

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2020

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by President Franz

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Burger, R. Hudson, S. Schwing & W. Miller. Trustees absent, R. Drumm. Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson & Treasurer, Nikki Jach.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Centofonti/blight complaint he filed. Susan Halloran/blight complaints she filed.

County Commissioner: no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Schwing supported to approve the minutes of the September 16 regular council meeting. **M/C.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Miller supported to accept the September 30 2020 Statement of Accounts as presented. **M/C.**

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Schwing supported to amend the budget as requested. Roll Call: Miller/yes, Schwing/yes, Burger/yes, Arthur/yes, Hudson/yes and Franz, yes. **M/C.**

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

-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: Mike Szokola reported that 5 land use permits were issued and his office handled numerous calls regarding zoning issues. He also reported that our contract with them (Manistee County) is up for renewal around October 24, 2020 and he presented a new contract for their services which has different levels for the Village to select and sign. Much discussion followed and President Franz told the board to be ready at the November meeting to vote on this issue. It was also reported that Manistee County has hired a code enforcement officer, Larry Gibson who will handle the violations. More discussion, then Trustee Schwing moved and Trustee Arthur supported to form a committee to discuss the zoning contract and other zoning issues and report back to the council with recommendations. Roll Call: Hudson/no, Burger/no, Miller/yes, Arthur/yes, Schwing/yes and Franz/no. Motion fails. Treasurer inquired about the complaint that was filed in Oct of 2019 RE: canvas shelter/carport. She was told a final resolution is forthcoming and apologized for them dropping the ball in responding to this complaint.

PLANNING COMMISSION

--received recommendations for changes to the fence ordinance from the Planning Commission. Lots of questions but no representative was in attendance to answer. This issue will be addressed under unfinished business at the November meeting.

SEWER

--still dealing with an invasive species-milfoil invasion at the irrigation site. Wet wells and pipes were cleaned out last week.

--irrigation pump repair

Trustee Burger reported that the pump that supplies the pivots is not working and Burger moved, Hudson supported to hire Kennedy Industries to repair the pump. M.C.

--Data Plan for GIS

Trustee Burger moved, Miller supported to enter into an agreement with Verizon for service by the gig, which runs around \$15. per gig. M/C.

STREETS:

--street and alley repair have been completed.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks

--bathrooms are closed for the season.

Farr Center:

--a report is forth coming.

CEMETERY:

--Trustee Miller will report soon on a grave marking issue.

TOWNSHIP REPORT.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

--public blight complaints

Village received blight violation complaints from Susan Halloran and Mr. Centofanti. Much discussion followed. Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to send the complaints to our Zoning Administrator. President Franz was not in favor of giving these over to the ZA before the board has a chance to investigate for ourselves. All circumstances are not known so care should be taken and not rushed into. Roll Call: Miller/no, Arthur/yes, Hudson/no, Burger/yes, Schwing/no and Franz/no. Motion This will be discussed again at the November meeting/unfinished business.

--Renee Mallison/Conservation District-Director

Reported to the Board on the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Asked for the Village's participation. Will receive a letter in early 2021 to support or not.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Trustee Schwing asked for support being a write in candidate for council. Planning Board needs to attend next meeting. President Franz will make contact with the chair person.

Clerk reported Village receiving donations from the following: Onekama Guild (use of FC for meetings) \$200. to be used for FC improvement and \$20 from the Common Threads Quilting group for use of park to be put into Park improvement account. Thank-you to these individuals.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Valerie Clement/short term rental ordinance is needed. Trustee Miller/in agreement with President Franz RE: views about the Village.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth Hudson

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