

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Session December 21, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Robert Blackmore at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Robert Blackmore, President; Nikki Jack Treasurer; Trustees Ken Bauer, Ralph Drumm, Rick Gulch, Alice Hendricks, Kim Lagerquist (entered 7:12), Evie McNeil.

Also present: Dana Schindler, Zoning Administrator.

Absent: Ruth Hudson, Clerk

Also in attendance: Suzanne Schwing

Agenda Amendments

Add to Zoning:	Easement/Alley Parking Ordinance
Sewer:	Draw # 9
Parks & Farr:	Automatic External Defibrillator Bike Rack
Unfinished:	Employee Review Robert Gronostalski Revenue Sharing
New Business:	Manistee Chamber of Commerce
Correspondence:	Manistee County Health Department Michigan Municipal League

Approval of Minutes

Page 1, *Draw #8* corrected to read "...draw of \$82,254.21 for payment # 8 to Elmer's...."

Motion by McNeil, second by Drumm to accept the Regular Session Minutes of November 16, 2011 as corrected. M/C unanimously

Treasurers Report

Motion by Drumm, second by Gulch to accept the Treasurer's Report. M/C

Motion by Bauer, second by McNeil to amend budget as specified on the document attached to these minutes. M/C unanimously

Bills

Following discussion, **Motion by Gulch, second by Drumm to approve the December 21, 2011 Bills Presented for Payment. M/C unanimously**

Consensus to research cost of having one telecommunications company cover Village internet and phone.

Zoning Report - Schindler

Schindler presented the October-November 2011 Zoning Report attached as part of the record including a communication directed by Council in November to all violators of the Property Maintenance Ordinance # 42, informing them that the Village will begin enforcement of the Ordinance in the spring. An After-the-Fact Land Use Permit was denied St. John's Episcopal Church for expansion of a structure into the setback area in violation of Articles 70, 80 and 84 of the Zoning Ordinance. Schindler also presented a summary statement of the conference,

Implementing and Enforcing Michigan's Medical Marihuana Act. The administrator was directed by the Council to request of Attorney Bzdok if a Moratorium would be the best course of action at this time.

Ordinance 43 – Alley/Easement Parking

Following discussion, **Motion by Drumm, second by Lagerquist to adopt Ordinance 43 – Alley/Easement Parking Ordinance with correction. M/C with one exception for lack of opportunity to review.**

Sewer Report -- Blackmore

Motion by Drumm, second by Lagerquist to approve the 9th Draw of \$22,460.36 payable to Elmer's Crane and Dozer, engineering and miscellaneous costs. M/C unanimously.

Blackmore stated sewer completion is expected in March utilizing grant money to upgrade Pump #3. Pending litigation regarding Lift Station #2 is scheduled for August 2012.

Streets – Drumm/Blackmore

Blackmore stated the Safe Routes to School Committee will meet to prioritize prior to pursuing a grant. As the streets are Village owned the grant process must include the Village. Brook Street repair is scheduled for the spring of 2012.

Farr Center – Hendricks/Blackmore

Blackmore reported Revenue Sharing approval of \$1200.00 for the Automatic External Defibrillator toward the total \$2400.00 required. Board discussion ensued regarding location (Farr Center); insurance protection from vandalism (as it cannot be locked); and wording added to the Farr Center Rental Form alerting renter responsibility if vandalism occurs during public/private gatherings.

Motion by Hendricks, second by Gulch to take \$1200.00 from the Farr Center Budget for the Automatic External Defibrillator M/C unanimously.

Discussion regarding outside building repair (eaves, fascia) with money remaining in the Farr Center budget.

Parks – Drumm

Drumm reported the diseased trees have been removed. It was recommended new plantings be considered.

Explore the Shores – Hendricks

Report of a meeting with consultants Beckett & Raider to prioritize and write grant.

Parks and Recreation – Hendricks

The committee is now co-chaired by Jon Phillips and Howard Hughes. The DEQ will allow removal of sand from the asphalt and repair of the washout area at Langland Park. A disc golf course is being considered for North Point Park. The Bike Rack Committee received \$3000.00 from Revenue Sharing, \$1000.00 from Portage Lake Association and \$1000.00 from the Township.

Motion by Hendricks, second by McNeil to contribute \$1000.00 from the Parks Budget for bike racks. M/C with one opposition.

Cemetery – Blackmore

No complaints.

Township Report - Blackmore

Kevin Hughes gave the Safe Route to School Power Point; fire rescue is training a 16 year-old female cadet; Community Planning Commission hopes to have a final document for review in January; Invasive Species Committee reported Milfoil at the bottom of the channel; the Disincorporation Committee will not meet until there is allocation of funds therefore the earliest a referendum could occur at this point would be in the summer. The statute does not specify a Public Hearing following committee study as the petition already secured public vote.

Old Business

Employee Annual Personnel Review of Bob Gronostalski: Consensus that he is exceptional and needs no supervision. Discussion ensued regarding comparable pay for a Level 1 Water License.

Motion by Drumm, second by Hendricks to increase pay \$3.00 per hour for Robert Gronostalski, Maintenance and Waste Water Operator for total \$20.00/hour beginning January 1, 2012. M/C unanimously.

Revenue Sharing Grant Cycle I for 2012 is due March 2, 2010 by 5:00 PM. Hendricks would like to look at tot tower and swing sets.

New Business

Motion by Drumm, second by Lagerquist to approve the annual Membership Investment with the Chamber of Commerce at \$180.00. M/C unanimously.

The Budget Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 at noon.

Hendricks suggested pursuing recourse to the closing of the Village Health Services through Senator Levin's office. Consensus.

Correspondence

Consensus to provide free use of the Farr Center to Cheryl Griffin for Yoga classes *if* she is operating through the Manistee County Health Department; *if* she is not getting paid by the MCHD; *if* there is no charge to participants; and *if* the class is open to Village residents. (MCL123.51 and MCL 123.41 et seq). Blackmore will inquire and make determination.

Michigan Municipal League provides grant tracking information, i.e., what grants are available, to whom, for what and who received.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted,
Dana Schindler (for Ruth Hudson)