# VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
## MINUTES

## October 21, 2026 2026

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by President Miller**

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, S. Finan, T. Foster & R. Hudson
Also Present: Treasurer Jach & Clerk Hudson Trustees absent/Susan Halloran

**SET-AMEND AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**.

**MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – no report**

**Rob Johnson/Onekama Twp fire chief spoke briefly on the Fire Authority Initiative and the 2.5 mill proposal on the ballot. Questions were answered and the public can contact him with additional questions and concerns.**

**MaryJo McElroy reported** the following: Watering of the hanging baskets have stopped for the season and greens will be inserted for the winter months. The PLA is now asking for support of the 2027 Onekama Blooms project by having citizens sponsor a petunia hanging basket on a shepherd's hook. $495, for hook, sleeve & container or $559.- hook, sleeve container and personalized signage. **16 have been sold already.** The garden club will be notified by the MCCF around November 15 if they will be awarded a grant to help with the renovation of the park fountain. The sidewalk portion of the Safe Walk to School Plan is in the survey phase now and there will be a comm. Zoom meeting in the winter.

**Connie Veverica**/Garden Club chair asking the council to approve the sites that have been selected for the planting of the two new trees which were approved in the September minutes. After some discussion it was decided to let Trustee Fauble/FC chair approve the location.

**Andrew Przybocki/Portage Lake Motel owner and Mr. & Mrs. Durant owners of the laundromat questioned the sewer rates they are charged for their businesses. They are asking for a meeting with the sewer committee. President Miller will be setting this up soon.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**:
Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the September 30, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

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**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Fauble supported to amend budget as requested. M/C.

**BILLS AND TRANSFERS**
Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for September, 2026. After discussion, President Miller called for a roll call vote. Burger – Yes, Fauble – Yes, Finan – Yes, Foster – Yes, Hudson – yes, Miller – Yes. M/C..

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING REPORT**

**PLANNING BOARD REPOR**T

**SEWER REPORT**
**Sewer Upgrade**
**--trustee Burger** moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve payment of Draw 12. M/C. Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve change order #6 (lining of additional pipes) M.C. Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Foster to approve Amendment #3 (engineering) M.C.

**Sewer Connection**
**--**Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Foster supported to approve the connection request for 5003 Main St.(Greg & Joyce Carlson) as of September 1, 2026. M/C.

--Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept the tie in to our system by Onekama School(new pickle ball courts area)as of October 1, 2026. Sewer Committee will meet to determine rate charge.

**STREETS REPORT**
Jason and Mindy Sievert brought to the attention of the board 3 drains on Portage St that need attention, high water, slow draining and a sink hole.

**PARKS**
**Playground Mulch/update**
**--**Trustee Hudson reported that the mulch will be in place by November 1.

**--Flag Replacement**
**New flag is flying in the park. Village** resident, Ralph Drumm donated new rope for this project and Trustee Hudson and clerk Hudson have donated the new flag. A big Thank-you to the Johnson Sign Co for the installation of the rope.

**FARR CENTER REPORT –**
**--Barn Quilt Sq. has been hung to the side of the entrance door of the library.**

**Farr Building Hallway/painting drywall**
Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept bid of $2200.from DW2 Drywall to do this work. M/C. Trustee Fauble reported that the cost quote received to replace windows (in FC & library) damaged by the hail needs to be investigated further.

**CEMETERY REPORT** –no complaints!

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**PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION – J**oe Suchocki reported that they will be working with the Onekama School journalism class on a brochure to promote the Onekama area. He also reported that 2 new businesses, a Craft Studio, a refill ARY store will be opening soon in the village. Also the Speckled Goat will be reopen in the spring under new management.

**FUNDING RESEARCH –**

**SEWER EQUIVALENTS RESEARCH-**

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT** -

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**
**Trustees Foster and Burger will be looking into getting a Chrome Book in place of a tablet for the sewer system.**

**NEW BUSINESS**
--Maintenance person
Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to advertise for a maintenance Tech. M/C.

CORE**SPONDENCE:** The Nale Family/proposal for a new nature reserve park

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS –**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**ADJOURN** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Ruth M. Hudson

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