

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OACOMA TOWN BOARD
March 4, 2024

The Oacoma Town Board met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on March 4, 2024, in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center. Board members present were Gary Dominiack, President; Richard Kirkpatrick, Vice President; Kyle Fuchs; Justin Rabern; and Robin Hutmacher. Also present were Valerie Moore, Finance Officer; Desi Hettick, Deputy Finance Officer; Bryan Mahrt, Utilities Manager; and Weston Waugh, Utilities Technician. Kim Thomas arrived at 7:15pm and left at 7:30pm.

MINUTES

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Hutmacher, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 19, 2024. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time was reserved for public comments pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. No comments were offered.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Dominiack announced five candidates filed nominating petitions for two seats with 3-year terms on the Board of Trustees. With three of the five candidates present and agreeing to draw by lot for position of names on the ballot for the Oacoma Municipal Election to be held on April 9, the order of names was determined to be as follows:

1. Angela M Zeman, 2. Holly Reis, 3. Kyle Fuchs, 4. Gary Dominiack, 5. Kimberly M Thomas.

Motion by Rabern, second by Fuchs, to appoint the following members on the Municipal Election Board and to set the Municipal Election Board pay rate at \$200 per member: Diana Goos, Donna Neeman, and Jill Schreiber. Motion carried.

2024 HAY LEASE

Motion by Rabern, second by Kirkpatrick to authorize advertisement of a one-year hay lease on approximately 80 acres of Oacoma's leased recreation land with bid opening at 7:00 P.M. on April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

CHAMBER

Motion by Hutmacher, second by Fuchs, to authorize payment of \$5,000 from the BBB Sales Tax Fund to Chamberlain/Oacoma Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship of the 2024 Masters Walleye Circuit fishing tournament on April 26 & 27 at Arrowwood Resort. Motion carried.

VACATION HOME LICENSES

Five Vacation Establishment license renewal applications were presented for consideration. Motion by Hutmacher, second by Rabern, to approve Vacation Establishment licenses for the following applicants for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025: Soderquist River Ranch LLC, Jay & Tina Soderquist, 1415 Shoreline Dr. #3; Lake Time, Damon & Amber Dykstra, 1415 Shoreline Dr, #4; River Shore Rentals, RH Properties, LLC, 1417 Shoreline Dr.; and Shoreline Cottage LLC, Chad & Gina Blasher, 1419 Shoreline Dr.: Shane & Dawn Andreson, 106 Lichtenstein Ave. Motion carried.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Moore presented the 2023 Annual Report for the Municipality of Oacoma prepared on a modified cash basis. (Annual Financial Report published separately.)

OTHER DISCUSSION

Dominiack reported Weston Waugh passed his Water Treatment Class II exam. Waugh's wage will increase by \$0.25/hr effective March 2, 2024, according to automatic wage increases related to successful exams authorized on September 16, 2023. Waugh's new wage is \$23.57/hr.

Dominiack reported on a meeting he attended on February 21 for the new Oacoma/Chamberlain/Pukwana Area Community Foundation. The new community foundation was accepted into the SD Community Foundation and the organization has a goal to raise \$200,000 by February 1, 2027.

PAY BILLS

The following bills were approved for payment: Payroll: Gov Board-1150.00, Finance-8101.60, Streets-4350.85, Sewer-3202.03, Water-5057.18, Parks-136.34, OCC-350.00; Gary Dominiack, mileage-83.64; Valerie Moore, postage-10.16; Zach Kenobbie, travel-120.00; Darwin Punt, OCC supplies-18.04; Ace Hardware, supplies-56.56; Bomgaars, supplies-83.44; Brule Co Lumber, plywood-8.00; Burke Oil, gasoline-798.00; Burke Oil, propane-237.95; Byre Bros, garbage service-138.00; Cardmember Services, credit card charges for postage & certification fees-94.53; Central Dakota Times, publishing-122.41; Chamber of Commerce/CVB, subsidy and sponsorship-8188.00; Frontline Warning Systems, siren inspections-700.00; GF Advertising Services, 2 billboards-1310.00; Hawkins Inc., chemicals-40.00; Hickey Heating LLC, furnace repairs-442.62; IRS, payroll tax-5355.24; Lyman Co Herald, subscription-45.00; McLeod's, election supplies-52.54; Middle America Communication Solutions, social media-650.00; Midstate Communications, phone/internet-417.18; Office Products Center, service contract and paper-187.67; SD Public Health Lab, lab samples-15.00; SD Retirement System, contributions-2381.76; SD Supplemental Retirement, contributions-410.00; Servall, janitorial supplies-149.61; Tri County Landfill, rubble fees/shop-33.08; Verizon Wireless, cell phones-215.85; Wall Drug Store, Inc., billboard lease-200.00; WEERC, lab samples-89.00; Wellmark BCBS, insurance-799.97; West Central Electric, utilities-6198.25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Rabern, to enter executive session at 7:30 P.M. for discussion of personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried. Executive session ended at 8:45 P.M and the board reconvened in regular session.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Rabern, second by Kirkpatrick, to increase the hourly wage rates for Utilities Technicians, Zach Kenobbie and Weston Waugh, by \$2.00 each effective March 2, 2024. Motion carried. New wage rates are \$24.79 for Zach Kenobbie and \$25.57 for Weston Waugh.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center.

Gary Dominiack, President

Valerie J. Moore, Finance Officer

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