

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025

6:30 p.m. 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing

Questions asked and answered. Public Hearing closed at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Miller

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, S. Fauble, S. Finan, T. Foster & R. Hudson

Trustee Absent: S. Halloran

Also Present: Clerk Hudson and Treasurer Jach

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS Lara Treemore Spears / shared her views on Ross Menhart's plans to rebuild the small house at 4537 Main St. She thinks that this project is ready for approval.

Lifejacket Station Project

David Jarvi, member of the Manistee County Recreation Commission asked the board to sign a letter of support for their application for grant funding to supply additional lifejackets for the seven lifejacket stations located throughout Manistee County. One of these stations is located at the Onekama Village Park. The board wholeheartedly supports the Lifejacket Station Project and President Miller signed the letter of support.

2025-2026 Budget Adoption

--No questions from the board on the draft of the 2025-26 budget. Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster supported to adopt this budget as presented. M/C.

MANISTEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT Chairperson Jeff Dontz provided updates on the following county issues: Barry Lind(airport) is retiring, vacancy on the Manistee County Wellness Board, Manistee County Recreation Commission received \$38,000. in opioid funds and the Prosecutor's Office is setting up an internship program.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble seconded to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Finan seconded to accept the January 2025 Statement of Accounts as presented. The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REQUEST:

-Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Hudson seconded to approve the treasurer’s request to make amendments to the budget for January & February of 2025. The motion carried.

-Trustee Fauble moved, Trustee Foster supported to renew the GF CD (\$45,873.89) which comes due on Feb. 28, 2025. M/C.

-Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to pay back GF, \$10,000 a year by the sewer fund for the \$60,000 which was borrowed in 3/28/23. M/C.

-Trustee Finan moved, Trustee Foster supported to divide the \$106,671.10 Equipment Fund CD into 5 \$20000. CDs when it comes due March 30, 2025. M/C. The remainder (\$6,671) will be deposited into Equip. Fd savings.

-Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Hudson supported to put the special assessment of \$2436.on to Steve Schimke’s Onekama Village taxes resulting from the blight violation.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for February 2025. After discussion, President Miller called for a roll call vote. Burger – Yes, Fauble – Yes, Finan – Yes, Foster – Yes, Hudson – Yes, Miller – Yes. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING

In accordance with the Zoning Board of Appeals decision in June of 2022, the planning commission is reviewing the plans for the Overmyer / Menhart property at 4537 Main Street, Parcel Number 51-41-50-002-00. Planning Board is looking into some inconsistencies in the ZBA decision. Master Plan is being reviewed also.

ZONING

nothing

SEWER

--pump will be changed out at LS#1. This repair is needed due to a fault on one pump and poor performance on the other. (reported in the January minutes)

STREETS

--President Miller reported that our new maintenance person is doing a great job plowing. A village snowplowing routine and route info will be posted on the website.

PARKS-

Trails Committee met in January and will be meeting February 28th to look at the feasibility study.

THE FARR CENTER –

--a proposal to upgrade electrical was received. The work to be done includes labor, and materials, electrical permits and engineering. Total cost \$14,100. After some discussion, Trustee Burger moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept proposal from Paradigm Electric work not to exceed \$14,100. M/C.

CEMETERY – Quiet.

Funding Research-

-after some discussion, Trustee Foster moved, Trustee Fauble supported to set aside \$25,000. for future grant opportunities. M/C. This will be a separate line item in the budget.

Sewer Equivalents/Research

--future meetings are being planned.

COMMUNICATIONS –

--Trustee Foster working on setting up electronic mail boxes for the council.

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REPORT - on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – President Miller will contact village attorney to get a written opinion regarding tree cutting issue on Prospect St.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS – President Miller received quote to repair hail damaged windows. More info at March meeting. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Suchocki/ great job snowplowing Justin!!

ADJOURN: 8:05

Respectfully submitted Ruth Hudson