

## VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 20,2023

**Call to Order:** President Burger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY President Burger**

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: S. Fauble, S. Halloran, R. Hudson, A. Arthur, J. Wemlinger and W. Miller.  
Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**County Commissioner:** Jeff Dontz gave an update regarding Manistee County.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the August 31, 2023 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** none. M/C.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Fauble, Halloran, Hudson, Arthur, Miller, Wemlinger and Burger – yes. M/C.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:** renewal of Zoning Service Contract: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to renew contract with Manistee County as presented. M/C. President Burger and clerk Hudson will sign with a copy on file with the clerk..

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION** –report

--- **proposed amendments/adoption of:** After some discussion, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Fauble supported to adopt the proposed amendments to the Portage Lake Overlay district of the Village Zoning ordinance which had been revised, Section 7004.C which relates to setbacks from a public street. Language was modified in paragraph 3.a and 4 to read “the maximum setback shall be no more than 15ft as measured from”. Roll Call: Trustees Halloran, Wemlinger, Arthur and Fauble/yes. Trustees Miller, Hudson and President Burger/no. M/C.

--**Chris Forth gave a Power Point presentation** on Mixed Used Developments in the down town district. Lots of potential in the village. Planning commission is ready to work on language for our zoning ordinance. After some discussion, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Miller supported that the Village Council direct the planning commission (by the way of offering guidance) to develop zoning code language for mixed use development in the village and present its recommendations to the council at the November council meeting. M/C.

#### **SEWER**

-- President Burger reported that the wet wells were cleaned out and the sewer committee met and no action was taken.

#### **STREETS:**

--2023 street repairs have been completed. President Burger connected on line with M-Dot re; the 2024-2028 proposed 5 year plan.

#### **PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

##### **PARKS:**

--**Trustee Hudson**, chair of Parks Committee, reported the committee has received recommendations from Josh Shields re; new trees for the park. His main recommendation, wait for spring to plant. Josh will do another walk through in Oct to confirm with the committee where to plant and the number to begin with.

##### **--Event Stage**

**Joe Suchocki**, chair of the ORC reported their goal of \$75,000. has been raised. Great news!! He will meet with the contractor and the parks committee to finalize the location in the park on Thursday morning/8:30. The ORC would like to pour foundation in Oct. for construction of stage to begin early spring. After much discussion it was decided to start foundation work after fall festival but still in October. After more discussion, Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to enter into a contract with Bret Mathieu as the general contractor for this project after a review and approval from the village attorney. M/C..

--Park Fountain::After some discussion re; the water for the fountain being turned on, Shirley Brooks (Garden Club rep.) reported that an 8ft long trench will be dug on October 9 by garden club volunteer husbands to investigate the leak in the line.

##### **--Park Restroom Availability for Winter;**

Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Fauble supported to place a porta potty in the park for the winter. This will be handicap accessible. Clerk will make arrangements to have this placed after the fall festival.

#### **FARR CENTER:**

-- windows are on order and will be installed when they arrive.

**CEMETERY:** a report on concerns re; the Veterans Memorial will be given at the October meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** committee did not meet in Sept. but will meet in November.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:** minutes on line.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Snow Plow:

President Burger reported the need to advertise for a snow plow driver/part time for the upcoming winter season. After some discussion, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Miller supported to advertise. M/C.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nola Teye/FOIA request/sewer info.

#### **ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

Council e-mail problems are being investigated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson