

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2018

Public Hearing/2018-19 Budget

President Burger called public hearing open at 6:30 p.m. One member of the public in attendance. No questions were asked with regards to the budget.

Call to Order: President Burger closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and called the February meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Drumm, R. Hudson, S. Schwing, W. Miller and newly appointed trustee Ray Franz. Also present Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

County Commissioner: no report.

Kevin Hughes/Onekama School-Superintendent

Presented the 2017 annual school report to the council. Many projects underway, new roof, heating and cooling system upgrades, heated stairs were made possible due to the bond passage. Steady enrollment with around 439 kids.

Onekama Township Fire Dept./request

Asked permission from the council to install a Dry Hydrant off of the village boat launch with no cost to the Village. After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to allow this

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Drumm moved, Trustee Hudson supported to accept the January 2018 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Miller moved, Schwing supported to amend the 2017-18 budget as requested. M.C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Schwing supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

2018-19 Budget Adoption

Trustee Drumm moved, Trustee Miller supported to adopt the budget as presented. M.C.

Trustee Drumm moved, Trustee Miller supported to pay **the regular recurring bills for the 2018-19 Fiscal year. M.C.**

Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Hudson supported to continue **meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7p.m. for the 2018-19 fiscal year. M.C.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: report from acting ZA Hendricks is on file with the clerk.

PLANNING COMMISSION – no report

SEWER-quarterly samples are done.

STREETS:

Still waiting for reimbursement for the repair of the storm drain on Spring St. from the contractor (working for Charter) who damaged the drain when installing internet cable. The following are possible street repair projects that are being investigated: 3rd. Street, North of Catholic Church, 3rd street south of Catholic Church, Spring Street- east of Zosel & 5th & Fairview. No decisions were made at this meeting. Council was asked to look at these streets for their input at the March meeting.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**Parks:**

Mary Reed gave report on the trails project and a watershed update. The village has been contacted again by the Lions' Club regarding the park pavilion project. We are waiting on drawings. Additional questions regarding an architect were also answered.

Farr Center: Trustee Schwing reported that trustee Miller has accepted the job of painting the offices and installing the carpeting in Farr Center. Schwing moved, Miller supported to raise the rental rates (for 100 persons) from \$135. To \$150. M.C. Franz opposed.

CEMETERY:

The draft cemetery policy is still being worked on.

TOWNSHIP REPORT – minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Ray Franz was sworn in (in January) as the new Village Council Trustee. He was also appointed to sit on the sewer committee.

--Recommendations (identifying existing and potential liability exposures) from recent Risk Control visit (MI Township Participating Plan) are being worked on.

--Alice Hendricks resigned from the council as of February 2. A replacement trustee is needed.

--Trustee Schwing is working on a mission statement. Draft statements will be available for the March meeting. She also would like the council to consider hiring another employee to help the maintenance man. After some discussion it was decided to have the personnel committee to look into this.

CORRESPONDENCE: US Dept. of Commerce, Consumers Energy, Blarney Castle, Michigan Township Participation Plan, MI State Police, Health Dept.of Northwest MI., Hastings Mutual Insurance, Portage Lake Association, Michigan Rural Water Association, Michigan Department of Transportation.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS: Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Miller supported to send a letter of support to the Township for their efforts to obtain a variance as indicated in SB 721 (Booher) Natural Resources: sand dunes. M.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson