

# Langdon Cardinals Face Off Oakes Tornadoes in First Varsity Game of the Season



The Oakes Tornadoes traveled up to Langdon for a rematch of last years opening round playoff game as they took on for the 7th time Langdon Area-Munich. It would end up being the Jax Johnson show as the Cardinal quarterback would dominate the Tornado defense to get the 34-6 win. The game started out with an opening kick return all the way to near the Oakes 35 by Eastyn Schaefer and 3 quick plays later Johnson would be running it in from the 1 yard line to

make it 7-0 under a minute into the game. Oakes would try to respond but Beau Thorpe would be intercepted by Johnson on the 2nd play of the Tornadoes' opening drive. Johnson would then run it in from 7 yards out with 5:50 left to go in the 1st quarter making it 14-0. Oakes would then put together a promising drive marching down the field with several explosive runs from Braysen Sagert and a few passes from Thrope. However as Oakes would get within touching distance of the

red zone Thorpe would once again be picked off this time by Dawson Downs with 2:06 left to go. Oakes would get the ball back however as Theo Romfo would fumble it less than half a minute later with Jacob Ptacek landing on the loose ball. Oakes would then be forced on a 3 and out to essentially end the quarter. The opening play of the 2nd quarter saw Reese Nitschke get in on the turnover game as he'd pick off Johnson on the opening drive of the quarter.

Oakes' offense however would once again be forced to punt. The Cardinals would put together a long drive with the Tornadoes unable to stop them several times on 3rd down before Johnson would hit Tanner McDonald for a 40 yard touchdown pass with 5:17 left in the half making it 21-0. Oakes would once again see their drive stall out and give Johnson the ball back. He would make them pay as this time he'd run the ball in from 34 yards out with 1:53 left on the clock to

make it 28-0 going into the half. Oakes would start with the ball in the 2nd half but their drive would again stall out. Langdon would see Johnson one last time march down the field and throw a 7 yard touchdown pass to Schaefer making it 34-0 with 8:12 left in the half. Neither team would find success after that with stalled drives going deep into the 4th quarter when Oakes would march down the field and Thorpe would find Zade Heier in the endzone on a 30 yard pass to make sure

Oakes would not be shut out making the final score 34-6. The Bank North Player of the Game was Reese Nitschke. Next up for the Tornadoes is a bye week before their home opener on September 5th when they play host to Hillsboro-Central Valley. Make sure to tune in at 6:00 on KDDR the Tornado on Fridays to catch the Full 9 Yard's to hear what's happening around the state in Football action. Pregame will begin immediately following.

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
AUGUST 12, 2025  
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Hernandez-Waite, Hollingsworth, Kelly, and Day. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Lee Bredeson, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.  
**Council Vacancy:** Day moved, J. Hollingsworth second to appoint Dylan Hollingsworth to the vacant council position, carried.  
**Engineer Report:** Project has reached substantial completion with punch list items to be reviewed with contractor later this month. Day moved, Kelly second to approve contractors request for payment as presented by engineer, carried.  
**Minutes, Auditor and Police Reports:** J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve minutes with correction to Mayor's name as noted, carried. Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth second to approve police report, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve auditor reports, carried.  
**Building Permits:** Sidewalk removal, S 150' Of Outlot H Letter Outlots: after discussion of highway 1 right-of-way J. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve removal of sidewalk up to highway 1 easement line, carried. Homeowners should contact ND DOT if they wish to remove additional sidewalk in easement area. D. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve Egress window, Lot 7 Blk 19 Washburn's Addn, carried. J. Hollingsworth inquired about how to handle a project that was already completed without obtaining a permit. Johnson will send a request to fill out the permit and pay any fees due.  
**Game of Chance Permit:** Harris moved, Day second to approve a raffle permit for DECA, carried.  
**Tourism Funding Requests:** Hernandez-Waite moved, Day second to approve request of \$3850.00 for the First Responder's Community Night out, carried. Day moved, Kelly second to approve \$2500.00 for Chamber Wine Walk and Oh Deer Shopping Weekend, carried.  
**Bills:** J. Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve

bills as presented, carried.  
Aflac 236.20  
Agtegra 155.00  
American Welding & Gas 80.99  
Aqua Pure 4786.36  
Avid Hawk 200.00  
Bank of ND 414725.68  
Bear Creek Flying 5060.25  
City of Fargo 42.00  
Code 4 Services 5547.56  
Dakota Improvement 5142.50  
Dakota Valley Electric 245.00  
DRN 7783.13  
Economy Oil 1004.70  
Fabian Pest Control 105.00  
Factset Research System 91.00  
Fallon Kelly 8880.00  
Geffdog Designs 585.00  
General Irrigation 3780.00  
Heritage Insurance 11.00  
Information Tech. 175.85  
Integrity Sales & Auction 200.00  
James River Repair 255.83  
Kustom Machine 86.95  
Midwest Pest Control 138.00  
Moore Engineering 235.00  
Napa 423.07  
ND One Call 25.50  
NDPERS INS 23,184.66  
NDPERS-Retirement 9,956.50  
ND Water User 325.00  
Newman Signs 285.46  
Novak Electric 511.05  
Oakes Area Chamber 2500.00  
OEI 10,982.31  
Oakes Times 597.21  
Oakes Truck & Trailer 943.98  
Otter Tail Power 7,711.28  
Parsons Electric 10243.00  
Praska 1892.35  
Recycling Center 890.25  
Rod's Cleaning 80.00  
Starion Bank 2,420.55  
Sweets N Stories 245.56  
Tornado Stop 2343.66  
Travis Mcpherson 1127.50  
USA Blue Book 300.91  
Visa-library 1008.97  
Visa-City 1683.22  
Vistos 361.99  
Waste Management-Recycle 9214.82  
Workforce Safety 250.27  
Zacks Repair 45.00  
Payroll Taxes 15667.02  
Salaries 69864.85

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**Visitors:** Bob Ubben expressed concerns about a tree on the highway 1 boulevard that is dying and poses

a potential risk if it goes down. Day moved, J. Hollingsworth second to get bids for removal, carried.

**Committee Reports:** Harris reported a new quote was received for insulating the City Shop, this one significantly lower than was previously quoted. Discussed options for funding the improvement which will include money from several departments. Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth second to approve insulation of the shop as quoted, carried. Kelly brought up the remaining water meters to be replaced. Attorney Kelly will draft a letter to send to residents including a statement that service could be disrupted if meters are not replaced. J. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to send the letter to anyone who needs a new meter still, carried. Kelly also expressed thanks to the police officers for helping to cover public works duties during our staffing shortage. Recycling service was discussed, the cost to recycle items is higher than regular trash services and it puts more mileage and wear and tear on the truck driving to Wahpeton. The amount of recycling picked up has steadily declined over the years and alternative options were discussed. Cardboard dumpsters will still be available around town. Harris moved, Day second to discontinue recycling pickup by the City, carried. The sanitation portfolio will discuss the plan for ending services and what to do with the totes, plan will be discussed at the next meeting. J. Hollingsworth has spoken with Theirin Well about servicing the two wells, they are estimating \$15,000 for each well. Recently were informed that Rural Water will test hydrants for free, will pursue this going forward. A question was raised whether we could require alcohol establishments to have an electronic ID scanner for age verification. Several establishments recently obtained scanners and the Department of Health offers grants to assist with the purchases. Attorney Kelly will review ordinance and law and provide guidance.

**Unfinished Business:** Main Avenue Lot bid was opened; business plan was reviewed and discussed. J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to accept bids for Lots 6 & 7 Block 9 Original Plat, carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance: discussed small changes that had been made since last reading. J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinances as presented, carried.

**New Business:** Propane bids, two bids were received from Economy

Propane & Agtegra Coop. J. Hollingsworth moved, D. Hollingsworth second to accept the Economy Propane bid, carried. Two tree removal bids were received for trees along Maple Ave & S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Day moved Hernandez-Waite second to approve removal bid from GS Services, carried. One bid for removal of stumps was received, J. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve bid from Dakota Improvement, carried. Brent Larson has started the process of obtaining a CDL to assist with sanitation operations, Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth second to pay or reimburse any expenses or fees incurred, carried.

**Announcements & Correspondence:** D. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
JULY 29, 2025  
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Day, Hernandez-Waite, Harris, Hollingsworth and Kelly. Employees present: Zasha Johnson, Brent Larson, Fallon Kelly and Chad Raatz  
**Open Council Position:** No appointments were made. A name was suggested and council will reach out to confirm interest in the position.  
**Police Department Requests:** Quotes were received for upgraded body camera packages and laptops. Discussed need for upgrades and how the systems will integrate with each other. Camera package is a 5-year contract that includes equipment upgrades and warranty. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve 5-year camera package contract and purchase of three new laptops, carried.

**Preliminary Budget Hearing:** Johnson presented the preliminary budget and discussed the new law limiting budget increases to 3%. The TIF District in the City is expiring in September causing the valuation of the TIF District property to be included in the 3% calculation worksheet, which increases the budget limit. Harris moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve the preliminary budget of 100.55 mills generating \$572,021.42, carried. The final budget hearing was scheduled for Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Oakes Community Center.

**Ordinance Review & Update:** Discussed the proposed ordinance updates and debated some

changes and additions to be made. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve the first reading of the ordinance update as presented, carried.

Kelly moved, Day second to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM.  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**  
**COMMISSION**  
The Special Assessment Commission of the City of Oakes met on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 and on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 at the Oakes Community Center. Commissioners present were Ken Schulz, Dana Grosgebauer, and Mark Malberg.  
The Commission proceeded to complete the determination of the particular lots and parcels of land within Street Improvement District No. 2023-01 especially benefitted, and the assessment of benefits against each such parcel of land.  
Commissioner Ken Schulz moved the adoption of the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the members of the Special Assessment Commission have reviewed the property within Street Improvement District No. 2023-01 which may be subject to such special assessments, and have determined from such inspection the particular lots and parcels of land which in the opinion of the Commission will be especially benefitted by the construction of such work for which special assessments are to be made, and have assessed against each such parcel of land such sum not exceeding the benefits as may be necessary to pay its just proportion of the costs of such work including all expenses incurred in the making of special assessments, and publishing notices with reference thereto and the per diem of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, said Commission has caused to be made a complete list of the benefits and assessments setting forth each lot or improvement, and the amount assessed against each such lot or tract of land; and

WHEREAS, said list has been completed and there has been attached to said list of assessments a certificate, signed by all members of the Special Assessment Commission, certifying that the same is a true and correct assessment of the property therein described, to the best of their judgment, and stating the several items of expense included in the assessment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:  
1. The Special Assessment

Commission has determined the particular lots and parcels of land which in the opinion of the Commission will be especially benefitted by the construction of such work for which such special assessments are to be made.

2. The Special Assessment Commission has assessed against each such parcel of land such sum not exceeding the benefits as shall be necessary to pay its just proportion of the costs of such work, including all expenses incurred in the making of special assessments and publishing necessary notices with reference thereto and the per diem of the Commission.

3. The Commission has caused to be made a complete list of the benefits and assessments setting forth each lot or tract of land assessed, the amount each lot or tract is benefitted by the improvement, and the amount assessed against each such lot or tract of land; that each of said lots or tracts of land is hereby assessed the amount shown on said assessment list.

4. The list has been completed and there has been attached thereto a Certificate signed by all of the members of the Special Assessment Commission certifying that the same is a true and correct assessment of the property therein described to the best of their judgment and stating the several items of expense included in the assessment.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Mark Malberg. On roll call, the following commissioners voted in favor of said Resolution: Ken Schulz and Mark Malberg, and Dana Grosgebauer. No one voted against the Resolution so the motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Ken Schulz and seconded by Commissioner Mark Malberg that the assessment list for Street Improvement District No. 2023-01 be published pursuant to N.D.C.C. 40-23-10, and that the following notice be published in the official newspaper of the city: Please Take Notice that the Oakes Special Assessment Commission shall meet and hold a public hearing on the 23<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oakes Community Center in the City of Oakes to hear objections made to any assessment by any interested party, his agent or attorney. Also that said notice shall be sent to the newspaper for publication and mailed via certified mail to all public utilities within the city limits no later than August 29, 2025 for two publications in the paper on September 4, 2025 and on September 11, 2025. On roll call, Ken Schulz, Mark Malberg, and Dana Grosgebauer voted aye, no one voted nay, so the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn.

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