

Village of Onekama
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2025

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS/none

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Dontz met with President Miller prior to council meeting due to the fact he wasn't able to attend meeting. His report was as follows: Wahr Hardware has been sold, re-cycle area by the fair grounds may be re-located to the Road Commission Building, an Ad Hoc committee is being formed to discuss future use of the fair ground building and area and finally the Enterprise Car Rental service at the airport will now be open to the public.

--Fire Dept/Halloween Parade-parade will be on Halloween/10-31. Parade route is 3rd. St to Fifth.

--Petunia Parade-MaryJo McElroy/Garden Club rep presented their 2026 plan for the petunias on Main St. After an online and paper survey re: petunias in hanging baskets as opposed to in the ground, 71% of the respondents think hanging baskets are a fantastic idea or should be O.K. The plan would involve the purchase of 8 posts which would be placed on Main St between Mill and Portage. The hanging baskets would contain Supertunias in the typical colors. Much discussion and the consensus of the board was favorable for this plan.

---Library Request/Security Cameras-Heather Konan-Onekama Librarian- asked for permission to have 4 security cameras installed, 3 on outside and 1 in the hallway entrance that leads into Farr Center. After some discussion, Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Finan supported to allow cameras installed with no expense to the Village.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

--Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to amend budget as requested. M/C.

--Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Hudson supported to open 2 separate accounts as follows: one for \$6000. For the Village of Onekama Event Stage maintenance & repair through 7-24-34, And one for \$16,680. For the Village of Onekama Pavillion maintenance and repair, both reserved out of the Manistee Community Foundation Fund for the next 10 years, until 8-15-35. M/C.

--Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to renew the 5 \$20,000. Equipment CD's that mature on September 30. M/C.

--Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Foster supported to agree with the plan suggested by Noah Wimbacher (West Shore Bank) and favored by the treasurer for protecting the Village's money. Roll Call/all in favor. M/C.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING

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PLANNING

--Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve for authorization for distribution of the Master Plan to the public. M/C.

SEWER

---Pump #2 out of LS#1 is going out for repair.

----pipe for 2025 upgrade project will be delivered soon for the force main.

--- request from property owners at 4990 Main St. to reduce the equivalents from 2 to 1 for this property due to the fact it is reverting back to a single family dwelling. Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve this reduction as of September 1. M/C. Trustee Burger not in favor.

DRAW #2

--**Trustee** Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to approve the request of \$20,432.22 which is the total of estimated funds needed for draw #2. Figures on Form RD440-11 were replaced with accurate numbers by President Miller and approved by Megan Gregory and Scott Rasmussen. Roll Call: Trustee Foster, Halloran, Finan, Fauble, Burger, Hudson & President Miller/yes. M/C.

STREETS

--2 applications received for maintenance position. Both applicants were interviewed by the Personnel Committee and found to be very qualified. After some discussion, Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Foster supported to have President Miller enter into negotiations with one of the applicants. M/C.

--Trustee Burger reported : the 2025 street work is finished for the year.

PARKS-

Trustee Hudson reported meeting with Matt Lamore from Black Capp Farms re: the purchase of some trees for the park. Hudson will ask Matt to come to the October work session to discuss this.

THE FARR CENTER –

--Electrical upgrade is still on the schedule for work to begin after Labor Day.

--Trustee (chairperson) Fauble is setting up a meeting with Mary Talbot (**Garden Club**)

Re: ADA walkway around Farr Center.

---Plumber was called in to clean out sewer line in Farr Center that was plugged.

Hail Damage Repair/update

--President Miller still working with the insurance adjustor and insurance company to resolve this issue when the village can't get any contractor to bid on the work that we have advertised. President Miller will now contact lawyer to see if the board can negotiate with contractors to do this work due to getting no response when work is advertised.

CEMETERY : Trustee Halloran reported receiving one quote(Casey Chinnock, \$7800.) for pillar work to be done at Cemetery #2. No bids were received when it was advertised. After some discussion, Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept bid from Casey Chinnock pending lawyer opinion re: can the Board negotiate with contractors for work to be done on Village property when no response to advertised bids is received. M/C.

Funding Research-

--application for Consumers Energy Grant was not successful.

Sewer Equivalents/Research

--nothing new to report.

COMMUNICATIONS –

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

---County Wide Park Resolution

President Miller will contact Katie Gruenberg, Planning Director, for clarification re: updating this Recreation plan. No action was taken on this resolution at the August board meeting due to many questions that needed answers.

--Clerk & Treasurer board meeting compensation

This issue was discussed at the September work session. Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Foster supported to increase the clerk and treasurers' wage by 5%. effective Oct 1. Roll Call: Halloran, Foster, Finan & Fauble-YES. Roger-NO & Hudson-abstains. M/C. Clerk and Treasurer thanked the board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS – Oct work session ,Oct 13-5p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN: 8:45

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson