

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2023

Call to Order: President Burger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY President Burger

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner: no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to accept the October 31, 2023 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Fauble supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Fauble, Hudson, Halloran, Arthur, Miller, Wemlinger and Burger – yes. M/C.

INSURANCE Renewal/Adam Gandolfi-

Renewal invoice (\$13,350.00) was discussed and questions were answered. Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to renew with Municipal Underwriters of Michigan. M/C. Also discussed was optional Cyber Liability coverage. Lots of discussion pro and con. No action taken. President Burger will fill out application to see if the village would benefit from this coverage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--**Katie Mehl newly hired Zoning Administrator** introduced her self to the board. She is replacing former ZA Mike Szokola who has resigned. Katie has 3 years in house experience with the planning dept/**Manistee County. Katie reported receiving a land use permit application** from the **Congregational Church** to place a church sign on the corner of Main and Zosel St. There was concern for traffic visibility at this corner. After some investigation she concluded that visibility was not a problem and since the sign would be in the road right of way, permission would need to come from the village board. After some discussion, Trustee Hallorn moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve this permit. M/C.

Glenn Zaring, zoning enforcement officer for Manistee County also introduced himself to the council and took questions re: his duties. He oversees 3 villages and 3 twps.

---re adopt zoning amendments

This action was needed due to the fact when they were adopted in Sept they were not publicized in a timely manner. Some discussion. These amendments were in connection to the Portage Lake Overlay District which relates to setbacks from a public St. Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to re adopt/C. President Burger opposed.

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

--- Trustee Halloran asked for discussion re: RFPs for preparation of the 2024 Master Plan. Lots of discussion. Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the RFP for the 2024 Master Plan and to budget the amount of \$35,000 for this project. Roll Call: Miller, Arthur, Fauble, Wemlinger, Halloran-YES. Hudson and President Burger-NO. M/C.

--it was also reported that the planning commission (as directed by the council) will be working on zoning language re: proposed Mixed-Use Development in the Village. Input from public hearings will be part of developing the language for these amendments. Hoping to have this before the council by March/2024.

SEWER

-- Alternate Project-work scope/WW Improvement Project:

After much discussion, Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to modify the work scope in this project by installing a force main between LS#3 and the lagoons. M/C.

---Amendment to F&V Engineering Services Contract/WW Improvement Project

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Miller supported to add \$18000. To the engineering services for design of the force main. This additional \$18000. Will be taken out of the contingency fund. M/C.

--sewer equivalent/reduction

Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Hudson supported to reduce from 2 to 1 for the property at 4914 Main St. (Dr. Baribeau). The building is no longer a dentist office. This reduction will be as of December 1, 2023.M/C.

STREETS:

--ad for snow plow driver is on the Village web page

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

PARKS:

--**Trustee Hudson**, chair of Parks Committee, reported that the cigarette butt receptacles have been installed..

--Event Stage

Joe Suchocki, chair of the OCR reported that work on phase 1 re; pouring of the concrete pad and electrical work hopefully will be done before weather changes. Work has been delayed due to a very rainy fall . Joe also shared with the council plans for phase 2 (2025) which would be the replacing of the main pavilion with a gothic arch design to match the event stage upgrade to the electrical. After some discussion Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Arthur supported that the village council give its approval to begin Phase 2 of the Onekama Park Improvement plan, entailing the replacement of the existing pavilion and upgrading the electrical supply to the pavilion. M/C.

--Park Restroom Availability for Winter;

Handicapped porta potty has been placed in the park by the restrooms. Monthly cost/\$225.

FARR CENTER:

--clerk will investigate carpet mat service for the building instead of purchases mats.

-- estimate for the upgrade to the electrical panel is being worked on.

CEMETERY:

No action was taken re: the new proposed cemetery policy due to questions from the clerk. This should be resolved by December meeting for action by the board.

-- Wemlinger reported that he should have info re: trimming of trees in cemetery for the December meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: will meet in November.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr Baribeau/sewer equivalent reduction

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Suchocki/anonymity of blight complaints

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson