

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2021

Note: This meeting and public hearing were held at the village park due to the current MDHHS ruling of a cleaning plan must be in place to open Farr Center for meetings. As of this meeting there is no cleaning plan.

President Burger called the Short Term Rental public hearing open at 5:30 P.M. 13 village residents were in attendance. Lots of good comments and discussion. The residents and others in attendance were very much in favor of the formation of some type of Short Term Ordinance.

Call to Order: President Burger called meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was done

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Burger, R. Hudson, R. Drumm, S. Halloran, & S. Schwing.

Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson & Treasurer, Nikki Jach.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

County Commissioner: no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 regular council meeting. **M/C.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Drumm supported to accept the May 31, 2021 Statement of Accounts as presented. **M/C.**

TREASURER'S REQUEST: none.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Miller supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for November. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Arthur-yes, Burger-yes, Hudson-yes, Drumm/yes, **M/C.** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for May. Roll Call: Arthur, Drumm, Hudson, Halloran, Schwing, Miller and President Burger/yes. **M/C.**

-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: 2 land use permits issued and blight complaints have been turned over to the Manistee Planning for action.

PLANNING COMMISSION: did not meet in June due to no quorum.

SEWER

--sewer committee (A. Arthur, R. Hudson and President Burger) met and assigned the property at 4990 Main St 2 equivalents effective June 1.

--President Burger reported a transfer pump motor (at the lagoons) failed and is being repaired.

STREETS:

--3rd street reconstruction should begin soon.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks

--EGLE contract/Program Grant

Onekama Village, in conjunction with the Watershed Group, was awarded a \$40,000. grant to approve water quality of Portage Lake. Motion by Arthur, supported by Schwing to have President Burger sign the contract so work can begin on this project. All in favor. M/C.

--Garden Club Project

Bonnie Garbech, club President, looking for endorsement of a project to commemorate 86 years of their existence. Highlights of project would be to have a mural painted on east side of FC depicting 150 anniversary of the channel and also laying out a walking path leading to the garden area behind library. The Garden Club will be applying for a grant to underwrite project and were not asking board for any money. Council was all onboard with this and gave their endorsement.

Farr Center:

--a cleaning plan, for review and approval from President Burger, was given to the board. After much discussion, Schwing moved, Miller supported to adopt the plan. More discussion. Roll Call: Schwing/yes, Hudson, Halloran, Drumm, Miller and Burger-NO. **Motion failed.** FC committee will draft another plan for adoption so FC can open in July.

Farr Center Repair

--Trustee Halloran received one bid for the repair and painting of the east wall of FC.

Jerry Brown-materials and labor to prep, prime, paint and window frame repair, east side of FC/\$2838.

Halloran moved, Arthur supported to accept bid. All in favor/C.

CEMETERY:

--committee chair, Trustee Miller, instructed the clerk and treasurer to pay sexton, Arden Bradford, ½ cost (\$187.50) of a burial interment due to an error in location. Council agreed.

TOWNSHIP REPORT. On line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

--Onekama Days Activities

Kathy Bowers, Lions spokesperson, asked for an extension of the noise ordinance curfew to 1 a.m. with regard to the Onekama Days events at the village park. Miller moved, Arthur supported to the extension. M/C. Bowers also informed the board that the parade route this year would be reversed: now starting at Jones Rd and ending at the park.

--Masks

After much discussion it was the consensus of the board to require masks only if persons have not been vaccinated for entry to Farr Center. Motion by Halloran, supported by Schwing to require masks only if not vaccinated. M/C.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marcia Rodgers/short term rentals, Doug Calis/short term rentals Lara Treemore Spears/boat washing.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

--Council Communication

Trustee Halloran asked President Burger to work on being available to the council for communicating and responding to e-mails. **President Burger will work on this.**

--Short Term Rental Ordinance

Lots of discussion with re: to the public hearing comments. 13 residents of the Village were present at the hearing with the consensus from them that an ordinance of some sort

was needed. Pros and cons were discussed. Motion by Drumm, supported by Miller not to develop a short term rental ordinance. Trustee Hudson questioned the voting definitions of a yes and a no vote. President Burger responded that a yes vote is, you want an ordinance and a no vote, no ordinance. Roll Call: Halloran/yes, Hudson/yes, Schwing/no, Arthur/yes, Miller/no, Drumm/no and Burger/no. Motion passes. No ordinance at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth Hudson

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