

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:

County Commissioner: reported to the council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept the May 31, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: that the following be put into the minutes: \$6000. Will be deposited into the MCF/Acct. account for 10 years of maintenance on the newly built event stage in the park. These funds are coming from the M.C.C.F Advisory Board and the Onekama Village Park Improvement Advisory Board. At this time President Burger asked that the covid money (\$42,483.31) be used for the 2024 street repair projects in Local Street as stated in the 2024-25 budget. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to use the covid money as requested. M/C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. Roll call vote as follows: Hudson, Wemlinger, Miller, Fauble, Arthur, S. Halloran & Burger – yes. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: Fee schedule will be reviewed and revised.

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

---Steering Committee for the Master Plan will be meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25 & 26. All meetings are open to the public.

--- Trustee Halloran moved, Trustee Arthur supported to purchase a chrome notebook, camera and speaker to work with the big screen TV for zoom meetings. M/C. Total cost/\$300.

---Committee chair Chris Forth spoke with Katie Mehl re: the Manistee County Planning Dept. administering the Village's short term rental program(after receiving final approval from the county) which would include processing applications, inspections and follow-up on complaints during normal business hours.

SEWER: President reported that the wet wells were cleaned out and the sewer line going from park bathrooms needs some investigation. Also reported: vandalism to one of the urinals in the men's bathroom.

STREETS: --bid received from Swidorski Bros./storm drain cleaning project on Portage St. and Mill St. Total job cost \$18,150. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept bid and have the work done. M/C.

2024 Street repairs

--Bids were also received from Ron Brown for Brandt St repair(\$34,847.000 and Prospect St. repair(\$11,434.00) After some discussion, Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to accept these bids and have the work done. Roll Call: Miller, Fauble, Halloran, Hudson, Wemlinger, Arthur and Burger/yes. M/C.

---property owner at 8472 Portage St reported a sink hole in the Village St at the end of their driveway. President Burger said this will be investigated.

PARKS:

--Life jackets station have been put out for the season and swim buoys have been installed.

--Consensus of the council to waive fee(park) for 2024 Ragnar Race (Sept. 20) due to the fact they would just be using the parking lot

--Park Fountain Project-update

Trustee Wemlinger reported, due to the scope of the work that was needed to repair the fountain, Casey Chinnock (he was authorized to do the repairs at the May 2024 meeting) realized he was not capable of doing the repairs. For right now the fountain will be a dry monument. Phase 3 of the park renovations by the Manistee Community Foundation might address the fountain issue.

Park Policy change

The proposed language change is as follows: Onekama Village Residents wishing to place memorial objects, such as benches, but not limited to same, om Village Property must have approval of the Onekama Village Council. Council approval to include but not limited to the object's , material, inscription and location. After some discussion, Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Fauble supported to adopt this addition to the current park policy. M/C.

FARR CENTER:

-- insurance quotes from hail damage have been received and work to be done will be going out for bids.

CEMETERY:

Chairperson/Trustee Wemlinger reported that removal of 3 trees, by Rusty VanBrocklin has been completed. Note: only cut flowers are allowed on the veterans' plaques due to mowing issues.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report. Committee chair, Trustee Miller offered some of allotted money for communications be used for the purchase of the afore mentioned camera, chrome book and microphone. No action taken at this time.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

FOIA request from Nola Teye was received with regard to ongoing sewer issues. She requested her fee be reduced and or waived due to being unemployed. As per our FOIA Policy, fee can only be waived if he or she is indigent and then only the first \$20. Shall be without charge..

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson