

**Village of Onekama
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: President Miller called 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, Susan Halloran & R. Hudson/present Also Present: Clerk Hudson & Treasurer Jach

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Manistee Networks Northwest/Child Care Program: Board was given a presentation re: the need for more child care homes and or facilities in this area. Networks Northwest is working on a Rural Readiness Grant for this endeavor.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fable supported to accept the April 30, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan to pay the bills and make the transfers for April 2026 o. Roll call vote. Burger – Yes, Foster – Yes, Finan-yes, Fauble-yes Hudson – Yes, Halloran-yes & President Miller – Yes. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING-

PLANNING COMMISSION-

--Trustee Foster reported that there was no meeting in May. The Board would like the planning commission to address the issue of the need for Child Care homes in this area at their June 9 meeting.

SEWER

Draw #8/Sewer Upgrade

--Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve this payment of \$110,272.86 for Draw #8. M/C. \$104,237.86 for AJ's Construction & \$6,035. Engineering.

Sewer Rate Increase

--Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to adopt resolution 2026 #3/5-20-2026 which increases the sewer rate charges \$30. per quarter per equivalent effective June 1, 2026.

Motion carried. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption(5-20-26) and publication (5-28,29 &6-01-2026) in accordance with Section 65.5 Of the General Village Law Act.

STREETS

PARKS- Trustee Hudson reported: the 12 new trees that were purchased from Black Cap Farms have been planted. Trustee Hudson also reported he has been investigating the price and source of Playground Mulch for the play area in the park. Maryjo McElroy will prepare an Article detailing this project for the summer addition of the PLA newsletter.

PARKS & REC-

--Trustee Halloran reported that they will be hosting a program at NorthPoint for children with disabilities to learn about trees and nature.

FARR CENTER –

--Trustee Fauble reported that her committee met to discuss improvements(new carpet for hall between the library and hall, new flooring for the restrooms, new front door) to Farr Center Hall. Cost estimates will be ready for the June meeting. Electrical upgrade will happen in July.

CEMETERY :

Flags will be set out on Friday May 22.

PLA/update-Joe Suchocki

Funding Research- Equivalents/Research

COMMUNICATIONS – Trustee Halloran has been investigating alternate websites for the village. She has invited a website consultant to speak at the July work session.

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

--Alley Improvement/Mr.&Mrs. Suchocki

After some discussion (this issue was tabled at the April mtg) Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Fauble supported to allow this improvement. M/C.

---Driveway Paving/ Toni Finan

Permission for this driveway was tabled at the April meeting for additional investigation. Board has no problem with this paving but it was the consensus of the board to have Trustee Foster reach out to Katie with regard if a land use permit is needed.

NEW BUSINESS-

--Joe Suchocki is working on a Onekama Walks project. The first part of this project involves improvement to the sidewalks along main street and the second part incorporates the concept of “Safe Routes to School” . This would be a joint collaboration between the Village, Township and the school working together for the benefit of all. Lots of discussion. It was the consensus of the board to support the research for this project going forward. Additional updates will be posted when available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS –

PUBLIC COMMENT-

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Concern by Village residents re: a camper van parking over night at sites in the village where overnight parking is not allowed. Lots of discussion on how to address this issue. President Miller will be investigating further as to what can be done.

ADJOURN: 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson