

Budget Public Hearing February 20, 2008

President Wendt opened hearing at 7p.m and asked for questions from the public with regards to the 2008-09 budget. Public had no questions for the council. Hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting February 20, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Bob Wendt at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Schwing, Blackmore, Peterson, Hendricks and Combs Present. Lagerquist/absent

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: none

CONSENT ADOPTION:

Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to accept the Jan.16 minutes with the addition to the Sewer Rate Increase report as follows: Village Auditor suggested increase at the budget meeting and also earlier in the year. Passed. Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to accept the Treasurers report and to pay the bills, make the transfers and amend budget as requested by the Treasurer. Passed. Copy of amendments will be on file with these minutes.

2008-09 BUDGET

Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to adopt the 2008-09 budget as presented. Passed. Schwing moved, Blackmore supported to set the Property Tax Millage rate at 4 mils for the 2008-09 Fiscal year. Passed.

Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to pay the regular incurred bills in 2008-09. Passed.

Hendricks moved, Blackmore supported to set the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of each month as the Village council meeting day for 2008-09. Passed.

## ONEKAMA SCHOOL REMODELING / PHASE 1

Kevin Hughes, Onekama School Superintendent, introduced to the council the Architects (GMB) Gernot Runschke, Ron Snoeyink, Magdalena Smolenska and the Construction Manager (DeVere) Frank Figgers involved with the project. A very informative presentation was given and all questions were answered with regard to phase 1. When the actual site plan is ready and before it is sent to the State for approval, Onekama School will return to the council for Village approval of the project. School Board member Sally Koon was also present at this meeting.

## JETTY PROJECT

Tom Bihlmeyer, (Wade Trim) reported that 12 bids were received for the project and the sealed bids were opened on February 14. President Wendt and council person Blackmore were present at the bid opening. Low bid of \$92,226.50 from Bonney Bros. High bid \$187,360.00 Ludetke Engineering. After much discussion, Blackmore moved Hendricks supported to award contract (upon the recommendation of Village Engineer) to the low bidder, Bonny Bros. contingent upon DNR approval. Passed. Combs and Schwing against.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SEWER

Report:

Everything is working well. Complete report on file with clerk.

### ELECTRICAL UPGRADE /LIFT STATIONS

Received copy of plans and specs for electrical and control renovations for pump stations #1 and #2 also included was a completed and signed MDEQ permit that was sent to Janice Heur. Total invoice, \$6682.93.

Blackmore moved, Combs supported to put the upgrade project out for bids as soon as authorization is received from the MDEQ. Passed.

Tom Bihlmeyer will be responsible for seeing bids are advertised.

### STREETS

--The maintenance person, Bob Gronostalski is continuing to keep the Village Streets in great condition. Nothing but positive comments have been received with regard to the overall job the maintenance person is doing.

## PLANNING BOARD

Next meeting will be March 3 at 7 p.m.

## ZONING

--Hendricks and Combs will be the Village reps. at the interviews being held at the Township on Feb. 26 for the Zoning Administrator vacancy. The Village and Township will hire jointly.

## PARKS-FARR CENTER

- Hendricks would like the council to think about installing a volunteer donation box at the boat ramp this summer.
- Health Dept. is now requiring weekly E-Coli testing of the water in the Park swimming area starting this summer.
- Hendricks is getting prices on blinds for the Farr Center Hall.
- Peterson will start setting on March 14 for the up coming Pine Wood Derby.

## FARR CENTER FURNANCE & AC BID

Clerk received one bid from Hopwoods Heating & Cooling. President Wendt opened bid during meeting and copies were given to the council Price: \$13,485.00 Schwing moved, Peterson supported to accept bid as received. Passed. Peterson moved, Combs supported to have the Clerk write a check for 10% of the bid price to Hopwood. Passed.

## COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

No report.

## CEMETERY REPORT:

All is quiet. Waiting for spring to look into purchasing some trees and working on the roads in Village Cemetery II.

## TOWNSHIP REPORT

Hendricks gave report. Joint meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Web site for Village is nearing completion. Peterson has been working hard with Onekama School and Paul Foster on this

project.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spring trash day will be June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Blackmore moved, Schwing supported to have President Wendt sign the Contractual Service Agreement with the Manistee Conservation District for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste. Passed. Collection day will be Saturday- September 13, 2008. Cost to the Village, \$275.00 based on \$0.32 per resident.

## CORRESPONDENCE

--ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP

---MDOT

--ONEKAMA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

--PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED

--MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

--MI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

--WADE TRIM

## ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEM

Suzanne Schwing, chair person of the Wetlands Acquisition Group reported that letters have been sent out to Business Owners in the area for their input also appraisals are being done on the property that is to be acquired.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne Schwing

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson



