

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2025

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by President Miller

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, M. Finan, S. Halloran, T. Foster & R. Hudson
Also Present: Clerk Hudson and Treasurer Jach

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS/none

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: none

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Sewer Project/update

Scott Rasmussen, upgrade project manager (Fleis & Vandenbrink) reported the following: the four bids were received April 15, at a Prebid meeting. On April 29 they were opened and read aloud on. A post bid interview with the low bidder, AJs excavating was conducted. F&V recommended the Village of Onekama tentatively award the contract to AJs Excavating, contingent upon the Village's and Contractor's concurrent approval of Change Order #1 (a deduction of \$196,690) which reduces the project's scope and the contractor's price. After some discussion, Trustee Burger moved and Trustee Fauble to adopt USDA Wastewater System Improvement Project resolution 2025#3 5-21-25 which tentatively awards the contract to AJs excavating and allows the improvement project to proceed. Roll Call : Trustee Foster, Finan, Hudson, Halloran, Fauble and Burger/YES and President Miller/YES. M/C. Complete will be given to all board members, posted on website, published in the Manistee News Advocate and on file with clerk.

Intra Fi Cash Service

Noah Windbacher, Representative of Treasury Management Team-West Shore Bank spoke to the council regarding additional ways to keep the village monies safe. A proposal with his suggestions and recommendations will be sent to the treasurer with copies to all board members and will be discussed in detail at the June 19th council work session.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting with the correction (under Bills and Transfers) should read March not February. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the April 30 2025 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

-Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to amend budget for the months of March and April as requested by the Treasurer which includes the amending of line item #285-956 (Public Communication, General Fund Budget) Governmental Expenses for \$ 1,854.00 to cover cost associated with the purchase and set up of two additional lap tops. M/C.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING

--David Jarvi, Onekama Village Zoning Administrator received a request from Onekama Marine to replace an existing, nonconforming sidewalk along a seawall. The proposed construction will require a permit because the damage was caused by an act of God, and the nonconforming structure must be replaced. After some discussion, Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Fauble supported to allow the construction to go forward. M/C.

--David Jarvi (Manistee County Recreation Committee)also informed the board that the sensory wall that was slated to be put up in the village park will not happen due to the Chamber ran out of funds.

--Village of Onekama/ZBA will hold a Special Meeting/Public Hearing on Monday, June 16 at 4:00 PM. This meeting/hearing is being held to consider a proposed variance request for the property located at 8454 Third Ave.

PLANNING

--the Menhart Property Controversy will be sent back to the ZBA for a recommendation.

SEWER

STREETS

-- the proposed 2025 Street Projects are being finalized and will be presented for discussion at the June meeting.

PARKS-

Shelter Replacement Project

--Joe Suchocki reported that the shelter replacement is nearing completion with the electrical work going on now. Note: the new shelter had to be moved 10 ft toward M-22 to avoid the underground sewer lines due to the fact that the support beams had to be dug deeper.

In addition, He asked the board to approve the hiring of Ron Brown(\$3939.) to construct a 42ft by 14ft driveway next to pavilion for easy access when unloading and to approve the spending of \$2958.04 for 2 ADA picnic tables. After some discussion, Trustee Foster moved and Trustee Halloran supported to accept Ron Browns' proposal and to agree to requesting the additional money for the tables. M/C.

Park Shelter Reservation Policy

--The PLA will in the future make reservations for the summer activities in January of that year.

THE FARR CENTER –

--long awaited electrical upgrade will happen this summer.

CEMETERY – school kids helped with clean-up of debris left from the winter at Cemetery#1. Work continues on designs for signage at cemetery #2 with a draft document of work to be done ready for the June meeting. Flags have been put out by the clerk.

Funding Research-

-funds can't being applied for until Master Plan is in place but grants are still being investigated.

Sewer Equivalents/Research

--nothing new to report.

COMMUNICATIONS –

--Trustee Foster reported that we will be changing our internet provider around May 30.

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT -they have applied for a grant to pave the DNR ramp at Andys' Point. And a lake survey will take place on June 3rd via a pontoon boat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS- it was the consensus of the council to share drawing of our storm drains with the invasive species group.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS – June work session will be the 9th at 5p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN: 8:50

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson