

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2025

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Miller

For this meeting Trustee Roger Burger will take the minutes.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, S. Finan, T. Foster, S. Halloran, R. Hudson
Trustee Absent: None
Also Present: Clerk Hudson and Treasurer Jach

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS Dave Meister, Onekama Township Supervisor discussed the 2025 property tax assessment which now includes the Manistee County Medical Facilities bond issue, the Onekama Township's open clerk position, and the trail feasibility study results which are scheduled to be released on Friday, January 17, 2025.

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT Chairperson Jeff Dontz provided updates on county issues including the airport, appointments to various boards, and the performance evaluation for the County Controller/Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Foster seconded to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Fauble seconded to accept the December, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Halloran seconded to approve the treasurer's request to make adjustments to the budget, all to reflect actual expenses. The motion carried.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PLANNING REPORT The steering committee for the master plan update project met on January 14, 2025. The next step in the project is trending and market analysis, primarily of the commercial area of the village.

In accordance with the Zoning Board of Appeals decision in June of 2022, the planning commission is reviewing the plans for the Overmyer / Menhart property at 4537 Main Street, Parcel Number 51-41-50-002-00.

ZONING REPORT

President Miller will have our zoning administrator, Katie Gruenberg made a presentation regarding various items at a future meeting.

SEWER REPORT

We have the EGLE Part 41 permit for the USDA RD Sewer Upgrade Project. The village will keep the current Financial Consultant for the project.

Will be repairing pumps at lift station 1 due to a fault on one pump and poor performance on the other.

STREETS REPORT

The “new” street sweeper has been delivered.

The council was asked about plowing Dock Street. After the meeting, the street commissioner was asked about plowing an alley between Mill Street and Zosel Street.

PARKS

There was a lengthy discussion of the proposed Trail Project. The feasibility study report is scheduled to be released on Friday, January 17, 2025 and a meeting of the ad-hoc committee is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Rod Hudson was asked to stand in for Susan Halloran for this meeting. Contact will be made to clarify how any voting will be handled.

THE FARR CENTER REPORT – Projects are continuing.

CEMETERY REPORT – Quiet.

PERSONNEL-

COMMUNICATIONS – After the meeting the new committee assignments were issued and will be discussed at the next work session.

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - Nothing further.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – President Miller conferenced with the village attorney and was told the village had no responsibility for the issues between property owners regarding activities in a street right of way.

NEW BUSINESS – January 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. was set for a budget work session.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS –

PUBLIC COMMENT During public comment by Mary Jo McElroy regarding the Village Park Pavilion Project, a replacement for Andrea Arthur was needed for the committee. Trustee Finan moved and Trustee Fauble seconded for Wayne Miller to be on the committee. The motion carried.

Additional comments were made by Joe Suchocki and Susan Halloran.

REMINDER – THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IS WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Burger.