Minutes of August 19, 2025
Town Board Meeting

Call meeting to order – Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All Supervisors were present. Also, present were Clerk/Treasurer Dascenzo, and Officers Joey Rupprecht and Scott Whiting. Members of the public present are listed on the attached sheet.

Verification of Notice – Clerk/Treasurer Dascenzo confirmed the meeting was properly noticed.

Public Comment – Tim Scott expressed his disappointment in the lack of progress with the Cambridge Fire and EMS commission.

Approval of Minutes from July 15, and July 19, 2025, board meeting – Chair Payne pointed out that the discussion item on the boat launch proposal needed to be clarified. Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve the July 15 minutes with the amended language on the boat launch. Supervisor Graffin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Graffin moved to approve the minutes of the July 29 special meeting as written; Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chiefs Report – Officer Rupprecht reported that the boat patrol logged 129 hours in last month, the officers have noticed less boat traffic on the lake recently. The department recently purchased a tint meter which will help with enforcement after officers are trained on the device. Officers have received complaints that golf carts are operating in an unsafe manner.

Fire Chiefs Report – Lake Mills Chief Russ reported on activity in the district. A quarterly meeting with the Towns covered by the Lake Mills Fire department is tentatively scheduled for late September. Board members should let Lake Mills know which night is convenient for them
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Discussion and possible action to hire Jordan Rittmeyer and Roger Munoz-Dumas as police officers – Chair Payne reviewed the recommendation provided by Chief Leonard. Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve hiring of Officers Jordan Rittmeyer and Roger Munoz-Dumas. Supervisor Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Thomas Klemke promotion to Lieutenant – Chair Payne reviewed the recommendation from Chief Leonard. Chief Leonard recommended the Lieutenant receive additional pay for increased duties. Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve the promotion of Thomas Klemke to Lieutenant and increased his pay to $34/hour on weekdays and $35/hour on weekends. Supervisor Graffin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on request by Treva & Rachelle Merson to rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 2.0-acre residential lot at W8806 Advent Road, parcel 022-0613-3332-000 – Nate Mueller representing the petitioners, stated that the rezone was necessary to build a house on the property. Chair Payne reported that the request received a positive recommendation from the planning committee. Supervisor Jensen moved to approve the request to rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 2.0-acre residential lot at W8806 Advent Road, parcel 022-0613-3332-000. Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Review of Town of Oakland financial report – Clerk/Treasurer Dascenzo presented a 6-month financial status report from January to June 2025. Dascenzo also provided supervisors with information on the town debt level and reserves in preparation for budget discussions in October.

Discussion and possible action on estimate for a furnace for the Town Hall Board room – Supervisors asked for additional bids before deciding on furnace replacement. The item will be brought back to the September meeting.

Discussion and possible action for operator's license for Abbey Stinner and Laura Viney – Supervisor Jensen moved to approve the operator's license for Abbey Stinner and Laura Viney. Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-02 parking restrictions on Town roads (Sleepy Hollow Road) – Chair Payne opened discussion on Resolution 2025-02. Comments from the public included adding language to the resolution to allow for contractors and other work vehicles to park along the road when conducting business. The resolution was tabled to a future board meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Fire/EMS contract with the Fort Atkinson Fire department – Town Attorney Van Kleunen reviewed the draft contract from the City of Fort Atkinson and answered questions from supervisors. Supervisor Graffin noted that additional ordinances will need to be adopted as outlined in the contract. Attorney Van Kleunen will assist in writing the proper ordinances. Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve the contract with the City of Fort Atkinson with the amendment to clarify the colors in the map. Chair Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2.

Discussion and possible action to extend Lake Mills Fire/EMS contract – Fire Chief Russ reviewed the current contract with the board and stated that negotiations with Ryan Brothers for future contract were being held soon . Chair Payne moved to reaffirm the Lake Mills Fire and Ryan Brothers EMS contract consistent with the current language in the contract. Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Enbridge update – Chair Payne spoke with Caroline Rice, DNR Division of Environmental Management, about the samples that are being taken and the testing that will be done on them. The results of the testing will be reported to the DNR and the Town. The Lake Ripley Management District is independently testing water samples.

Correspondence – none at this meeting.

Announcements – WTA convention registration is open; Town of Oakland budget workshop on October 14 at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Disbursements -. Supervisor Jensen moved to approve monthly disbursements beginning with an electronic funds transfer to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in the amount of $1,162.81 and ending with check number 1507 to Wolf Paving Co. in the amount of $1,206.00 for a total amount of $689,030.01. Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Next meeting date September 16, 2025, Town Board Meeting

Future agenda items –finance policy, draft budget, parking ordinance, short term rental

Adjournment – Supervisor DeGidio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm, Supervisor Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes Written and submitted by
Susan Dascenzo
Clerk/Treasurer

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