

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2024

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner: Mr. Dontz gave his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the February 29, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Miller supported to roll over the General Fund CD/\$75,000 and the Equipment Fund CD/\$100,000. which are coming due on March 27, 2024 as requested. M/C.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

--nothing to report

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

Review & discuss Master Plan Proposals

---Chris Forth and 2 members of the planning commission had virtual interviews with the 3 firms that had sent proposals. After meeting with the full planning commission, 3 of the 4 members were in favor of accepting the proposal from Community Image Building. After some discussion, Trustee Miller moved, trustee Arthur supported to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to go forward with Community Image Builders and the grant writing process. Roll Call: Miller, Arthur, Fauble, Wemlinger and Burger/yes. Hudson/no. M/C. Chris also reported that a draft of a short term rental ordinance should be ready for the board in April.

SEWER

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

STREETS: --3rd Street storm drain problem has been taken care of.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

--Park Reservation Form

Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the updated Park reservation form that was given to the council at the February meeting. M/C.

--Memorial Bench

After some discussion, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Fauble supported to allow the placing of the bench in the park. M/C. Committee will meet to pick a sight for the bench and to update the park policy re: future placing of articles in the park.

--Farmers Market

Request was received re: holding a Farmers Market on Fridays in the Village Park. After some discussion there were lots of questions, (alternate locations, times of market, number of vendors etc) that need answers before any action could be taken by the board. More to come next month.

FARR CENTER:

- electrical panel upgrade work will be completed as soon as time becomes available.
- clerk has received the invoice for the new windows and this will be paid ASAP.

CEMETERY:

Chairperson/Trustee Wemlinger reported that a letter had been sent to the owners of a plot in cemetery #2 (that they are in charge of)re: the gravestone marking the grave had been displaced from its foundation.

--the cemetery committee will meet on March 27 at 1p.m. in Farr Center Hall. Public welcome.

COMMUNICATIONS: for the time being, the village will stay with the PLA web site.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

--Village Maintenance position

An ad will be placed in the Manistee News Advocate.

Park Mowing Bids-

Two bids received: Performance Lawn Care and Corner Lawn Maintenance. After some discussion and questions Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to hire Cornerstone M./C.

Cemetery Mowing Bids-

Three bids received: Performance Lawn Care, John Sievert and S&S Irrigation. No action was taken due to there were aspects of some bids that needed to be investigated. Cemetery Committee will report at the April meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nola Teye/farmers market

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson