

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting November 20, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Roger Burger (elected on November 4th and sworn in by the clerk on November 18) at 7:15 p.m.
(Clerk Hudson was sworn in on November 13 by Manistee County Clerk-Jill Nowak and clerk Hudson swore in Treasurer Jach on November 18).

Re elected trustees, Hendricks and Drumm were sworn in by the clerk.

ROLL CALL: Trustees A. Hendricks, R. Drumm, R. Milasich/present.
Trustee Miller/absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Drumm moved, Milasich supported to accept the October 15, 2014 regular minutes as presented. M/C.

TREASURERS REPORT—Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to accept the October statement of accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURERS REQUEST-

--Milasich moved, Drumm supported to redeposit the \$51,999.15, which was taken out due to a miscommunication regarding the interest rate, back into PNC at the interest rate of .75% and to open a checking account in the amount of \$1500.00. M/C. The opening of this checking account is necessary so we can get the .75% interest rate and avoid the \$15.00 a month fee.

-- Milasich moved, Drumm supported to raise the sewer rates to \$12.00 per quarter which is equal to \$4.00 per month. M/C. This increase takes effect March 1, 2015. The increase was needed due to the rising cost of electricity and repairs to an aging infrastructure.

--Milasich moved, Hendricks supported to approve the purchase of a new utility billing program, (Creative Technologies) due to the fact the current one is going out of business. M/C. Price around \$1989.00

--Drumm moved, Milasich supported to upgrade the Treasurers and Clerk's computer at the cost of \$2,684. M/C. This needs to be done due to the fact the current Windows PC program is not protected.

All the above actions were requested by the Treasurer with the supporting paperwork regarding these actions to go on file with these minutes.

BILLS/TRANSFERS

Milasich moved, Drumm supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

Trustee Appointments:

Drumm moved, Milasich supported to approve the appointment of Ken Bauer to fill a vacancy (4 year term) on the Onekama Village Council. M/C
Drumm moved, Milasich supported to approve the appointment of Rodney Hudson to fill the second vacancy (2 years remaining on a four year term) on the Onekama Village council. M/C. Clerk Hudson swore them into office.

Park Band Shell/update

Trustee Milasich presented to the board drawings and estimate of probable costs for this project. The proposed band shell (800 sq. ft) would be in line with the existing pavilion and be a multi use facility. Trustee Drumm was very outspoken with his concerns that this project will be done at no cost to the Village. After much discussion, Trustee Milasich moved, Trustee Drumm supported to have the Village council endorse the Proposal presented in the documents provided by Kendra C. Thompson at the request of Mr. & Mrs. LaFleur for the Village of Onekama Project to add in the Village Park a multi use, stand-alone Band Shell in the area located across from the existing Pavilion and adjacent to Portage St.

Roll Call Vote: Bauer-yes, Hendricks-yes, Drumm-yes, Hudson-yes and Milasich-yes. M/C. The complete proposal with conditions is attached.

Bauer moved, Drumm supported to approve the appointment of Trustee Milasich as the Village representative on the Village Park Band Shell Board of Directors. M/C.

ZONING:

Report on file. Included with the report was a revised land use permit application for the boards' additions or corrections.

PLANNING BOARD/report

In the process of reviewing by-laws and Ordinance 42. A very informative film (How to conduct a productive meeting) was viewed and discussed.

--the planning commission requested that the zoning administrator talk to the owners of two blighted buildings in the Village asking they be brought into compliance. Clerk will confer on this matter with the ZA.

Planning Commission meeting dates for 2015 are as follows: January 14, June 10, September 9 and November 11. All meetings will be in the Zoning Administrators' office at 1p.m. Additional meetings will be called when necessary and will be posted.

Planning Board Appointments:

Trustee Milasich reported that Article 105 of the Village Planning Commission Ordinance sets forth a 3 step procedure for membership appointments. The president and clerk will work together to comply with

this ordinance so the President can make appointments in January. There is presently one vacancy, and Bonnie Miller's term expires in January 2015.

SEWER

Report—LS #3/ pump seal failure. Drumm moved, Bauer supported to approve the pump repair, cost \$2285.00 by Vandevest in Ludington. M/C.

Sewer Disconnect

Ken Bauer asked to have 5168 Brook St. removed from the sewer billing due to the fact the house is no longer there. Letter was received from Manistee Plumbing informing of the disconnection of the house from the village system and the capping of the line. Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to approve this removal. M/C.

Demolition bids/11 mile rd. house

ACM survey was completed and no asbestos was found but there could be lead paint to deal with during the demolition. After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to rebid this in the spring so that the lead paint issue can be addressed. President Burger will make contact with all the bidders regarding this action.

STREETS

--winter sand and salt has been delivered.

--The new front plow should be delivered sometime in December.
and the belly blade was rebuilt.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

--boat ramp has been pulled out for the season.

--a big thank-you to the Garden Club (decorating Farr Center hall tree) and Frank English (Holiday Village display) for the holiday decorations which are greatly enjoyed by all.

--a request was received to reduce cost of a rental due to the fact the Christmas tree and village set up take up room that can be used during the rental. After much discussion consensus not to reduce.

HALL RENTAL RATES

Hendricks moved, Drumm supported to raise the rental rates by \$5.00 as of January 1, 2015. M/C.

EXPLORE THE SHORES-park upgrade

--waiting for spring to complete project.

WATERSHED:

next meeting-Tuesday November 25, 2014

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC

--concentrating on removing some trees Glen Park.

CEMETERY REPORT: all is well, quiet.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

--no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ONEKAMA HEALTH CARE BUILDING

The Village was offered this property and after a visit by three trustees this property was found to be in a state of disrepair from being closed up and the Board unanimously decided not accept this property.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be an informational meeting on the workings of the sewer system, Monday November 24-3:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

A FOIA request was received (and answered) for drawings of the Onekama Village storm drains. The Village does not have drawings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ruth M. Hudson
Village clerk

