**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2023

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

**Call to Order**: President Burger called the May 17, 2023 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Due to the absence of the Village Clerk, President Burger was acting clerk for this meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: S. Fauble, S. Halloran, R. Hudson, W. Miller.

Trustee absent: A. Arthur

Also present Treasurer Nikki Jach

Also absent: Clerk Hudson

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Twelve (12)public comments was received regarding the proposed event stage in the Village Park. Comments were also received regarding the appointment of a new trustee.

**County Commissioner:** Jeff Dontz gave an update regarding Manistee County.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Halloran supported to accept the April 2023 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER’S REQUEST**: Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Fauble supported to amend the2023-2024 budget as requested by the treasurer. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Fauble – yes, Halloran – yes, Hudson-yes, Miller – yes, Burger – yes. M/C.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Fauble – yes, Halloran – yes, Hudson-yes, Miller – yes, Burger – yes. M/C.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING**: No Report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** –

President Burger nominated Tom Foster to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Hudson seconded to approve the appointment of Tom Foster. M/C.

The council wants the Planning Commission to work on the following items: Master Plan, Parking, Fences, and Signs.

Two bids were received from the Request for Proposals for updating the Master Plan. V3 Companies bid $ 135,172 and McKenna bid a lump sum of $ 25,000. The council discussed the various options and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, decided to reject the bids and rebid the project later this year plus look at options with the Michigan State Extension Office and Networks Northwest.

**SEWER**

Work continues on the USDA RD Sewer funding project.

Contract for sewer service disconnection at 8401 Zosel Street was discussed. Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Hudson seconded to terminate the service effective May 4, 2023. M/C.

Wet wells were cleaned on May 16, 2023.

**STREETS:** This year’s work to be scheduled.

**PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

**Parks**:

The jetty repair project is complete and the necessary reports issued.

The request to build an additional event stage was reopened per Robert’s Rules of Order, Sections 60 and 28. Trustee Miller made a motion, Trustee Fauble seconded, to accept and administer the funding to install and maintain an event stage in the Onekama Village Par governed by the following conditions:

Construction and maintenance for a period of 2 or 10 years will not exceed private donations earmarked for the event stage.

The project is limited to one (1) installation located as approved by the Onekama Village Council. The location will be marked as approved by the Village Council with reference points established for positive identification

Fundraising is outside the scope of the Village of Onekama

Use of Village equipment and personnel will be billed at the current rates used in the Village’s accounting system.

During the discussion a point of order came from the audience regarding the reconsideration of the issue. A brief recess was declared. When the meeting restarted, Trustee Fauble rescinded her second and Trustee Miller rescinded his motion.

Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Fauble seconded to reconsider the previous motion “to give approval to the building of an event stage, provided necessary funding can be raised. This is intended to be a budget neutral project – zero tax dollars from the village.” M/C.

Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Fauble seconded to consider and approve a new motion

to accept and administer the funding to install and maintain an event stage in the Onekama Village Park governed by the following conditions:

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After further discussion, M/C. The project managers were identified as Joe Suchocki and Mary Jo McElroy.

**Farr Center:**

A bid of $ 4,500.00 from North View Window and Door was received to replace five (5) windows in the Farr Center. Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Fauble seconded to approve the bid to replace the windows. M/C.

Discussion of the proposed changes to the Farr Center rental agreement were discussed and it was deferred until the next meeting.

C**EMETERY:**

Flags are in place for Memorial Day.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The committee met and discussed how they could communicate with the trustees and the public. A conversation with MS Creative Services clarified possible improvements to the village’s web page and MS Creative Services has agreed to come to a future meeting to discuss the possibilities with the council.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:**  minutes on line.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Burger nominated John Wemlinger to fill the vacant Trustee position created by the resignation of Suzanne Schwing. After discussion Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Fauble seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Wemlinger. M/C.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Four (4) **c**omments regarding Portage Street storm drain and pavement, event stage, Mr. Wemlinger’s appointment, and tomorrow’s Onekama Township Planning Meeting and Public Hearing.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully:

Roger Burger