

2009-2010 Budget Public Hearing February 18, 2009

President Dave Combs opened public hearing at 6:45 p.m.
5 public in attendance. Copies of proposed budget were passed out and President Combs asked if there were any questions regarding the budget. No questions from the audience, President Combs closed public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting February 18, 2009
Meeting called to order by President Dave Combs at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Blackmore, Hendricks, Combs, Drumm, Lagerquist & Schwing /present. Also in attendance, ZA- Dana Schindler.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: none.

CONSENT ADOPTION:

Blackmore moved, Lagerquist supported to accept the Jan. 21, 2009 minutes with the following additions & spelling corrections: spelling corrections as follows: Raedar (not Radar), Fleis (not Felis) and Barnard (not Bernard) and addition of the following, Zoning: Village paid for half the fee for ZA Schindler to attend Planning and Zoning seminar, ORV Ordinance: Roll call was taken and Hendricks was opposed. Passed.

Treasurers request:

Move \$50,000.00 from Sewer Fund Checking- 390-001 to General Fund Savings- 101-005 for repayment. Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to repay General Fund \$50,000.00 for money which Sewer fund borrowed to make repairs to the system in Fiscal year 2008-2009. Passed.

Amend budget:

Blackmore moved, Lagerquist supported to amend 2008-2009 budget as requested by the Treasurer to bring us in line for the year end. Passed.

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to accept the Treasurers report as presented and to pay the bills, included is the bill from Lyman Excavating for storm drain repair work (\$620.00) and make the transfers. Passed.

2009-2010 Budget Adoption

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to adopt budget as presented. Passed.

Millage

Bauer moved, Schwing supported to increase millage by one bringing the total of mills to five. One mill generates around \$17000.00 revenue. This increase was necessary to support the new budget which will include some badly needed repairs to the streets in the Village. Roll Call vote: Lagerquist-yes, Bauer-yes, Hendricks-yes, Schwing-yes, Blackmore-yes, Drumm-no and Combs-yes. Passed.

COMMUNITY FIVE-YEAR PARKS & REC. PLAN

Hendricks moved, Blackmore supported to have the clerk sign the Recreation Plan Resolution of Adoption. Passed.

POLICE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Blackmore moved, Drumm supported to have President Combs sign agreement with the County who agrees to provide, through the County Sheriff, at no cost to the Village, police protection and other law enforcement services within the geographical boundaries of the Village. Passed.

Appointment of Liquor Enforcement Person

Michael Olejniczak, who has held this position since 2006 resigned. Drumm moved, Hendricks supported to hire the maintenance man to fill this position with the stipulation he will do these inspections on his own time. Passed.

Act 51 Compliance

Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to have President Combs sign Village street map as part of the Act 51 Annual Mileage Certification Report. Passed.

The Clerk (Ruth Hudson) took the above minutes and then left the meeting. The ZA Dana Schindler took the remaining minutes in the clerks' absence.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Schindler's report included the 2008 Annual Summary Report, the January 2009 Zoning Report, minutes from the January and February Planning Commission Meetings, and February Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. No permits were issued in January. The Planning Commission is reviewing various ordinances of Michigan inland lake communities in effort to update the village Lake Front District ordinance. The ZBA is updating its Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct in accordance with the 2008 Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Schindler brought to the attention of the Council the fence violation in the road-right-of-way on Schroeder. Council concurred the violation needs to be addressed.

Discussion ensued regarding inclusion of all zoning documents for Council review versus a table summary. Consensus favored the complete packet.

President Combs recommended the appointment of Alice Hendricks and Mary Reed to the Community Planning Commission (CPC) Ordinance Review Committee (ORC). Following discussion, **Motion by Bauer, second by Schwing to approve Combs recommendation of Hendricks and Blackmore to the CPC-Ordinance Review Committee. M/C unanimously.**

The issue of stipend for Zoning Commissioners and committee members was discussed. **Motion by Blackmore, second by Hendricks to retroactively compensate Village Zoning Commissioners since October 2008 at \$25.00/meeting with Community Planning Commission members receiving compensation equal to the township but not exceeding \$45.00/regular meeting and \$25.00/special meeting. M/C unanimously.**

The need for a second Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals member was addressed. **Motion by Blackmore, second by Hendrix to confirm appointment of Rudy Milasich and appoint Mary Reed as ZBA alternates for two and three year terms respectively. M/C unanimously.**

SEWERS

Blackmore reported over 450 pounds of grease has been recently removed from lift stations. He stated the grease becomes sludge in the lagoons and its removal burdens all tax payers as a result of abuse of a few. He noted response to recent Village requirement to install grease traps has been good which is narrowing down the field of the remaining source of grease.

STREETS

Dyke Street Flood: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Dyke Street flood of 2/12/09 from overflow of man-made pond after the culvert was blocked and subsequent washout of an earthen berm. President Combs reported his conversations with Jerry Peterson, Road Commission (RC) and Barry Peterman, DEQ both who contend all culverts and roadways in the area were constructed with proper permits. He also stated K. Hughes contacted the RC on several earlier occasions indicating the pond was not draining through the culvert. Combs stated the wash-out and flood were a result of unique converging circumstances and unlikely to be repeated. Several citizens whose homes and yards were severely impacted stated “the drainage system for the pond is not adequate” and “the Village should know whose responsibility it is to keep the culverts clear.” They requested Combs continue to pursue which jurisdiction is responsible as it is a situation they believe could repeat itself noting also that many new log jams were created during the flood. Combs stated he would continue to research the cause and keep in touch with the affected parties. He offered the services of volunteer organizations to assist in clean up.

Baker Street: President Combs reported he would be receiving a letter from Kevin Hughes, Principal and the general contractor declaring contractor and school responsibility for any damage caused by heavy delivery trucks.

Truck and plow purchase: Blackmore reported that repair costs for the little dump truck now exceed its value. Requesting bids from five dealers, he received two, Manistee Ford and Benchwood that were within \$2000 of each other for a 4-wheel drive diesel with dump box and front end loader. Blackmore recommended the Municipal Lease option offered by Manistee Ford with annual payments of \$14,000 per year for three years and a \$1.00 payment the fourth year including a three year warranty. Outright purchase amounted to payments of \$700.00/month over four to five years. In spite of initial expense and cost of fuel Blackmore stated the advantage of diesel was more low-end torque, therefore longer life span and less engine repair overall. The new vehicle would replace both existing red trucks.

Blackmore also requested a used wing plow @ \$4000.00 for the green truck. Money for both would come from the Equipment Fund.

Concern was expressed regarding millage increase and truck expenditure. Council fully realized the trucks have needed replacement regardless.

Motion by Blackmore, second by Schwing to utilize existing money in the Equipment Fund to purchase the Ford truck from Manistee Ford under the Municipal Lease Agreement of \$14,000 in 2009, and payments of the same for two more consecutive years; and a wing plow from McCloth at \$4000.00 for a total 2009 expenditure of \$18,000.00. M/C unanimously.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The Work session was set for Tuesday, March 1 0th 10:00 AM.

PARKS AND FARR CENTER

Hendricks reported that Drumm has received information and will be working on grant monies for the boat dock. Drumm stated the Revenue Sharing Grant was unlikely at this time however a DNR grant looks promising.

Hendricks recommended postponing shingling the Farr Center roof with understanding that material costs may be down in a year. Following investigation of roofing material, requests for bids will be published with the option of not accepting any proposals.

Hendricks suggested the Village hire a part time person to mow the parks giving more control over when the task is actually accomplished.

Flags were priced at the village hardware at \$25.00 for the 3X5 and \$45.00 for the 4X6. Consensus held the town hardware flags are of excellent quality.

WATERSHED FOREVER

Hendricks stated the Watershed Forever Committee is requesting the township and village inform them when DEQ permits are issued.

Hendricks reported the Invasive Species Subcommittee has advertised for bids for Phragmites removal and is looking into a Special Assessment District to cover the costs of the long-term removal operation.

Hendricks stated the Clean Marina Seminar was good.

WETLAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Suzanne Schwing reported she will re-submit the Natural Resources Trust Fund application prior to the April 1 deadline. She is going to follow-up with MDOT in regard to its position and is applying for a PNC (formerly National City) grant for up to \$25,000. She stated the PNC grant requires a resume from the President and President Pro Temp as well as copy of the Village Audit.

COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION

Tom Gerhardt reported on April 2nd there would be a planting of 1000 pines at North Point Park.

He stated he would like to see the lighthouse preserved rather than scrapped for cash.

CEMETERY

Don Schwing stated signs would be posted in the spring regarding the sale of lots in the new cemetery.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Hendricks reported the County Commissioners approved the Manistee Harbor as a Marine Corridor and a proposal is before the Commission to utilize the Drop Forge property as a trucking connection with distribution of 100,000 trucks/day from Filer.

She noted Onekama Volunteer Fire Department is researching purchase of a new fire truck and certification of new fire personnel.

She noted the Hazardous Waste Collection is August 15.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

School Signs: After pricing road signs (up to \$120.00/sign), Combs recommended the temporary “No Parking” signs be of laminated cardboard. Bauer suggested a good sense of durability could be gleaned in these few months before school ends.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazardous Waste Collection: **Motion by Blackmore, second by Drumm to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Agreement. M/C unanimously.**

Zozel Street: Hendricks stated Zozel was not constructed for heavy duty loads and with school construction over the past several years, the street is falling apart. Combs stated he would speak to the contractor.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1). Senator Carl Levin Washington update;
- 2). Charter Communication filing for Chapter 11 prior to April 1, 2009 allowing them to continue service as they re-vamp;
- 3). US Census Bureau requests local designation of emergency and transitional shelter locations and food pantry.

OTHER BUSINESS

Suzanne Schwing offered donation of heavy duty linoleum flooring (used in surgical area of hospitals), including adhesive. Cost to Village would be that of installing it in the hallway from the front door to the community room.

Motion by Drumm, second by Blackmore to accept the linoleum. M/C 6 aye; 1 nay.

Consensus to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Submitted, Dana Schindler

