

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2023

Call to Order: President Pro-tem, Wayne Miller called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led BY **President Pro-tem, Miller**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner: no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the November 30, 2023 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER’S REQUEST: Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Hudson to amend budget as requested. M/C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. Roll call vote as follows: Fauble, Hudson, Halloran, Miller, and Wemlinger – yes. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--nothing to report

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

---After some discussion Halloran moved, Fauble supported to raise planning commission members pay to \$50. Per meeting as supported in the 2023-2024 budget as Of March 2023. M/C. Trustee Hudson opposed. Trustee Halloran reported that some questions in regard to the RFP still need answering by President Burger. Pro-Tem President Miller let the board know that President Burger is taking care of this issue.

SEWER

--it was reported that the sewer committee met and discussed the following: purchasing a badly needed plow truck with grant money, investigation and analysis of the current sewer rates and Nola Teyes’ request for a reduction to her sewer bill.

STREETS:

--nothing to report.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

PARKS:

--Trustee Wemlinger reported attending a joint Parks & Rec. meeting with Trustee Fauble. Discussed was Water Trails web site with info re: places to stop along Portage Lake and Lake MI. when people are out kayaking-boating etc. to rest , picnic or just stop to investigate the area. The board liked the idea of this web site and our area being included.

FARR CENTER:

-- New windows: installation will be as soon as the contractors can fit us into their schedule.
-- estimate for the upgrade to the electrical panel is pending as reported by Trustee Miller. Trustee Halloran asked that the following be a part of these minutes: we have been waiting over a year for this info and doesn't understand why it has been taking so long? Pro-Tem President Miller reported that Paraigm Electric is going to be doing the work as soon as time becomes available.

CEMETERY:**2023 Policy**

--After some discussion, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve presented policy and adopt as of this date with the amending of line item 4-D(I) to read due to plot sizes being smaller in cemetery1, urns to be interred with an adult casket are limited to urns no larger than 4 cubic feet. M/C.

Tree Trimming/removal—Cemetery I

--Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Halloran supported to employ John Seivert to do some tree trimming and removal in Cemetery #1. Mr. Seivert forwarded his proposal (12-18-23)of the work that needs to be done to Trustee Wemlinger. The proposed work would be accomplished at a price not to exceed \$1000. And Mr. Seivert would be paid at a rate of \$40./per hr. Proposed work would be accomplished between now and Memorial Day, 2024. M/C.

---Trustee Wemlinger is also writing a proposal to hire a ground maintenance person to be in charge of both cemeteries.

COMMUNICATIONS: will meet in early 2024.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Nola Teye/ewer equivalent reduction. Sewer Committee met and since she is still running her business there will be no reduction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Debbie Storm/extension of leaf bag pick-up, later into the year. Chris Forth/have zoom meetings.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

--Budget work session (open to the public) for 2024-25 budget will be Tuesday January 23, 5:45 p.m. Treasurer Jach gave the board budget vs actual work sheets to review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson