

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2023

Call to Order: President Burger called the July 19, 2023 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY President Burger

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nola Teye/requested her sewer equivalents be discussed.

County Commissioner: Jeff Dontz gave an update regarding Manistee County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 regular council meeting with the addition of: Mark Miller, Director of Economic Development will be at the August 10, Manistee Forward Meeting/open to the public. M/C.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Trustee Halloran reported: Planning Commission did not receive the Grant from the Manistee County Community Foundation but they will re-apply. They will be holding a public hearing at their regular monthly meeting at 6p.m., August 8, 2023 to consider proposed amendments to the Onekama Village Zoning Ordinance.

SEWER

--USDA Application/update

Scott Rasmussen, Project Manager (Fleis&Vandenbrink) gave some background info on the USDA Wastewater Improvement project and the status of the application. Lots of discussion. No action was taken re: signing an amendment to the owner-Engineer Agreement. This was tabled to the August meeting to give the council time to analyze the info they were given. Full report on file with the clerk.

Sewer Committee will meet to discuss reevaluating the number of equivalents for Nola Teye's air B&B.

STREETS:

--Trustee Arthur had question re; leaf bag schedule. President Burger will discuss with the maintenance man.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

PARKS:

Pat Pomaranski, Onekama Garden Club member, relayed to the council that her group is starting a project to install cigarette butt recycle containers around the village. After some discussion: Halloran moved, Wimplinger supported to install 3 receptacles in strategic places around the park. Trustees Arthur, Fauble and Hudson/no. Trustees Miller, Halloran, Wemlinger and President Burger, yes. M/C.

Garden club is providing the receptacles, village purchases the poles. Trustee Miller volunteered to install said poles.

--**Trustee Hudson**, chair of Parks Committee, reported that he had contacted Josh Shields, an arborist with the Manistee Conservation District re: new trees for the park. The Parks Committee will be meeting with Josh in August for a walk thru of the park to get his recommendations.

--Community Parks & Rec:

Trustee Arthur reported that volunteers are needed to help with the Scavenger Hunt during Onekama Days.

FARR CENTER:

--waiting on window replacement proposal to sign.

CEMETERY: nothing new, just quiet!

COMMUNICATIONS: no report

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

--President has village e-mail addresses for trustees.

--Upcoming trustee work session- was discussed but no date was finalized

OCR update-

Trustee Wemlinger reported: **they have signed a contract with the Manistee Community Foundation for the foundation to receive the money (donations and or grants) for the event stage. Himself & Doug May are the designated fund raising GUYS. Joe Suchocki and Maryjo McElroy will authorize all invoices for payment. Trustee Hudson & Trustee Arthur will be the village advisory committee for this project. He also stated that the village will have to set up an account to receive money from the foundation to pay invoices when received and that have been authorized. This fund will show money coming in and going out.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nola Teye/sewer equivalent rate.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson