

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2024

6:00 p.m.

President Burger opened the public hearing on “Proposal to replace Onekama Village Park Pavilion”. 15 citizens in attendance, 5 council members+ Village President and clerk& treasurer. Public was updated on this Phase Two of the Village Park Renovation, replacing the existing pavilion. Cost estimates were given along with picture of future pavilion. Also included in the renovation will be security and interior lighting plus ADA picnic tables for the new pavilion. Projected public fund raising to start around May 2024. \$10,000 has been committed, by the Village Council toward this project which is reflected in the Onekama Village 2024-2025 budget. There was discussion and questions were answered. Public hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

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President Burger opened the 2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing. Questions and concerns were addressed and answered. President Burger closed the hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: President Burger called the February Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Hudson, S. Halloran, A. Arthur, Sara Fauble and W. Miller. Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson. **Absent, Trustee J. Wemlinger.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner: no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the January 31, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER’S REQUEST: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to amend the 2023-2024 budget as requested. M/C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. Roll call vote as follows: Hudson, Halloran, Miller, Burger, Fauble and Arthur – yes. M/C.

Salary Compensation Ordinance # 2024-01-02-21-24

This ordinance states the following: President’s salary as of March 1, 2024:\$7,200 per fiscal year+\$75.00 per council meeting. Clerks’ salary: \$17,314.90 per fiscal year. Treasurers’ salary: \$17,314.90 (\$5171.55 from sewer fund and \$12,143.35 from the general fund) and each trustee shall receive \$75.00 per council meeting attended. Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Fauble supported to adopt this ordinance. M/C.

2024-25 Budget Adoption

After some discussion Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Hudson supported to adopt the presented budget for 2024-25. M/C. The property tax millage rate to support this budget is 7 mills, no change from the previous budget. This budget will be on file with the clerk.

Manistee County Land Bank Presentation

Katie Mehl, Manistee County Planner, County Land Bank Staff and Zoning Administrator explained the purpose behind the Land Bank Authority which is to acquire vacant, blighted and abandoned property to revitalize so the property can be returned to tax paying status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--nothing to report

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

---As reported in the January 2024 minutes, 3 proposals were received to update the Onekama Village Master Plan. Chairperson Chris Forth gave a synopsis of each proposal to the board. Virtual interviews have been scheduled as follows: Community Image Building-February 27,2024 at 10 a.m. McKenna and Associates/ Tuesday February 27-11:00 a.m. and Wade Trim, Thursday, February 29th at 4:00 p.m. These are public meetings and will be held in the Farr Center Hall.

SEWER

--application for upgrade project should be winding up and filed sometime in 2024 with work possibly beginning in 2025.

STREETS:

--President Burger reported that the M-Dot/M-22 project is being investigated to include: converting Village Park sidewalks at the corner of Portage St and Main St to an ADA compliant access. They are also planning to do some reconstruction to the intersection of Baker and Main Sts. This work is currently on their schedule for 2025.

2024 St Repair Projects

After some discussion, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Hudson supported to approve the following street projects for 2024: Fourth Avenue for \$3,300., Zosel St for \$100,925, the storm drain repairs on Portage St, storm drain repairs near intersection of Portage St and Main St, the storm drain on Mill St budgeted at \$139,642. The Street Administrator was directed to sign the approvals for these street projects with Ron Brown and Sons. The storm drain projects will be bid and brought to the council for approval. M/C. This work was approved as part of the 2024-25 adopted budget.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

--Updated Park reservation form was given to the council to review for March meeting.

--Request was received to place a memorial bench in the village park. This has been given to the parks committee to review.

FARR CENTER:

-- electrical panel upgrade work will be completed as soon as time becomes available.

CEMETERY:

Chairperson/Trustee Wemlinger updated public(via telephone) on Tree Trimming/removal and stump removal projects for 2024.

--costs will be part of the 2024 budget.

COMMUNICATIONS: proposal for upgrade to Village web site is being researched.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

--Village Maintenance position has been posted on the web site but as of this date no responses.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two blight code enforcement cases are being investigated.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson

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