

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2023

Call to Order: President Burger called the June 21, 2023 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 and J. Wemlinger
Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson. **Trustee W. Miller, absent**

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

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

Julie Stec new manager for Dial-A-Ride introduced herself and let the public know that dial-ride is still operating and available to all. Questions about transportation and schedules call: 723-6525 or 1-800-775-7433.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to accept the May 2023 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Treasurer Jach had been contacted by West Shore Bank now offering good rates on CD's, after some discussion, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to take money out of General Fund Savings to purchase a \$75,000.00 9 month CD from West Shore Bank @ 5.2% interest rate, as requested by the treasurer.M/C. Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported to take \$100,000. out of Equipment Fd saving to purchase a 9 month CD from West Shore Bank @ 5.2% interest rate as requested by the treasurer.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Trustee Halloran gave a very informative and detailed report. They are currently working on getting mixed use developments into our current zoning ordinance plus working on revisions to our fence and sign ordinances and updating the Master Plan. Council approved of the work being done and agreed that that mixed use development was also needed. Halloran also stated that there was a need for a recording secretary, due to the information being recorded, no one on the Planning Commission felt qualified to take the minutes as needed. After some discussion, Halloran moved, Arthur supported to hire Michelle Swanson at \$75.00 a meeting to take the minutes. Arthur, Fauble, Wemlinger and Halloran/yes-Hudson and Burger/no. M/C.

Also, the council has agreed for the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Manistee Forward Meeting in Farr Center/August 10,2023 at 7 p.m.

SEWER

Work continues on the USDA RD Sewer funding project.
Sewer Committee met.

STREETS: Portage St repair project is complete. Drain problems further up the street are being addressed.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**Parks:**

Manistee Conservation District will hold a boat wash on August 7 /10-2 p.m.
Life Jacket Station has been installed near the swim area. Now waiting on the jackets.
A letter of support for the Glen Park "Loop Project" will be sent.

--Trustee Hudson, chair of Parks Committee, reported that he had been contacted by Mary Talbott from the garden club re: replacing the trees that were removed in the park with black willows. Hudson would like to make contact with an arborist for their recommendation before making any decision.

--Community Parks & Rec:

Trustee Arthur reported the following: Village Parks Committee met with the Onekama Parks Committee. Items discussed: Scavenger Hunt during Onekama Days, using pavilion in park for yoga classes and there will be a walking tour of historical sights and homes in the village, Friday of Onekama Days.

Farr Center:

Manistee County Library has requested permission to place a Narcan Dispenser Station outside by the library entrance (parking lot side). Some discussion followed then Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported to allow this to be done. M/C.

Modify Rental Agreement?

--After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to leave agreement as is for the time being.
--Trustee Halloran resigned from the Farr Center Committee.

CEMETERY:

Removal of the dead or dying trees will be happening soon.

COMMUNICATIONS: no report

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Covid money the village received will probably be used by the sewer fund.

Trustee Wemlinger will be attending the next Township meeting and asking the Township for a donation from their covid money to be used to help with the building of the event stage in the village park. He also reported that the OCR did not get the grant they applied for from Consumers Energy but they are hard at work looking at different sources for some funds.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nola Teye/sewer equivalent rate.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson