

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
12/04/2024

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Town Council members present: Michael Perkins      Dana Wrigley  
Robert Nutting      David Groder      Donald Borman

Others present: Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager      Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
Abby Marshall, IT      Nathan Smart, Code Enforcement Officer  
Geoff Fotter      Ray Gruber      Angela Jurdak      Jon Cox  
Kelly Roderick      Donald Ponitz      Jean Ponitz      Geoff Ponitz  
Michelle Fontaine      Janet Lund      Sam Nepple

IV. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from November 13, 2024, and signing the weekly payables warrant.

V. Business Agenda:

**New Business:**

1. Order 35-2425      Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 approving the Downtown TIF Facade Grant Application submitted by Donald Ponitz dba JD Enterprises. The property is located at 46-48 and 50-52 Main Street. The planned improvements listed the storefront improvements, restoration of historical/original windows, doors and/or trim where possible. The start date of the project was July 1, 2023, and remains ongoing. The long-term goal is to renovate the entire building with retail space and four (4) independent living spaces. The grant amount approved is in the amount of \$106,360, payable over three years. Councilor Nutting, a member of the TIF committee, spoke in support of the work being completed by Mr. Ponitz, bringing business back to Main Street and hopes of providing future affordable housing. Geoff Ponitz announced that two (2) retail businesses will be opening in the month of December and asked that Council members join in the opening of those shops.
2. Order 36-2425      Code Enforcement Officer, Nate Smart, updated Council members on work being done with Jessica Cobb at KVCOG to comply with the newly adopted "Land Use Ordinance – LD 2003". The key component to this law is to allow a second dwelling being placed on a lot that would not normally be allowed due to minimum lot size. Buildings must meet all set-back and plumbing/sewer requirements. The law was pushed through by the state because of the need for more housing in our state. It was noted that the LD is for accessory buildings only, not to include recreational vehicles. At a future date the Code Enforcement Officer will provide additional information for the proposed amendment to the current ordinance.

3. Order 37-2425 Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 approving letters being sent to all delinquent personal property taxpayers.

### **Manager Updates**

\*Solar Array – The Manager is proposing a “Moratorium” , a pause, on all construction of solar sites in Oakland. Councilors expressed their concern with the run-off, storm water drainage, heavy metals, toxicity leaching into the grounds, from any proposed sites. The Manager will return with proposed language for the “Moratorium.

Fire Department – Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0-1(David Groder abstained) approving the use of monies received from the sale of the old storage trailer in the amount of \$5,000 and money from the Fireman’s Association for the purchase of a replacement trailer.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by David Groder seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:45 pm.