

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
August 21, 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. Absent: Trustee Fauble and Treasurer Nikki Jach.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: none**

**County Commissioner: no report.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

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

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the following as requested by the Treasurer: cash in GF \$75,000. CD and transfer money over to major street to cover street repairs, close the Filer Savings account, General Fund Savings 2 and move money over to West Shore Bank which has a CD rate of 5.20% and finally move the Equipment Fund CD when it comes due in September to where we can get the best rate for a 6<sup>th</sup> month CD. 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, , Arthur, Halloran & Burger – yes. M/C.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:** Katie Mehl, Planning Director explained to the council the terms in the service contract with regard to the administration of Short Term Rental Ordinance

when it is adopted for the village. Lots of discussion but no action was taken. Copies of said agreement will be given to the board to be voted on in September.

---Katie introduced, David Jarvi the new zoning administrator for the village.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION –report**

--- Trustee Halloran reported: deadline for returning surveys for the village master plan has been extended to October 31. 205 surveys have been filled out so far. A big thank-you to Al Taylor who sent out 2000 e-mails in conjunction with this survey. After some discussion re; Short Term Rental Ordinance, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve a public hearing on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> on this ordinance which is up for adoption. M/C.

**SEWER:** President Burger reported that a transfer pump at the Lagoons will be taken out for repairs and requests for new sewer connections are being investigated.

**STREETS:** --President Burger reported that street paving for 2024 is complete --

### **--- Greg Carlson/drainage issue.**

Mr. Carlson recently purchase property on Mill St. When it rains, rainwater is coming from Charlie Brown St, Mill St. and school ball field and draining onto his property and also the neighbor's property (Dena Peterson) to the west. He would like to hear what the legal responsibility of the village in this regard. Much discussion during which Mr. Carlson said he has made contact with the village attorney. More discussion, then he was told that since he had contacted the attorney he would be getting a response via the attorney. The street committee has been to the area to investigate the problem.

### **--- Onekama Marine/drainage issue.**

Received invoice from Onekama Marine to reimburse them for having to pay to fill in their drive way in yard #2 after drain water washed it out. This driveway is on their property and not the villages' responsibility was the consensus of the council. This invoice will not be paid.

### **PARKS:**

## **--Phase #2/OCR Park Renovations/replacement of main pavilion**

Joe Suchocki & MaryJo Mc Elroy(OCR reps) talked about phase#2 and what they would like from the village to go forward. Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to have the Village Council move \$10,000. from GF to village improvement account to fulfil 2024 budget commitment. M/C. Next, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Miller supported to approve quote of \$92,790 from Cedar Forest Products for pavilion materials and shipping and to request \$21,545 funding from MCCF to enable initial payment to Cedar Forest Products. M/C.

Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to place the order with Cedar Forest Products for pavilion materials and shipping/C. Next, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Miller supported to approve \$53,257 construction proposal from Mathieu Builders for construction, electrical work and lighting for main pavilion. M/C. and finally Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Miller supported to request \$10,000 funding from MCCF to enable down payment to Mathieu Builders for pavilion renovation. M/C. Roger/no

## **---Onkama Trails/update**

There will be a Public Forum informational meeting August 29/5p.m.at Farr Center.

### **FARR CENTER:**

-- request for proposals to repair hail damage to the Village properties are on the web site and in the Manistee News Advocate.

**CEMETERY** : waiting on a bid to take out a large dead tree in Cemetery #1.

### **COMMUNICATIONS :**

Next meeting of the council work session will be September 3/ 5p.m.

### **PERSONNEL:**

Probationary period for the newly hired maintenance person is up. Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported that the Village continue its relationship with Justin Judge and as of August 19 increase his wage \$1.00.to \$21. M/C. During the discussion prior to voting on the motion it was stated that Mr. Judge needs to continue working on acquiring his Michigan CDL driver's license and to continue learning about our Sewer System with the intention of acquiring a sewer Operators License. President Burger said Justin was agreeable to these conditions.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:** minutes on line.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Farr Center electrical up grade. This work can not be done without LARA approval and we are having trouble getting approval.

**NEW Business:**

Council asked treasurer to investigate getting a debit card

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Violation letter/MI Dept of Treasury, Greg Carlson/rainwater drainage issue, Manistee County Planning Dept./Village violations update and Trails/update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

---Andrew Stafford/new director of Economic Development for the Manistee Chamber of Commerce introduced himself to the council and is looking forward to working with the village in any way he can help us.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson