

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2019

Call to Order: President Franz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by President Franz

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Burger, R. Hudson, W. Miller, S. Schwing & A. Reitman.
Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson & Treasurer, and Nikki Jach. Absent: Trustee Drumm

PUBLIC COMMENT: everyone was quiet.

County Commissioner: no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Miller supported to approve the minutes of the Oct 23, 2019 regular council meeting as presented. M/C/.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Schwing supported to accept the September 2019 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Drumm moved, Trustee Hudson supported to amend the budget as requested by the Treasurer. M/C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Drumm supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C. President Franz called for a roll call vote. Reitman – yes, Miller – yes, Burger – yes Hudson-yes, Franz-yes, Schwing-yes and Drumm-yes. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: answering lots of questions and granted two permits for decks.

--Contract for County ZA Services:

A draft copy of contract was given to the Board. After some discussion, Trustee Schwing moved to amend the contract by requesting a report be sent quarterly to the Village. More discussion. President Franz called for a roll call vote. Burger/no, Miller/no, Hudson/no, Reitman/no, Schwing/no, President Franz/no and Drumm/yes. Motion fails. More discussion, then Burger moved, Hudson supported to contract with the County for Zoning Administrator Services as stated in the contract. Roll Call: Hudson, Miller, Drumm, Reitman, Burger, Schwing and President Franz/YES. Clerk will forward signed contract to the County. Rob Carson, Manistee County Planning Director, will be our contact person.

--Blight Committee:

Chairperson Schwing had nothing new to report and was confused what exactly was expected of her now that the county was going to be in charge of the blight violations. After some discussion, Drumm moved, Reitman supported to abolish the Blight Committee. M/C. Trustee Schwing was ok with this action taken by the Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION

–Clerk ran ads for the vacant seats on the Planning Board with no response. After some discussion President Franz stated that if we have zoning we have to have a Planning Board. More discussion then

President Franz said he would write a letter to be sent to all residents asking for their help in filling these vacancies. **Again “if there is no Planning Board there will be no Zoning” in the Village.**

SEWER

--Trustee Burger reported that the village has been having a problem receiving lab service reports in a timely manner from our current company(Great Lakes) and would like to try a different company(SOS Analytical Services/Traverse City).After some discussion, Burger moved, Drumm supported to use the services of the Traverse City Company. M/C.

--**Trustee Burger** also reported meeting (Trustee Hudson was also present at this meeting) with **Fleis & Vandenbrink** with regard to the expansion of our irrigation system which involves adding (very expensive) 2 new pivots. Trustee Burger also would like to see the Village generate letters to the residents whose properties failed the smoke test and with the corrections made by the property owner, this would in turn stop the flow of clean water into our sewer system. Board was in agreement regarding sending out letters. A complete report is forth coming.

STREETS:

--2019 St. Repairs are complete and look great.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks: the high water is still a problem with eroding cement in the beach area. Repairs will be done when water levels fall, hopefully in the spring. The 5 Year Park Plan has expired. Six security cameras have been replaced and are now fully operational.

Farr Center:

--nothing to report.

CEMETERY: flags will be removed after Veterans Day. A memorial marker that was placed in the cemetery with no authorization is being investigated.

TOWNSHIP REPORT. on line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Contributions/refund

--President Franz had a request from the **Watershed Group** to return their contribution of \$250. which was to be used for a power assist door at the Farr Center entry door because the door has not been installed in a timely manner. Much discussion was heard. Trustee Schwing , who was the head of the project, explained due to health issues she hasn't been able to complete the installation of the door but she would still like to see it happen. More discussion. Then Drumm moved, Hudson supported to refund all contributions at this time. Roll Call: Reitman/yes, Burger/yes/, Miller/yes, Hudson/yes, Schwing/no, Drumm/ yes, and President Franz/yes. M/C.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Valerie Clement/ Twp has adopted a vacation rental ordinance, she would like to see the Village do the same. Micheal Kuizenga/ power assist door installation.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

--Trustee Reitman shared with the board a forth **coming township projected** to celebrate the 150 year anniversary of the channel opening.

--Trustee Schwing voiced **her opinion** as follows: “This council has now reached a new level. The President has a set of standards different from the rest of the council.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson