

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
August 18, 2021

**Note:** This meeting was held at the village park due to the current MDHHS ruling: a cleaning plan must be in place to open Farr Center for meetings. As of this meeting there is no approved cleaning plan.

**Call to Order:** President Burger called meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was given

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Hudson, R. Drumm, S. Halloran, W. Miller & S. Schwing.

Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson. Treasurer, Nikki Jach/absent

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none.

**County Commissioner:** no report

**MINUTES:** Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 regular council meeting as presented. **M/C.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to accept the July 31, 2021 Statement of Accounts as presented. **M/C.**

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** none.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Schwing supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for July. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Arthur, Burger, Hudson, Drumm, Schwing, Halloran, Miller and Burger/yes, **M/C.**

**-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:** There is a vacancy on the ZBA.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** did meet and minutes are on line. There is a vacancy on this board also.

**SEWER**

-- **President Burger** reported that the **sewer committee** (A. Arthur, R. Hudson and President Burger) met discussed property equivalents that need to be brought in line. Results were three properties need to be changed. Recommendations as follows by the committee to change the following properties: 8195 Fifth St. changing 1 equivalent to 3 equivalents. Drumm moved, Arthur supported to make this change Roll Call: Arthur, Schwing, Hudson, Drumm and Burger/yes. Halloran and Miller/no. **M/C.** 4138 Portage Point Dr. / changing 1 equivalent to 3. Roll Call: Schwing, Drumm, Hudson, Arthur and Burger-yes. Halloran and Miller/no. **M/C.** and 4977 Dock St. changing 1 to 2 equivalents. Roll Call: Hudson, Schwing, Arthur, Drumm, Miller and Burger/yes. Halloran/no. **M/C.** The treasurer will write letters to the property owners explaining the change. These changes will be as of August 1.

Also reported: work continues on cleaning out the invasive species at irrigation site.

**STREETS:**

-- **3<sup>rd</sup> street reconstruction** should begin after Labor Day.

-- **Property owner at the top of alley between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** would like to trim the trees for the view. Council has no objection to this action.

## **PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

### **Parks**

--**President Burger reported:** complaint was filed with EGLE re: bleach being used to clean fountain. Garden Club was contacted and bleach will not be used in the future. Park was left in a mess after Onekama Days, plastic cups, beer cans etc. which took maintenance man over 2 hours to clean up. Next year renters will bring in a dumpster for refuse and porta johns due to fact the park restrooms can't handle 2 to 3 days of continuous crowds. Also reported a phantom foam spill in Portage Lake. This is being investigated as to the source.

--**Trustee Arthur and Drumm are working on getting additional mulch for under the playground equipment.**

--**Shelly and Rob Johnson owners of Poppa J's ice cream place would like the village request people that reserve the shelter in the park for large events be requested to bring in a dumpster and porta johns due to the fact the overflow from these events are using their restroom and dumpster resulting in more expense to their business.**

### **Farr Center:**

#### **--cleaning plan:**

5<sup>th</sup> revision to the cleaning plan was given to the board. Much discussion followed. Cleaning products voted down at the July meeting were discussed. President Burger asked chairperson Halloran if she had ordered this product? Her response was yes because she had gotten permission from him. He said permission was not given. At this point President Burger removed her from the position of chairperson of the Farr Center Committee. More discussion. This revised plan includes paper work from the renters to file and enforcement of rules for cleaning. Clerk was asked if she would accept this additional responsibility. Clerk would be offered additional money for the 4 busy months of rentals. Much discussion. Clerk was not sure this was legal according to the charter. She will check with the MML. More discussion. Halloran moved, Arthur supported to amend the clerks salary by \$200. (\$50. /month May-August) starting the next fiscal year for this extra responsibility. Roll Call: Schwing, Arthur, Halloran and Miller/yes. Hudson, Drumm, and Burger/no. M/C. Arthur moved, Schwing supported to adopt the revised plan to get Farr Center open and to order the eco lab cleaning products with Trustee Schwing meeting with the regular rental groups for orientation on the use of these products prior to rental. Roll Call: Schwing, Halloran, Miller, Arthur, Burger/yes. Drumm, Hudson/no M.C.

### **CEMETERY:**

--Clerk wishes to thank maintenance person Bob Gronostalski for his recent help in the marking of a grave in the old cemetery for the placement of a headstone. Thanks, Bob!!!

### **TOWNSHIP REPORT.** On line

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--Trustee Halloran asked President Burger to answer her e-mails and to post office hours.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Regional Conference in Sept. Lots of interest from the board to attend.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Rodgers/what can be put in alleys.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:** Clerk would like to thank the garden club for the flowers and all the work on the fountain. Great addition to welcoming visitors to the park. Thank-you! Lara Treemore Spears shared with the council her presentation, Nature Education and asking public what they would like to see more of in Onekama, from Onekama Days. Great response from kids and adults alike.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully:**  
**Ruth Hudson**

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