

## VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2018

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: R. Drumm, R. Franz, R. Hudson, W. Miller and S. Schwing. Also present Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Burger

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** David Bowers/Lion's Club asking for an update with regard to the drawings he dropped off last meeting for the park shelter upgrade. Some discussion followed then, Drumm moved, Franz supported to approve the shelter upgrade project. M/C.

**County Commissioner:** no report.

**MINUTES:** Franz moved, Drumm supported to accept the Sept 19 minutes as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Schwing moved, Hudson supported to accept the September 2018 statement of accounts as presented M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** no request this month.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Franz moved, Miller supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ZONING:** a demo permit was approved for the now closed Spirit gas station.

Draft letters regarding blight violations are being written. A discussion followed with regard to a newly opened Bed and Breakfast in the village. They are in violation of the current zoning ordinance and need to apply for a special use permit but as of this date have failed to do so. After further discussion it was the consensus of the council to contact the village attorney as to how to proceed.

**ZA Vacancy –still looking.**

#### SEWER-

-- An insurance claim has been filed for the lighting strike (on the control panel) at the irrigation site. President Burger is looking into getting additional grounding for this site to protect it from additional strikes.

--work has begun on the Saw Grant.

--new connection request/Cutlip-8745 Fourth Ave. Some discussion, then Franz moved, Drumm supported to approve this connection, effective Nov. 1, 2018. M/C.

--Spirit Gas Station Connection: was capped and inspected. Drumm moved, Hudson supported to approve this disconnect as of Oct. 17, 2018. M/C.

#### STREETS:

-- The Village will be getting additional street money (2 payments of approximately \$3,600) from the state, designated as public act 207.

--**At the Sept board mtg.** Trustee Franz volunteered to apply for a class B endorsement license to be the substitute snow plow driver for the village. Franz reported he has received this license endorsement and will be giving the clerk a copy for the file.

--Clerk will order the winter sand and salt.

--The street administrator and president will talk with the school in regards to the repair of Baker St and the adjoining sidewalk

#### PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

##### Parks:

-Bathroom upgrade (epoxy painting of the floors, a baby changing area and the pouring of a cement slab are still needed) will resume now that the bathrooms are closed for the season.

--The Portage Lake Garden Club will be contacted with regard to a new sign by the fountain.

**FARR CENTER:**

--nothing new to report.

**CEMETERY:**

-water system has been winterized.

--The draft cemetery policy is still being worked on. Should be ready in the fall/winter.

-- One sealed bid received for the tree removal work. A-Game Tree Service. After some discussion the bid was rejected. More discussion. There was some confusion as to the actual scope of work involved and being bid on. Wayne moved, Drumm supported to hire an arborist for their opinion. M/C. Schwing opposed. Trustee Miller will contact the arborist.

--no numbers yet for the cost associated with the installation of an additional water line for cemetery #1. As reported in May, the cemetery association has \$1000.00 dedicated to this project.

President Burger requested a sketch be submitted as to where the line would be located.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:** minutes on line

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--Park Shelter upgrade/**see public comment**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**--Harbor Commission:**

Denny Blue/vice-chair of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission was asking the Village to concur with the formation of the Onekama Economic Sustainability Committee. The Harbor Commission believes that a separate committee should be established to work with the Port Collaborative and other state and federal organizations to identify and develop local projects and funding proposals to support future growth. Questions and concerns were addressed and answered after which Schwing moved, Drumm supported to concur with the formation of this committee. M/C. Franz opposed.

**--Village Truck/replacement**

President Burger reported that specs have been written and bids will be due by November 14.

Included in the bid will be price with and without trade in value of the F-350 truck.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

**With regard to the Village putting jobs etc. out for bids, it was the consensus of the council, in the future the policy of the council will be: sealed bids will be solicited for jobs etc. over \$5000.00.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson