

**Village of Onekama
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, M. Finan, T. Foster, S. Halloran & R. Hudson
Also Present: Clerk Hudson and Treasurer Jach.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS/none

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: Joe Suchocki commented on his concern over the lack of transparency, integrity and lack of personal respect in the Onekama Trails Project.

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Dontz was not in attendance..

2026 Insurance Renewal/Adam Gandolfi

--took questions from the board and gave a brief synopsis of our 2026 coverage. After much discussion, Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Foster supported to renew. M/C.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept the September 30, 2025 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

--Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Finan supported to amend the Capital Expenditures (line item #209-955) in the Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$4800. to cover the cost of the 4 Fieldstone Pillars labor and the painting of the metal signs (on the posts) in Cemetery #2. M/C.

--Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Foster supported to amend line item #215-702 (clerks' salary) by \$360.75 and line item # 253-702 (treasurers' salary) by \$240. for the 5% pay raise and amend line item #390-702 in the sewer fund by \$120. (Treasurers' salary) to cover the 5%

raise. This covers the period from October 2025 thru February 2026. M/C. Trustee Burger opposed.

--Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Foster supported to renew the 5- \$20,000. CDs in General Fund which mature 10-22-25 and to renew the 5 - \$20,000. Equipment CD's that mature on September 30. M/C.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for September 2025. After discussion, President Miller called for a roll call vote. Burger – Yes, Fauble – Yes, Foster – Yes, Finan-yes, Halloran-yes & Hudson – Yes, & President Miller – Yes. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING- current ZA David Jarvi is leaving. Katie Gruenberg will be filling in for now.

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PLANNING

--**Master Plan** was reviewed at the Oct PB meeting and now will be given to the council for approval at the November Board meeting.

SEWER

---8187 Third St was hooked into our system on 10-7-25.

#3 Draw

--Received a contractor's application for payment from AJ's Excavating in the amount of \$183,910.60. and after some discussion said payment was approved. Due to the Federal Government shut down it was decided that if they are still shut down as of November 1 the village would pay said invoice out of our sewer fund by loaning this money to the 2025 Construction Account for reimbursement. M/C.

--**President Miller** reported meeting with the school Superintendent re: concern over their sewer bill.

STREETS

--everything is OK.

PARKS-

--Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Fauble supported to have a handicapped porta john placed in the park for the winter/ November 2025 thru April 2026. M/C. Trustee Hudson and Trustee Burger opposed.

THE FARR CENTER –

--Electrical upgrade work should begin before November.

CEMETERY :

Trustee Halloran reported that Casey Chinnock has begun the Pillar Work at Cemetery #2. She also reported receiving a bid from Rusty Van Brocklin to do some much needed trimming and cutting down of dead trees at cemetery #1. Price for this \$4000.00. After some discussion Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Foster supported to have this work done. M/C.

Funding Research-

--looking into grants thru insurance company. This material and a application was given to Trustee Halloran

Sewer Equivalents/Research

COMMUNICATIONS –

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Foster supported to pass Ordinance # 7-10-15-25 to establish change in compensation for the clerk and Treasurer from \$17314.90 to \$18180.60. Increase of 5%. M/C. Trustee Burger opposed.

NEW BUSINESS-

The Onekama History Association would like to collaborate with the Village creating a plaque marking the Farr Center building and its' role in the history of Onekama which will be part of the Downtown Walking Tour project. Debbie Storms has volunteered to work with the clerk on this project. Thank-you Debbie!!!.

CORRESPONDENCE: Joe Suchocki/comments and concerns re: Trail Project.(Copies were given to the Board.)

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS – Nov work session ,Nov 11, 2025-5p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT : Richard Lenz reported a sink hole by stop sign on the corner of 4th and Fairview

ADJOURN: 8:15

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson