

**Town of Oulu**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Town Hall**  
**January 8, 2014 ~ 6:45 p.m. ~ 8:45 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order: The January 8, 2014 Town of Oulu regular board meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Town Hall by Chair Sandra Rantala.
2. Roll Call: Members present: Terry Egbert, Sandra Rantala, Duane Reijo, Diana Reijo, clerk, Marjorie Lahti, treasurer. Absent and excused: None. Town employee/s: Dale Nelson, Jonathan Nelson. Community members: Kurt Mehtala, Nat Madison, Bonnie Nelson, Jeremy Bates, Mark Pihle, Steve Laakso, Karen Johnson, Rachelle Swanson, Josh Mieritz, Arthur Smith, Lenore Smith, Rudy Listing, Melissa Mieritz, Nancy Johnson, Roger Johnson and Ed Burhans.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by D. Reijo, second by T. Egbert to approve the agenda with the exception of the December 4, 2013 minutes (approved at the last meeting). Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by D. Reijo, second by T. Egbert to approve the consent agenda:
  - Approve general fund vouchers 10964-10987.
  - Minutes of the December 11, 2013 regular board meeting.Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$ 45,047.29 and Tax Account \$ 16,448.20.
6. Community groups or individuals
  - Steve Laakso –snowplowing of parking lots, ambiguity in budget report
  - Jeremy Bates – against Town decision to not plow Workshop, Oulu Pines and Hope Lutheran Church
7. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Snow plowing update: Chair S. Rantala read the response from Christopher J. Blythe, Assistant Attorney General, stating the Attorney General and his office cannot provide the town with a legal opinion. The legal authority of the Attorney General and the Wisconsin Department of Justice is specifically defined, and limited, by laws passed by the Wisconsin Legislature. They may issue legal opinions only as provided in Wis. Stat. §§ 59.42(1)(c), 59.42(2)(b)4., 165.015, and 165.25(3). Under these statutes, they do not have the authority to provide town attorneys or town officials with legal opinions concerning matters such as those the Town described.

Town's legal counsel Linda Coleman, Spears & Carlson, Attorneys at Law, was present to present facts regarding the Town of Oulu providing snow removal on private parking lots. Ms. Coleman stated that it is illegal for any Town to perform snow removal on private parking lots. She also stated that the Town can perform snow removal as long as the Town recovers solely the expenses incurred for the snow removal of private driveways.
8. New Business:
  - a. Employee Attendance at Board Meetings. Motion by D. Reijo, second by T. Egbert to have one employee present (*rotating every month*) at the board meeting for the highway/park/cemetery maintenance report. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. Cemetery/Park/Road Maintenance report:
  - Snowplowing roads.
  - Performing maintenance on equipment
  - Concerned about a culvert on the north end of Hoover Line that potentially will lead to flooding Hoover Line Road in the spring.
9. Correspondence:
  - a. WI Department of Safety & Professional Services – Review of general administrative practices and record keeping for UDC program and other UDC construction related issues control enforcement for UDC program
  - b. WI Department of Safety & Professional Services – Review of Review of erosion and sediment
10. Set Date/s for Next Meeting/s:
  - Special Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2014 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the town hall.
  - Regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2014 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the town hall. Bills will be reviewed at 6:30 p.m.
11. Adjournment – Motion by S. Rantala to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diana Reijo*, Clerk

APPROVED: February 12, 2014