

## VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2018

**Call to Order: President Burger called meeting to order at 7:p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: R. Drumm, R. Franz, R. Hudson, W. Miller and S. Schwing. Also present Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Burger

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**County Commissioner:** Jeff Dontz gave his report.

**MINUTES:** Franz moved, Drumm supported to accept the August 15 minutes with the following corrections: under minutes, change "Ray" to "Franz" and under Close Session, change "hire" to "contract with". M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Franz moved, Miller supported to accept the August 2018 statement of accounts as presented M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** Drumm moved Hudson supported to amend the budget as requested. M/C. The request from last week will be addressed under new business.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Franz moved, Miller supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:** report on file from temporary ZA, President Burger.

ZA Vacancy –the quote from Bob Hall to fill the ZA vacancy was discussed and it was the consensus of the council to continue with the President as the temp ZA but continue looking for a permanent replacement. Also discussed was a blight enforcement officer. It was decided, with the support of the council to address the blight issues in the village. After some discussion and with President Burger's acceptance of this position he will enforce these issues.

#### **SEWER-**

--control system at the irrigation site was struck by lightning. A claim will be filed with the insurance company.

--a contract for a new connection to the sewer system is being written.

--the sewer committee met and proposed after some investigation to change the equivalents charged to the e-z market from 2 to 3 due to the overlay of businesses at this address. This change will be effective as of the next quarter (Dec.Jan.Feb.) for billing.

#### **STREETS:**

-- With regard to reimbursement for the repair of the storm drain on Spring St. from the contractor (working for Charter) who damaged the drain when installing internet cable the village finally received a check. **\$10,389.84.**

--Trustee Franz volunteered to apply for a class B endorsement license to be the substitute snow plow driver for the village. The council thanked him and offered to pay for this endorsement but Franz refused the offer.

#### **PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

##### **Parks:**

-Bathroom upgrade almost complete. Epoxy painting of the floors will be done after Labor Day.

Outside slab in shower area will be poured soon and a baby changer for the restrooms is being made.  
--Portage Lake Garden Club has started the work (laying of bricks) around the fountain. They have requested that the current water hydrant spigot in that area be moved. After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to remove the pipe and cap it off.

**FARR CENTER:**

--Schwing reported getting another bid to install the power assist door next to the Treasurer's office.

**CEMETERY:**

-The draft cemetery policy is still being worked on. Should be ready in the fall/winter.

-Schwing reported receiving 3 bids to do the tree removal and stump grinding work. After some discussion no action was taken but it was consensus of the council this work needs to go out for bid. In addition the bids need to be sealed and only opened during a board meeting. Schwing agreed.

--no numbers yet for the cost associated with the installation of an additional water line for cemetery #1. As reported in May, the cemetery association has \$1000.00 dedicated to this project.

President Burger requested a sketch be submitted as to where the line would be located.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:** minutes on line

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**--Julie & Todd Bensinger**

Questions with regard to the storm drains and the water backing up onto their property near Zosel Park during heavy rains. Hopefully the Saw Grant the village was awarded will address these problems and help the village with the management of the storm drain infrastructure throughout the village. They also asked the village to consider the removal of the cattails that are causing a problem with water backup at the end of the drainage pipe in Zosel Park. Mr. & Mrs. Bensinger have contracted with Wildlife & Wetlands Solutions to remove cattails in front of their property. After much discussion it was the consensus to have the village make contact with this company and enter into our own agreement for the removal of the cattails at Zosel Park. The Bensinger stated that any money over the quoted \$200. cost for the removal they will cover.

**--Harbor Commission:**

Portage Lake Harbor Commission is asking the Village to concur with the formation of the Onekama Economic Sustainability Committee. The Harbor Commission believes that a separate committee should be established to work with the Port Collaborative and other state and federal organizations to identify and develop local projects and funding proposals to support future growth. Schwing moved, Drumm supported to concur with the formation of this committee. During discussion after motion lots of questions were raised. Schwing withdrew her motion and President Burger will ask Denny Blue/Vice Chairmen of the Harbor Commission to attend the October board meeting to have the concerns of the board addressed.

**--Village Truck**

President Burger reported more repairs were needed to the red F- 350 truck. After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to advertise for bids to replace this truck. Include in bid see what a trade in would be. If not in our favor the village could just sell out right.

**--Treasurer Request:**

The Treasurer did not get time to speak about her request at the August meeting due to the adjournment of the meeting. The first two items on her request were covered under New Business: Closed Session/August meeting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> item regarded overtime of maintenance person Gronostalski. After some discussion it was the consensus that the board was ok with said overtime.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Suzanne Schwing/policy for bids. Helen Mathieu/county wide zoning& removal of bushes blocking drivers sight on corner of 1<sup>st</sup> St. David Bowers/Lions Club-dropped off drawings for the board to review on the upgrade to the park shelter. Steve & Barb Symanski filed a blight complaint regarding property on M-22.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson

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