

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2023

In accordance with the MI Zoning Enabling Act, three property owners requested a public hearing re: the Portage Lake Overlay Zone on the Village of Onekama Zoning Map.

PUBLIC HEARING: opened at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Schwing asked that a copy (tape) of this meeting that was being recorded by Joe Suchoki given to the council and she also requested that the tape not be edited. Joe agreed to this.

Joe Suchocki: (one of the property owners that requested this hearing)

He addressed the council explaining that this public hearing was requested to ask the council to reconsider approval of the 2016 amending language to the 2014 Village Zoning Ordinance re: the Overlay Zone. After attending numerous planning board meetings he said he was removing his opposition to the councils' certification of the 2016 amending language to the 2014 Zoning Ordinance.

Doug May: current language is ineffective and needs some changes. Village needs a Master Plan and to work with the Township.

Marcia Rogers: What was the problem with the 2016 map?

Nola Teye: why sign map before master plan is in place?

Debbie Storms: recommends to council to sign map and make amendments when deemed necessary.

PUBLIC HEARING closed at 7p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was given

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: S. Halloran, Andrea Arthur, Sara Fauble, R. Hudson, W. Miller & S. Schwing. Also present Clerk Hudson & Treasurer, N. Jach

SET-AMEND AGENDA: Add: National Fish & Wildlife Grant and Par-Plan Risk Reduction Grant to additional Board Items

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marcia Rogers: what were the original goals of the overlay zone?

County Commissioner: no report

MINUTES: (November) no December minutes due to holiday. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Halloran supported to accept the **November 30, 2022** Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C. Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Hudson supported **To accept the Dec 31, 2022 statement of accounts as presented. M/C.**

TREASURER'S REQUEST: none

BILLS / TRANSFERS: December 2022: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Hudson supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for December. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Arthur, Burger, Drumm, Fauble, Halloran, Hudson & Miller /yes, M/C. **January 2023: Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Schwing**

supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for January. Arthur, Fauble, Schwing, Halloran, Miller, Hudson & Burger/yes. M/C.

-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

Mike Szokola, Village Zoning Administrator reported they have hired a new enforcement officer, Glen Zaring. He also reported that he along with President Burger will be looking into a fence issue on Johnson St. President Burger reported that a contractor (Property Cleanout Michigan) has been located to clean up the property on Dyke Street to resolve blight violation. Estimate cost, \$2400. Which will go on the property owner's tax bill along with any lawyer's fee. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Schwing supported to have this cleanup done. M/C.

OVERLAY DISTRICT/ZONING MAP

The planning commission recommends the council accept the overlay district as it is pictured on the current zoning map and to sign it. After some discussion, Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Halloran supported that the current zoning map be amended (and signed by the President & Clerk) to apply the Overlay District to properties on the South side of M-22 as described in the zoning ordinance. M/C.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

--Chairperson/Chris North reported the following: there will be a joint meeting with the village council at the Feb. council meeting, still need to appoint another member and they will be working on ordinance language modifications.

SEWER:

--oil leak repaired at LS#2.

STREETS:

--Three street repair projects for 2023 are being looked into.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks:

Manistee Area Leadership Program/Life Vest Loaner Station

--**this community project, by the Manistee Area Leadership group is asking for an agreement with the Village for the installation of one permanent Life Vest Loaner Station in our park. After much discussion, Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to have President Burger sign this agreement. M/C. Trustee Schwing opposed. Complete details on file with the clerk.**

Watershed Grant Update

Lara Treemore Spears reported the current grant winds up December 3 and all work is nearly done. M/C.

FARR CENTER:

--still waiting on bill for the painting of Farr Center building.

CEMETERY: conversation continues re; removal of dead trees.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: On line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

---**Competitive Bidding Policy:** will be discussed at February Meeting.

--**Rules of Conduct/council:** will be discussed at February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Suchocki/ dog waste in park. Nola Teye/dog waste in park. Rick Tompke/fence on Johnson St. Marcia Rogers/ short term rentals.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

--Grant Application/National Fish & Wildlife

Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Arthur supported to partner with the Township on the Townships application to the NFWF for the necessary grant funding to complete raingardens at the Village Park, OCS and the Township Hall parking lot and for wildlife habitat restoration on the newly acquired Village Property on Portage Lake

--Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant Application: Trustee Halloran will be Applying for this to be used for motion security lights on Farr Center Building.

--a letter of support will be sent re: moving of recycle site to Jones Rd.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth Hudson