

## Village Of Onekama Council Meeting March 19, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Bob Wendt at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Schwing, Blackmore, Peterson, Hendricks, Combs & Lagerquist/ present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: none

### CONSENT ADOPTION:

Blackmore moved, Combs supported to accept the Feb. 20 minutes with the additional comment regarding the Hazardous Waste Disposal Day as follows: some of the public who had waited in line, were turned away near end of day. The Village hopes this will be handled in a different way this year so everyone can dispose of their hazardous material as promised and of which the Village is paying for. Passed. Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to accept the Treasurers report and to pay the bills, make the transfers.

### ONEKAMA SCHOOL REMODELING

Kevin Hughes brought to the council's attention that when an extensive survey was done for this project it was found that the fence and side walk by the tennis court are on the Village road right of way. Kevin made contact with the Village Attorney as to how to proceed. Options were presented to the council and also the survey. Council thanked Kevin Hughes for the information and this will be discussed further at the April 07 planning board meeting. All legal fees are being taken care of by Onekama School.

### LIFTSTATION ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

Tom Bihlmeyer reported that the MDEQ permit was received for this project and bid advertising is underway. Sealed bids will be opened on April 10 at 2p.m./Farr Center. Public welcome and encouraged to attend.

## JETTY PROJECT

Papers have been filed for an amendment to the original grant asking for an additional \$38049.56. Project should begin when the ice is gone from the lake with the project taking 30 days to complete. The boat launch will be closed during this period.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SEWER

Report:

Maintenance-sewer person Gronostalski reported (in addition to his written report) that the catch basin in the E-Z Mart parking lot had collapsed but is repaired. Generator at lift station #3 is operational now and the EPS alarms at the lift stations have been up dated.

Council person Bob Blackmore attended and completed the 3 day Wastewater Stabilization Lagoon Course held in Frankenmuth Mi.

Council received a request from Mike Olejniczak, writing on behalf of the lodging industry in Onekama Village, asking if the Village would think about using a different formula to calculate the sewer rates during winter months or periods when they have low occupancy. This will be discussed during the April Planning Board.

### STREETS

Streets are in great shape and the maintenance person has begun the process of sweeping up the sand.

### PLANNING BOARD

Next meeting will be April 7 at 7 p.m.

### ZONING

--Township and Village interviewed several persons for the ZA vacancy. Offered job to one applicant but said applicant had already secured employment elsewhere. Offered job to second applicant and they also found another job, so we are back to square one and advertising again.

Combs moved, Blackmore supported to issue a moratorium on new construction in the Village, pending legal opinion, until a Zoning Administrator is hired. Passed. Clerk will notify Attorney Wilson.

#### PARKS-FARR CENTER

--Duck Ordinance

This ordinance would control and regulate the feeding of certain species of birds and waterfowl in Onekama Village. After some discussion and corrections to words, Hendricks moved, Schwing supported to adopt this ordinance. Passed. Clerk will contact the Attorney to have this published. Complete ordinance is on file in the clerk's office.

Peterson reported we are on the list for grant money from Hamburger Helper. What is needed is support from people in the Village via E-mail. Contact either Craig Peterson or Alice Hendricks for this E-mail address.

#### PORTAGE LAKE WETLANDS PROJECT

Chairperson, Suzanne Schwing presented a resolution to the Village council as part of the grant process. The resolution was asking for a commitment from the council of a grant match of 25% of the land acquisition project cost and said funds would come from the General Fund. This would amount to around \$150,000.00. Many questions were asked and much discussion followed. It was understood by the council that in December when the grants were given out, if the Village didn't have this money or had changed their minds they could back out of this resolution. The clerk asked for a written copy of this statement since it was part of the grant paper work. The clerk was told no paper work was available. Council person Peterson was very much against this resolution bringing up the fact that at a Special meeting in August 29, 2007 a motion was made by himself that no Village tax payer monies will be spent during the grant process to hold or obtain this property. More discussion followed. The Treasurer added, "I can't give you money that isn't there". The clerk agreed with the Treasurer and council person Peterson regarding this resolution. After more discussion, Hendricks moved, Combs supported to have the clerk sign the resolution. (The clerk still had reservations about signing the resolution.). Passed. Peterson opposed and Schwing abstained due to the fact he was asked to because his wife owns the property across the street from the property making a conflict of interest.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.  
No report.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Schwing reported he is getting prices on trees and will contact the Onekama Cemetery Association for contribution to help with this purchase.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Hendricks gave report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PLA is helping getting the Web site for Village operational.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

--ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP

---MDOT

--CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY

--WATERWAYS GRANT

--WADE TRIM

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEM

--PORTAGE LAKE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER/OIL PAINTING

Request to copy the oil painting received by the clerk. Clerk is researching the artist-family trying to secure permission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne Schwing/Lakeshore focus group

Doug Callaway/ PLA-Welcome to Onekama Sign

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson



