were several claims made about Chief Ferguson. A resident asked why the code enforcement officer was not at the meeting, Hart said he is not required to attend. A hostile citizen asked why the "police officer was not at the meeting tonight?" and stated "I'm not afraid to go to prison for my grandkids." A resident said REUs need to be updated. A resident asked how much liability insurance the police department has. Clerk Hart said we have a blanket policy that is roughly \$2,000,000. A few residents asked where village property was located and when they could complete a walkthrough of the village properties. Fish said he has some other projects to finish first then will schedule a time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

Village of Oakley Clerk,

Jennifer M. Hart