

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 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. Drumm, R. Hudson, W. Miller & A. Reitman.
Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson & Treasurer, and Nikki Jach. Trustee Schwing /absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: everyone was quiet.

County Commissioner: no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 regular council meeting. M/C/.

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

TREASURER'S REQUEST: none this month.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson 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, and Drumm-yes. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: responding to numerous phone calls.

--no action at this time regarding decision to contract with Manistee County and their zoning services. Tabled to the Oct meeting. Rob Carson should be sending a copy of a contract for the council to look over.

ZBA: quiet

--**Blight Committee:**

See unfinished business.

PLANNING COMMISSION

--see unfinished business.

SEWER

--Fleis & Vandenbrink in town Aug 21 & 22 assessing our system and found very little sludge. September.

-- Smoke testing was done on the 17th and 18th. Results available soon.

STREETS:

--Ron Brown in town working on the 2019 street repairs.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks: high water is eroding cement in the beach area. Repairs will be done when water levels fall.

Farr Center:

--nothing to report.

CEMETERY: no complaints or problems.

TOWNSHIP REPORT. on line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Flood Plan Ordinance:

--Action tabled till new maps get finalized and additional questions have been answered.

Blight Ordinance

--action tabled to Oct meeting.

Reorganization of Planning Board

--Three open seats on the Planning Board at this time. An ad will be run to solicit for members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walkability Proposal

--President Franz met with Roz Jaffee and Jeff Sternburger from the Downtown Committee of the Onekama Economic Sustainability Committee to discuss looking to improve the walkability of Onekama's Main St. Their first project would be the Village Park entrance street corner. Approval was given in 2017(Village Board still in favor of this project) for the reconstruction of the sidewalk at the corner of M-22 and Portage St. (Village Park) which would include ramps and a crosswalk. There was no support from the council for the signs proposed. This project would be financed through a grant from M-Dot with no cost to the Village.

CORRESPONDENCE: George Punches, gifted the Village with a \$100.00 check to be used for future repairs and maintenance of the Village boat launch. A Thank-you will be sent for this much appreciated gift. Thank-you Mr. Punches!!!!

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson