

**Village of Onekama
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 15, 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/ Girl Scout request/parks & Village Logo Ideas/ communications

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: 3 Proposals on the ballot/Dail-A-Ride, Library& Council on Aging. 101 housing units to be built across from the Jail. 20 parcels in Manistee County/foreclosure and construction should begin soon on Dune Amphitheater Project.

Lara Spears spoke to the council re: storm water discharge management

Lawyer(Megan Scott) Request Letter

Megan represents Toni Finan(8208 Fifth St) who is asking the Village for written permission to pave her driveway. Lots of discussion. Trustee Foster(President pro-temp) said that the board does not give approval for this action because a property owner does not need approval from the village. Other issues were discussed, RROW and property lines . After more discussion, Trustee Finan moved to allow the driveway to be put in. After more discussion it was the concession of the board to investigate further and maybe give to the village attorney for his input before taking any action.

PLGC Request-Mary Talbot/Civic Gardens Club Chair

--they are working on a proposal, plan and funding for a ADA accessible sidewalk around the Farr Center gardens which will need permission from the board. They will be working with Trustee Fauble (chair-FC Committee) to work with the Garden Club on this request. The board

will be working with the Garden Club to resolve some other issues re: the snow plowing and mowing of grass around the rain garden and shrubs.

MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C. Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2026 Special Meeting minutes as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fable supported to accept the February 18, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C. Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Hudson supported to accept the March 18, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST:

--Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Finan supported to approve the amending of the budget with the February 28, 2026 amendments. M/C. Trustee Foster moved Trustee Fauble supported to allow the Treasurer(in the future) to renew the village CDs as they come due. M/C. Just a note: the Treasurer gave notice to the Board that she will be retiring in November and the board should start thinking about a replacement.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan to pay the bills and make the transfers for February 2026 and Trustee Foster moved and Trustee Finan supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for March 2026 also. 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 COMMISION-

Accessory Buildings

--Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Halloran supported to adopt an amendment to Article 10, Section 1011 of the Onekama Zoning Ordinance that regulates accessory building. M/C. Complete ordinance is on file with the clerk.

SEWER

--lots of storm water was pumped during the recent heavy rains. LS#3 was breached and had to be pumped. Report was filed with District #10 Health Dept &EAGLE regarding this event.

STREETS

2026 Street Repairs

Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Finan supported to accept bid from Ron Brown to rebuild 5th Street from Brook St to M-22 -\$64,695.00. Roll Call: Trustee Halloran, Fauble, Finan, Burger, Hudson, Foster and President Miller-YES. M/C.

Alley Improvement/request

--Joseph & Patricia Suchocki asking permission to improve approximately 120' of the surface (with recycled gravel) of the existing alley behind their residence at 8280 Zosel St. The current alley is problematic for vehicular use due to it is too soft and creates ruts. After some discussion Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Fauble supported to allow gravel in the driveway. More discussion than the motion was withdrawn because the board felt the need to create specs before giving permission. More discussion than this was turned over to the streets committee to determine the best way to direct Joe in the graveling of the alley.

PARKS-

--**request from the Girl Scouts to put a children's lending library in the park. This issue will be discussed at the May work session.**

PARKS & REC-

--Trustee Halloran provided the board with copies of the minutes from their last meeting.

--**Katie Gruenberg**, Planning Director is asking for submission for revisions to our community Profile included in the Manistee County-Wide Park & Rec Plan by June 1.

FARR CENTER –

--Electrical upgrade soon.

CEMETERY :

quiet

PLA/update-Joe Suchocki

Funding Research-

Equivalents/Research

COMMUNICATIONS – Trustee Halloran is working on ideas for a Village Logo.

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS- Insurance Risk Control/report

Clerk met with Michael Gombos/Risk Control Manager to discuss the operations of the Village of Onekama. A follow up report was given to all board members highlighting areas that need attention. This report will be discussed at the May11 work session.

CORRESPONDENCE: Megan Scott/Lawyer request

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS –

PUBLIC COMMENT-

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

---May work session will be May 11.

ADJOURN: 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson

DRAFT