

**Village of Onekama
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 18, 2026

2026-27 Budget Public Hearing (6:30 p.m.)

No questions were asked. Public hearing was adjourned at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Miller called the regular 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. Treasurer Jach & trustee Susan Halloran/absent.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS/none

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

ACA(Arts & Cultural Alliance) request

Pam Tompke, ACA Board Member asked the board to allow the Farr Center Building to be a part of Manistee County Quilt Trail. The Quilt trail was created to direct people to area historical buildings that have quilt patterns affixed to the site. Each quilt square (4ftX4ft) has an explanation of why the group chose the pattern and what the significance of the site is. After some discussion Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Foster supported to allow the Farr Center Building to be apart of the trail with the location of the square to be a mutual agreement between ACA and the Village of Onekama.

Property & Street ROW Issues

--Toni Finan asked the board for some direction to resolve some of these issues. Property line issue is also a concern. After some discussion President Miller said this would be a topic for discussion at the March 9th work session. This session is open to the public and Toni was encouraged to attend.

2026-27 Budget Adoption

--President Miller asked for any additions or corrections to the presented budget. Since there were none Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Foster supported to adopt the 2026-27 budget as presented with the millage rate to stay at 7.00.M/C. 2026-27 budget is on line and also on file with the clerk.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept the January 31, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

--Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the opening of a new account at the Bear Lake Honor State Bank for payments for the 2025 Sewer Upgrade account. M/C.
--Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan supported to amend the 2025 budget with the amendments provided by the Treasurer. M/C.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble to pay the bills and make the transfers for January 2026. 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-

**PLANNING COMMISION-
Master Plan Approval**

--After some discussion and request for a few small word changes under Action Items, Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the Master Plan with the word changes. Roll Call: Trustee Fauble, Foster, Finan and President Miller-YES. Trustee Burger and Hudson-NO. M/C.

SEWER

--storm sewer backup issue by McBeth's and across to M22 Mis being investigated
---request to reduce equivalents on a property is being referred to the sewer committee before action is taken by the board.

STREETS

PARKS-

--waiting for Spring!!

THE FARR CENTER –

--Electrical upgrade soon.

CEMETERY :

quiet

PLA/update-Joe Suchocki

--**Joe** informed the board re: a Community Collaboration Project they are creating which will reflect the PLA's vision to lead in creating a stronger, more resilient, vibrant and united community. The goal is to identify opportunities for collaboration to address gaps identified in the PLA's strategic planning. The initial goal is to schedule meetings to discuss shared goals and ways to improve the community's well-being.

**Funding Research-
Equivalents/Research**

COMMUNICATIONS –

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS-

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS –

PUBLIC COMMENT- Cyndi Wangbichler, PLA president, reported that the beer tasting held during Onekama Days will now change to a beer tent.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

---March council work session will be March 9th/5p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson

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