

## **VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 17, 2020

**Call to Order:** President Franz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was led by President Franz

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Burger, R. Drumm, R. Hudson, S. Schwing and W. Miller. Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson & Treasurer, and Nikki Jach.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sarah Fauble, (4<sup>th</sup> street property owner) explaining to the board the reasons behind her recent fence installation without a permit. Nancy Green, neighbor of Ms. Fauble explained how the fence installation has impacted her property.

**County Commissioner: no report.**

#### **Village Officers Pay/during Covid 19**

Drumm moved, Schwing supported to approve the paying of the officers during this time. Roll Call: Drumm/yes, Miller/yes, Burger/yes, Arthur/yes, Hudson/yes and Schwing/yes. Franz/no. M.C.

#### **Signing of Vouchers/President**

Hudson moved, Drumm supported to authorize President Franz to sign the vouchers from late March to the current period because of the interrupted office hours due to Covid/19. Roll Call: Drumm/yes, Arthur/yes, Hudson/yes, Schwing/yes, Miller/yes, Burger/yes, and Franz/no. M.C.

#### **Renew Franchise Agreement/Charter**

Schwing moved, Arthur supported to authorize President Franz to sign renewal with Charter. M.C.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the minutes of the February 19 regular council meeting with correction under Short Term Rentals (pg#2) of the word **connect**, changing it to "contact". M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Drumm moved, Trustee Hudson supported to accept the March 31 2020 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C. **Trustee Schwing moved,** Trustee Hudson supported to accept the April 30, 2020 statement of accounts as presented. M.C. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to accept the May 31, statement of accounts as presented. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Hudson supported to approve keeping the millage for the 2020 taxes at 7 mils as requested. M.C.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Hudson supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for June. Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Miller supported to pay the bills and makes the transfers for March. Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Drumm supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for April. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfer for May. M/C. President Franz called for a roll call vote. Burger – yes Hudson-yes, Miller-yes, Drumm-yes, Arthur-yes, Schwing-yes and Franz-yes. M/C.

## **-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ZONING:**

--**Zoning Administrator, Mike Szokola reported** looking into a height violation of a fence on 4<sup>th</sup> street and drainage problem resulting from bringing in large quantity of fill which is impacting a neighbors' lot. Much discussion followed. Since they are in violation, they could ask for a variance but this takes time and another problem to consider do they take down fence while they are seeking the variance? It was also brought up that the Planning Commission has been working on revisions to the fence ordinance which may help in this case .More discussion. Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to allow the fence to stay up until the fence issue is resolved by the PC. Roll Call: Schwing/yes, Burger/yes, Hudson/no, Arthue/yes, Drumm/yes, Miller/abstains and Franz/yes.M.C.

The ZA also reported being contacted by the Blue Slipper regarding additional outside seating enclosed with a fence and from the Glenwood, extension of their handi-cap ramp. Lots of discussion. The Treasurer inquired about the status of canvas tent structure on Main St which has been violation since the early fall of 2019. She was told this is being addressed.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

--no report

#### **SEWER**

##### **--Lift Station 3 Engineering Agreement/Fleis and Vandenbrink**

This was talked about in detail in the February minutes. Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Miller supported to authorize President Franz to sign this agreement. M.C.

##### **--Saw Grant Letter of Engagement with Baker Tilly**

This firm will be doing an in depth study of the sewer rates. Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Drumm supported to authorize President Franz to sign letter. M.C.

##### **--Saw Grant Approve Purchase Order with Leica Geosystems for GPS equipment**

This would be for hardware and software with regard to our sewer system. Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Miller supported to authorize President Franz to sign. M.C.

##### **--Purchase Order with Consumers Power to upgrade service to LS#3**

This will be for a 3 phase power supply. Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Schwing supported to authorize President Franz to sign. M.C.

##### **--Request by the Manistee County Planning Dept. for the Village to provide electronic data of the sewer system for use primarily by the Zoning Administrator.**

This was discussed with the Village Attorney and he saw no (legal) problem with this action.

Trustee Burger moved and Trustee Schwing supported to approve the data transfer.

Roll Call: Hudson/yes, Arthur/yes, Drumm/yes, Schwing/yes, Burger/yes, Miller/yes and Franz/yes. M.C.

**Trustee Burger** also reported that the wet wells were cleaned out and a pipeline cleaning company had to be called in to extract a large amount not biodegradable rags, from the system. It was discussed to send out a letter with the taxes regarding this issue.

**President Franz** asked Trustee Burger to make contact again with the residents that are still in violation with regard to the smoke testing.

### **STREETS:**

President Franz had an inquiry with regard to property behind hardware store being land locked. Village Attorney was contacted and found this not to be the case. It's not land locked.

Bonus Pay/maintenance person

Taxpayer money cannot be used for this purpose. Some discussion then it was suggested to offer health insurance. More discussion. Drumm moved, Miller supported to have the clerk investigate cost for health insurance. M.C.

## **PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

### **Parks**

--high water and parks grounds are wet and very soft. Two extensions will be added to the boat ramp next week.

### **Farr Center:**

--having a committee meeting soon.

### **CEMETERY:**

--it was the consensus of the council to hire Rusty to cut down some of the old trees in the cemetery.

## **TOWNSHIP REPORT.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Short Term Rentals on July agenda

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

FEMA, (2020 Boundary Map) Baird, Cotter & Bishop, (Audit reports)

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carolyn (Blue Slipper) Nancy Green Lane King

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully:**

**Ruth Hudson**