

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May14, 2025

Council Members Present:

Michael Perkins, Chairman
Dana Wrigley Vice Chairman

Dave Groder
Kelly Roderick

Others Present:

Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager
Abigail Marshall, IT
Chris Cowan, Lieutenant Oakland Police Dept
David Coughlin, Oakland Fire Chief
Boyd Snowden-Town Engineer
Ray Gruber
Adam Clement
Russel Corson
Ed Roderick
Levi Orff
Don Borman
Cindy & Joe Reese
Doug Dickinson

Kathleen Paradis, Town Clerk
Nathan Smart, Code Enforcement Officer
Rick Stubbett, Chief Oakland Police Department
Tiffany Warren, Detective Oakland Police Department
David Savage
Jon Cox
Nate Bernier
Kevin Quirion
Angela Jurdak
Erika Orff
Dan & Elizabeth Adams
Meagan Maloney-District Attorney
Ian Zoller

The meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Michael Perkins and led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call:** Roll call was taken there four council members present. Bob Nutting Absent.
2. **To consider approving the minutes of the April 23, 2025, meeting:** It was moved by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of April 23, 2025.

To consider approving the minutes of the Town Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2025: It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to accept the minutes for the Town Meeting of May 6th, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray Gruber: Oakland Resident Ray Gruber spoke to the council and presented the Town with a painting of James Blaine and was wrap in Muslin cloth. He wanted to ask the council if they would accept this as a gift and possibly showcase it in a place where residents could view it. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Kelly Roderick and voted 4-0 to accept the painting.

1. **Oakland Police Officer Body Cameras:** Police Chief Rick Stubbart informed the council that the Oakland Police Department has put in a grant for Body Cameras for their officers. Meagan Maloney from the District Attorney's Office spoke about the advantages of using such equipment. It would save time, and they would be able to update their reports to her automatically and this would give the officers more time back on the road. Dana Wrigley asked if these would be the same as Somerset County and Ms. Maloney stated yes. Kelly Roderick asked if they would always be on. Chief Stubbart stated that they would be on during calls. Detective Tiffany Warren spoke of the cost of the cameras. It would be 60 months and would be \$125,699.58. She also stated that these cameras are now being used by the department on a trial basis. She has been using one and it has been beneficial. This would be a five-year contract, and they ask for 1% down and 9% at the end of the calendar year. After some discussion Cindy & Joe Reese asked the cost of the 1% to get these cameras. Officer Warren stated that it would cost \$1250. Cindy & Joe Reese then stated that they will donate \$1250 for these Officers to be able to use this equipment. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Mike Perkins and voted 4-0 to accept the donation and proceed with the grant.
2. **2025 Award Paving Bids:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud spoke to the council regarding the 2025 paving bids received. B&B Paving was the lowest bidder at \$312,529.68, with Roundy's Paving having the second lowest bid at \$318,129.00. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mike Perkins and voted 4-0 to award B&B Paving for the 2025 paving bids.
3. **.gov Domain Migration Update:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud advised the council regarding the .gov domain. We are now .us for our website/email addresses and have been approved by the government to get a .gov account. We are waiting for a quote and will have an update at a future meeting.
4. **Safety Committee-Safety Committee 2nd Reading:** Town Manager informed the council that they have had a second meeting and updated the safety policy with the suggestions from the last council meeting with Human Resources, witnesses, safety glasses. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Kelly Roderick and voted 4-0 to accept the changes to the safety committee policy.
5. **Summer Schedule:** Town Manager asked the council if we would be adhering to the summer council meetings with one in July on the 30th and the other in August on the 20th. And if there was something urgent to discuss we would have a special meeting. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to have one meeting in July and one in August.
6. **Park and Ride:** Boyd Snowden, Town Engineer and Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager are working on a grant which must be completed by May 30th, 2025. Boyd spoke about Phase 1, using the existing road the road is not built for vehicles and would loop out to Fairfield Street. The State is pushing for a park &

ride in Oakland and with this grant this will pay for all the work to be done. The town would have to pay up front but would be reimbursed for all costs. The trails would open Memorial Day Weekend and would have to have the Railroad give permission to cross the tracks. Mike Perkins thoughts would be that there may be some drinking, and they would be a little loud. Levi and Erika Orff, who reside in front of the property stated that they are avid ATV riders and love the idea but to have trucks in and out of there would not be practical. It was noted that maybe Broomhandle Road would be a better access. Dana Wrigley stated that when Alan Main sold the property to the town it was noted that a recreation parking lot would be on the other side of the tracks. Kelly Roderick has concerns as she is a neighbor and the abutters did not expect all the traffic. Edward Roderick asked why not have an access on Oak Street. Boyd Snowden stated there is access on Oak Street. Dave Grode explained that we are trying to get people to town and create business. Boyd Snowden explained that there is an old trail access. Kevin Quirion said that although there are a few bad apples there are a lot of good apples out there. Dave Groder stated that other than Oakfest this is a ghost town. It was motioned by David Groder to proceed with the grant and was seconded by Dana Wrigley and 4-0 to continue the process.

Managers Report:

Turtle Signs: The Town Manager advised that the turtle signs are now up on McGrath Pond Road.

Revaluation Meeting: The meeting will be held on Tuesday May 20th at 6:00pm

Securing Dangerous Buildings: Code Enforcement Officer Nate Smart gave an update of the Oak Street building and stated he had talked to her sons, and they had boarded it up and rip it down. He also told the council of a resident on Hubbard Street and would like to proceed further with their approval.

Fire Department Grant: Chief Dave Coughlin stated that the department received a \$50,000 grant through the EMS Stabilization program. The money was able to purchase much needed equipment. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Mike Perkins and voted 3-0 with Dave Groder abstaining from voting to accept said grant.

Other Business: Kelly Roderick asked if the tree stumps at the Lakeview Cemetery would be ground down as she has had questions and concerns about them. Town Manager stated that she would be in contact with AJ Cain and get her answer.

Libby Hill: It was asked if there was any news on the pavement for Libby Hill where the water was standing. We will check with Public Works on that issue.

Adjourn: It was motioned by Kelly Roderick and seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:35pm.