

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 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, Sara Fauble, John Wemlinger and W. Miller.  
Also present: Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson. Absent: Trustee Halloran

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**County Commissioner: no report**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to accept the April 30, 2024 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Arthur supported to open an account for the Village of Onekama MCF (Manistee Community Foundation) Event Stage & Park projects. M/C.  
2<sup>nd</sup> request: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to move \$180,000. In General Fund Savings at West Shore Bank to a money Market Account at 4 1/2% for 6 months. M/C.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION** –report

---President Burger reported that the Village of Onekama was awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000. For our Master Plan Update project. This grant was supported by the Manistee Community Foundation-Limitless Fund and the MCCF-Portage Lake Watershed Endowment Fund. Thank-you to both entities for their support which is very much appreciated!! In addition, clean copies of the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance were given to the board for their review to be discussed at the June meeting.

---Planning Commission is investigating the purchase of a lap top and camera to work with the newly purchased big screen TV for use at future meetings.

**Contract for Services/Master Plan- Update-**

--after some discussion, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Fauble supported to execute a contract with Community Image Building (see March minutes) for the up-dating of the Master Plan. Roll Call: Arthur, Fauble, Hudson, Wemlinger, Miller and Burger /yes. M/C. This contract has already been reviewed by the Attorney.

**SEWER:** nothing to report.

**STREETS:** --no bids were received for the storm drain cleaning project. This will be re-bid.

**PARKS:**

--Katherine Bowers, Lions Club, reported that the Onekama Days Parade is now going to be Saturday evening(August 3) at 8p.m. This change is being made hoping to get better participation and people will already be in town for the fireworks. Council was in favor of the change.

**--Park Fountain Project**

Trustee Wemlinger, over the winter was in contact with prospective contractors that Shirley Brooks had contacted re: repairs to the fountain. After some discussion about the extent of the repairs, Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Wemlinger supported to authorize Mr. Casey Chinnock, Springhouse Masonry, to repair the Onekama Village Park Fountain with the cost of such repairs(which are on file) is not to exceed \$2000.00. Roll Call: Fauble, Miller, Arthur, Wemlinger and Hudson/YES. Burger/no. M/C.

**Park Policy change**

The proposed language change will be voted on at the June meeting. The additional language would refer to future requests for the placing of articles in the park.

**FARR CENTER:**

-- Village insurance carrier has been contacted re; damage to some of our buildings.

**CEMETERY:**

**Chairperson/Trustee Wemlinger** reported that he has been in contact with Rusty VanBrocklin re: removal of trees and had hired him to remove 3 trees, cost not to exceed \$4000. Council had no problem with this expenditure since it had already been budgeted.

**Cemetery Rate Changes**

After some discussion, Trustee Wemlinger moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the rate increases recommended by the Village Council Cemetery Committee for grave sites and Cemetery services In Onekama Cemeteries 1 & 2, as outlined in proposed Appendix C of the Onekama Village Cemetery and Veterans Memorial Park Policy. Roll Call: Arthur, Miller, Fauble, Wemlinger and Burger/ YES. Hudson/NO. M/C.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** talking with Roz Jaffe/PLA about some possible updates/changes.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT:** minutes on line.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****--Village Maintenance position**

Two applicants were interviewed. After some discussion and questions were answered Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Fauble supported to hire, upon the recommendation of the Village Councils Personnel Committee, Justin Judge as a Village Maintenance Employee for a 90-probationary period for a maximum of 40 hours per week at a rate of \$20. Per hour, effective May 20, 2024. M/C.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Susan Lowder/pot hole issue.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson