

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19,2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Miller

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, S. Halloran, T. Foster & R. Hudson

Trustee Absent: M. Finan

Also Present: Clerk Hudson and Treasurer Jach

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS adding **Manistee Leadership Program.**

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: none

Art Sensory Wall

David Jarvi, member of the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee Leadership Program has selected Onokama Village to host this project which will bring art, inclusivity and inspiration to the village. Sight has not been finalized yet or the art work to be showcased.

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the following county issues: Barry Lind(airport) is retiring, looking for replacement, vacancy on the Manistee County Wellness Board has been filled by Karen Goodwin, 1 year recycling contract with waste management has been signed, a letter of support for water main improvements in Bear Lake has been signed and county is working on getting Broadband into the community.

Katie (Mehl) Grumenburg/ County Planner-report

--gave a very informative overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Commission, elected Legislative Body and the Zoning Board of Appeals. She also touched on the differences between a zoning ordinance and a Master Plan.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Hudson supported to accept the February 2025 Statement of Accounts as presented. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

-Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster supported to place in the minutes that the Onekama Village tax millage rate is at 7 mills in support of the 2025-26 budget and to amend budget(Local St and Major St Income accounts) as requested by the Treasurer. Motion carried.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING

--After some discussion, Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster supported the appointment of Richard Lenz by President Miller to the Onekama Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

PLANNING

--Master Plan work continues, still working on issues with the Overmyer/Menhart project and there are 2 openings on the Planning Board. A public hearing was held on March 11 to consider a text amendment to the current Village of Onekama Zoning Ordinance Article 96, Section 9608, to put a (1) year limit to obtain a building permit on ZBA approved variances.

SEWER

Upgrade report

--**Scott Rasmussen, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineer** reported that permit has been obtained and plans have been reviewed and OKed. Questions were asked and answered. Looking for approval from the Board to move forward with putting project out for bids upon approval from USDA. Questions were asked re: need to raise sewer rates at this time to support this additional debt. More discussion. Then Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster supported to **adopt the proposed resolution # 1-2025 3-19-25 which allows the Improvement Project to proceed by requesting work go out for bids.** Motion carried. The complete resolution is on file with clerk. **More discussion**, then Trustee Burger moved and Trustee Foster supported to adopt **resolution #2-2025 3-19-25 which increases the sewer rate charge \$25. Per quarter per equivalent beginning with the June mailing. Motion carried. This increase makes the quarterly rate \$170.** Complete resolution is on file with the clerk.

STREETS

--President Miller thanked maintenance person, Justin Judge for the storm clean-up work. And also reported looking into storm drain issues around the village.

PARKS-

Shelter Replacement Project

Received invoice from Cedar Forest Products in the amount of \$57,233. Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Halloran supported to pay said invoice. Motion carried.

THE FARR CENTER –

--a proposal to upgrade electrical was received and a design drawing is being work on.

CEMETERY – working on a design for signage at cemetery #2 and then it will go out for bids.

Funding Research-

-funds can't being applied for until Master Plan is in place.

Sewer Equivalents/Research

--committee met and discussed equivalents for short term rentals.

COMMUNICATIONS –

--President Miller is thinking about , in the near future , getting lap tops for all board members.

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS – April work session will be the 14th at 5p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Suchocki/ short term rental fee should be \$500. & lap tops should have encrypted drives.

ADJOURN: 9:05

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson