

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 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, J. Wemlinger, S. Halloran, and W. Miller. Also present: Clerk Ruth Hudson and Treasurer Nikki Jach. Absent: Trustee S. Fauble

PUBLIC COMMENT: Debbie Storms/reason for the Fire Dept. report on agenda. Nola Teye/why her sewer request was not on the agenda. (She was told that the sewer committee will be meeting next week to discuss this issue.)

Manistee County Onekama Branch Library update: Heather Konen, Onekama Librarian introduced herself and reported the following: library visits as of August/ 4,139, items circulated as of August/ 5,783 and computers/WiFi used/ 861. The Onekama Branch offers many services and programs for children(summer reading programs and Teen Board Game Nights and Movie nights) adults(book club and reading programs) and these are just a few of what can be found at the Onekama Library. Heather thanked the Garden Club for the beautification of the grounds outside the library and the Onekama Village staff for their help and support when the library is open.

County Commissioner:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the September 18 minutes with the addition of the word NOT to the last sentence(did NOT want) in the COMMUNICATIONS report as corrected. M/C.

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

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported (acting on the request of the treasurer) to move \$10,000. over to the General Fund from the Village of Onekama Park Fund to repay the \$10,000 it paid to MCF/OCR account. M/C. Note: in the 2024-25 Budget this money was to come from the Village Park Improvement Fund. In addition, the Treasurer would like it in the minutes that the price for the Cedar Forest Products changed when Joe Suchocki found they did not need some of what they thought they did and the price changed from \$21,545. To \$19,027.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: a request from Trustee Halloran that all blight infraction violation reports received by the clerk be shared with the board. Clerk Hudson had no problem with this and stated that she just started receiving them and will give copies on a quarterly basis.

PLANNING COMMISSION –report

--- Master Plan Steering Committee meeting. Tuesday October 8, 6p.m. (cancelled) has been rescheduled for November 13. Trustee Halloran brought up the issue of excessive signage(contractors signs) in the village and in turn this was discussed with Katie Mehl (zoning) as to what action can be taken.

SEWER: President Burger reported: the new transfer pump will be reinstalled on November 4th and irrigation will stop and system will be winterized the end of the month.

STREETS: --Storm drain work will begin next week for Portage and Mill Sts.

PARKS:

---Bathrooms have been closed for the season. Halloran moved, Wemlinger supported to bring in a Handi capped porta potty (like last year) for the winter. M/C. Hudson and Burger opposed.

Onekama Trails Feasibility Project/update

---Onekama Trails meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 23/6p.m. at the Onekama Township Hall.

FARR CENTER:

Hail Storm damage repairs have gone back out for bids and are due Nov.12

CEMETERY :

Water has been shut off for the season. Chairperson Wemlinger reminded the board that a large tree still needs to be removed.

COMMUNICATIONS :

The securing of a Debit card for the village will be discussed again at the November meeting.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Nola Teye/sewer reduction request and refund of excess sewer paid.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

---John Wemlinger/asking for support for the School Bond Issue. Nola Teye/wants the board to do their job and resolve her sewer issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson