

Okee Sanitary District Regular Meeting – June 25, 2025 Minutes

Board Members Present; Paul Tatro, Brian Henry, Jerry Breunig

Employees Present; Connie Sears, Josh Brodeur

Also Present;

Citizen Present; Mike Keller N2844 Summerville Road

1. Call to order at 5:15 pm by Board President Breunig. Proper notice given in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute # 19.84. Roll call was taken.
2. **Resident Input-** Mike Keller N2844 Summerville Park Road requested meeting minutes and financial reports to better understand the Okee Sanitary District activities so he can report back to the Town of Lodi's Board. He was instructed that meeting minutes are available on line on the districts web site and financials are available upon written request to the Clerk. He was told we do not distribute draft copies. He was fine with that and stated whenever we can get him a copy of those things after approved so he then can make sense of it to report back to the Town Board. He then accused Jerry Breunig of attacking him at the Town Board meeting for not reporting things correctly is why he needs the information. Jerry stated he merely corrected him on his report. Henry stated that if Keller has the need to present something to the Town Board concerning our meetings, he should just take our meeting minutes that have been approved. Our meeting minutes reflect what happened at all of our meetings. Keller argued that the minutes reflect the subject matter listed on the agenda but doesn't cover the financials we review. Clerk Sears asked why the Town Board needs our financials? Since the Town Board has no jurisdiction over our day-to-day operations or our budgets. Keller said he only reports generalities. Keller went on to tell the Board the committee meetings the Town only discuss generalities with no details. He just wants to understand what we do here. Once again Henry encouraged Keller to use our posted meeting minutes he can find on line on our web site. Keller hopes when he sees the minutes he can understand what we are talking about. Henry went on to say just like at the Town Board meetings if people can't attend, they look at the Town Board minutes. Clerk Sears stated no financials are posted with the Town of Lodi meeting minutes. It was proposed to Keller that he merely fill out a public information request so we have a copy of the request on file and we know exactly what he is looking for. Henry stated we are not trying to make things difficult in which Keller replied we are way past that. Henry stated we like to have record requests in writing so we know what you want and that he should always go to the Clerk because the Clerk is the one who maintains the records. (clerks note; Keller has never requested any records from her) Henry stated when he was Town Chair everything went through the clerk when requesting records, never did it go through any Board members. Keller stated he was at those meetings. Breunig asked what other meetings Keller attends. Keller stated he goes to TARP meetings, Breunig asked if he reported those meetings back to the Town Board- Keller said no he isn't on those committees. Sears asked if he attended School Board or County meetings. Keller said he goes to County Board meetings when there is a project that involves the Town of Lodi. The County Board meetings are not generally included on the Town of Lodi's agenda and neither is the School Board meetings. Keller stated those meetings don't come up unless there is something pertinent happening. Breunig pointed out we have nothing pertinent to the Town happening here either right now so he doesn't quite get why he's here representing the Town. Keller stated he is here at our meetings for 2 reasons, there seems to be a poor communication, and sarcastically said "wow what a surprise" and #2 if there is anything he needs to convey to the Board. He went on to say he does have something but it doesn't affect our group it effects the other group, and went on to tell us Steve Neander wanted to tell us what a good job the district did on the Rodney Dr. road repair. Keller then went on to say something under his breath. Henry then stated Keller should request what he wants from us and we will do our best to accommodate him but it seems like making that request to the clerk seems like a big issue to Keller. Henry stated this is no different than asking for information from the Town Clerk, it's nothing different. We are a different legal

entity from the Town; we are all elected officials. Keller stated all he wants to be able to go back to the Town Board to let them know exactly what we talked about. He stated he didn't even report to the Town what we were getting from the porta potty joint, what we got as income, he didn't even bring it up. He stated if he was looking for every little detail he would have brought it up. The only thing he got out of the last meeting is that we had a good audit and who did the audit. (Clerks note; the auditor mentioned on the Towns meeting minutes was incorrect) Breunig stated at the Town meeting Keller reported he wasn't even at the last Okee Board meeting. Keller said he was sorry he gave Breunig a wrong answer. Keller then accused Breunig, at the Town Board meeting, of 2-3 times of jumping up out of his seat to make claims to the Town Board, and that if Breunig didn't believe him, he should go talk to someone else. Breunig stated that was not true and when he did get up it was to leave and Neander said to him this is why we have communication problems. Breunig stated that's when he stopped and said to the Town Board, no it's because, for an example, when we had money from the County coming to one of the districts from the tax roll, we had put 3 requests in to the Town Clerk for that payment, Keller tried to interject that Breunig was bringing up stuff that already happened, Breunig asked if he could finish and went on to say, Neander had to personally come deliver the check. Breunig said that is where our communication has problems, and that's where all this started is with the Town Clerks refusal to issue a check owed to one of the districts. Henry went on to say that after the meetings just fill out a request form and he can take whatever records he requests back to the Town Board. Or he can simply just send an email to the Clerk who is the keeper of the records and request what he wants. Also, if it's in writing we know the tasks have been completed once it's sent. Sometimes when you ask verbally it can get lost in translation. That's why we would like it in writing.

3. **May 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes** – Henry / Tatro motioned to approve May 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 01-2025- 2024 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR)** Brodeur reported we got a 4.0, a perfect score. Henry / Tatro motioned to approve the Resolution 01-2025. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Superintendent Report** – Brodeur reported everything is going well. The recent storm caused some outage but electricity was restored within a few hours.
6. **Clerk Report**- Sears reported everything is going well.
7. **Treasurer Report**- Henry / Breunig motioned to approve the Operating Income Budget Statement dated May 2025. Motion carried. Henry / Tatro motioned to approve General Ledger dated May 1– May 31, 2025. Motion carried. Henry / Tatro motioned to approve check register for June 2025 which includes check #6665 - #6670 and A276, for a total of \$1,323.88. Motion carried.
8. **Future Agenda** – Discuss possible purchase of Portable Generator
9. **Next meeting date**; July 23, 2025 tentatively.
10. Henry / Tatro motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:45 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Connie R. Sears
Administrator Clerk / Treasurer
Okee Sanitary District
July 23, 2025