

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting January 19, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Blackmore at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hendricks, Drumm, Bauer, Lagerquist, McNeil (new member, sworn in by the clerk) & Gulch /present.

Clerk, Hudson & Zoning Administrator Schindler /also present.

Treasurer-N. Jach/absent

Public in attendance/David Meister (Twp.Supervisor)

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: Meister made the following comments: Manistee & Filer Twps. have applied for a \$600,000.00 revenue sharing grant for sewer expansion. Would like to see Village apply with money to be used for the park. Other suggested places for money to be used: bathhouse, FC roof Veteran's Park and or a new well for FC.

CONSENT ADOPTION:

Drumm moved, Lagerquist supported to accept the Dec. 15, 2010 regular council meeting minutes as presented. M/C. Hendricks moved, Bauer supported to accept Treasurers report as presented and to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

Consolidation

David Meister asking for the Villages' support for this project. Twp has pledged \$2250.00 (half of the remaining money due, (\$4500.00) which is not covered by grants). This project entails an identification of the most desired potential approach to consolidate the Village & Township and the pros and cons of that approach. Since this has been a topic of interest for some time, this project or study will get the answers everyone has been asking once and for all. After much discussion Bauer moved, Hendricks supported to pledge the remaining \$2250.00 to see this project completed. Roll Call: Gulch no, McNeil yes, Drumm yes, Hendricks yes, Bauer yes, Lagerquist yes, and Blackmore yes. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--Written report was given to all council members and is on file. Included were a summary of all land use permits issued in 2010 and a graph on Village Zoning Enforcement options.

One violation notice sent (12/22/11) to Edward & Ann Emenheiser for setback and permit violation regarding placement of an accessory building.

Consensus of the council to adopt the newly revised land use permits application which was made "user friendly".

Property Maintenance Code

This code helps municipalities handle property maintenance issues and Blight. After some discussion Bauer moved, Hendricks supported to order this code (book-\$31.00) and recommend the adoption of the code to fit Village specifics. M/C.

Zoning Attorney Consultations

Drumm moved, Lagerquist supported to give permission to the ZA to confer with the Zoning Attorney, Chris Bizdok in reviewing both police power Ordinance #30 and Zoning Ordinance Article 98 & 10 for gaps or loopholes and general guidance in pursuing our blight issue. M/C.

ZBA appointments

3 terms expiring. Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to reappoint Suzanne Schwing term ending 2013, Alice Hendricks term ending 2014 and to reassign Ken Burda as alternate term ending 2013. M/C.

Zoning Administrator contract

Changing contract to reflect \$500.00 for seminars not \$300.00

SEWER

--written report of daily maintenance activities on file with clerk.
--Force main break by lift station #2 was repaired by Elmer's. No bill yet.

STREETS

--maintenance person Gronostalski is doing a great job keeping the Village streets plowed.
--Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to designate Ralph Drumm St.

Administrator for 2011 and have him sign the Mileage Certification Street System Map. M/C.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

--Winter carnival was a success in spite of the blizzard conditions.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

Discussed the following: ordering trees for Arbor Day, No Diving signs for pier at the turn around. Next meeting February 3.

CEMETERY REPORT:

All is quiet.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Topics included, invasive species year end summary, Road Commission report on Angel's Slide, & the purchase of a new fire truck.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2011-12 Budget adoption public hearing will be February 16, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Additional Board Items

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson
Village clerk

