

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2024

Call to Order: President Roger Burger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Hudson, A. Arthur, S. Fauble, J. Wemlinger, S. Halloran and W. Miller.

Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dena Peterson/drainage issue affecting surrounding properties near school ball field.

County Commissioner: reported to the council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Miller supported to accept the June 30, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: to be reimbursed, \$20.00/out of pocket, to keep the MCF Account open. Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to reimburse the Treasurer. M/C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. President Burger questioned the invoices for Susan Halloran, out of pocket and Richards McDougall invoice/extra services. Roll call vote as follows: Hudson, Wemlinger, Miller, Fauble, Arthur & Halloran – yes, Burger-no. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: nothing to report.

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

---Next Steering Committee/Master Plan meeting will be August 7, 7p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Trustee Halloran reported: planning commission to date have received over 90 responses to the current master plan survey, and a draft of the revised short term rental ordinance will be given to the council in August and a public hearing on this ordinance will be September 10th/ 6p.m.

--- After some discussion re: to date purchases out of PB operating supplies, TV, cart, chrome notebook, camera and speaker for a total of \$1168.90 , Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to post these expenses to the communications budget. M/C. Note: prior to this action, Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Arthur supported to put \$2000. into the PB operating supplies budget line. This motion was rescinded.

SEWER: President Burger reported that the force main /LS#3 was repaired.

STREETS: --President Burger reported that Brandt St project has been completed and also some storm drain work has been done.

--- rain water drainage issue (discussed in public comment) effecting some properties parallel to the school ball field by Mill and Erdman was discussed. The Streets Committee will investigate and report to council in August.

PARKS:

--Trustee Hudson reported that he attended a virtual meeting of The Onekama Trail project on July 15. The group is now in the middle of the feasibility study of this trail project which expects to run from 8mile down M-22 through the village to Northpoint Park. Next step will be Community Engagement (public hearing) sometime near end of September. He also reported that M-Dot agrees to partner with the trail group.

FARR CENTER:

-- President Burger and Trustee Miller are preparing RFPs (for work to be done) to request for proposals to repair hail damage to the Village properties. Insurance quotes from hail damage have already been received.

CEMETERY : quiet

COMMUNICATIONS :

Chairperson, Trustee Miller reported he is investigating the cost associated with the Village having its own website. Next meeting of the council work session will be August 6/ 5p.m. and on the agenda, Short Term Rental Ordinance.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: MML/annual meeting notice. MSU/Citizen Planner Classes. MDot/repair of missing railing over creek. Dena Peterson/ rainwater drainage issue. Andrea Arthur/Onkama Days, help in the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Suchocki/in favor of Trail Project, good Master Plan meetings.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

--League of Women Voters/ using hall to introduce the 4 candidates running for the 2 empty seats on Township Board. Garden Club requesting to use the big screen TV for their July 25 meeting. Trustee Wemlinger spoke about the importance of the renewal of the School Bond issue at 3 ½ mills. This is not an increase in money for the tax payers.

--- After some discussion, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Arthur supported to allow the Onkama Parks & Rec group to use a 10X10X10 storage area in the Village garage which Trustee Miller will erect (inside the garage) and have an external access door. M/C.

---Trustee Arthur announced her resignation from the Parks Committee as of this July 17th meeting. She requested that Trustee Wemlinger be appointed to this position. No action was taken at this time. She was thanked by the board for all her good work and help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson