

**Village of Onekama
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 21, 2026

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, M. Finan, T. Foster, Sara Fauble & R. Hudson
Also Present: Clerk Hudson and Treasurer Jach. Trustees absent: Susan Halloran

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS/none

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: Joe Suchocki-commented on the process of amending zoning ordinance and the maintenance man doing a great job snow plowing.

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting with the changing of the January 27 Budget work session date to January 26. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Foster supported to accept the December 31, 2025 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

--Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Foster supported to amend 2025-2026 as requested. M/C.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING- Katie Gruenberg/Manistee Planner discussed upcoming contract renewal for zoning services. Lots of questions were answered but no action was taken. Current contract expires in September of 2026.

---**Katie also asked** for the Village to sign a resolution of support for an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan. Support and participation with the planning process requires a one time donation of \$500. After much discussion Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to have President Miller sign resolution of support. M/C.

PLANNING COMMISSION-

--**Trustee Foster** presented the board with changes (from the planning commission) to the text amendment to section 1011 of the zoning ordinance re: accessory buildings that were discussed at the Jan 13 public hearing. This is being referred back to the PC for some minor suggested changes. The Master Plan will be going back to the consultants for verbiage to be added re: water runoff and hard scaping on water front property.

SEWER

--request from Onkama Marine to remove two properties (Dock 49191 & Mill 8157), from the village sewer system. These are no longer hooked up to our sewer system thus eliminating two sewer bills. After some discussion Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve this request for the removal of the two properties mentioned above as of December 1 2025. M/C.

STREETS

--Maintenance person, David Geeting is doing a great job keeping our streets in drivable condition during our numerous snowfalls. Concerns being looked into re: the 4th Ave apartments snow removal person pushing snow in the street creating additional work for David.

PARKS-

--**waiting for Spring!!**

THE FARR CENTER –

--Electrical upgrade soon.

CEMETERY :

quiet

Funding Research-

Sewer Equivalents/Research

COMMUNICATIONS –

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS-

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS –

PUBLIC COMMENT

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---February Board meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the proposed 2026-27 budget.

ADJOURN: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson