

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL MEETING April 16, 2008

Council meeting was called to order by President Wendt at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Roll Call: Peterson, Hendricks, Blackmore, Schwing, Combs and Lagerquist Present.

After roll call councilperson Schwing requested time from President Wendt to read a statement and address the council. The statement and affidavit were in regard to the Portage Lake wetlands property purchase and conflict of interest accusations directed at him. The entire document is attached to these minutes.

Public Comment: none

CONSENT ADOPTION

Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to accept the March 19, 2008 min. as read. Passed. Peterson moved, Blackmore supported, to accept the Treasurers report as presented, pay the bills and make the transfers Passed.

Jetty Project

A pre construction meeting was held on April 16 at Farr Center and it was reported that the project would begin around the first week of May. It was also reported that the Village had secured the extra grant money.

The Village engineer, Tom Bihlmeyer, presented an amendment to the Jetty Project Engineering Agreement to the council for approval.

This agreement clarified the budget for the project. Blackmore moved, Lagerquist supported to have President Wendt sign the amendment. Passed. Schwing opposed.

Sewer Lift station Electrical Upgrade

Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to table the awarding of the bid till the May council meeting. Sealed bids were received at a public bid opening for this project on Thursday April 10, 2008. A total of five bids were received with prices ranging from \$66,990 to \$110,324.

Onekama Village Website

Councilperson Peterson introduced to the council, Eric Beeman an independent working with the school and the PLA on our website.

Wetlands Property/ Grant Resolution

President Wendt asked the council to adjourn for closed session sighting Act #267, Sec. 8-h which is discussing confidential correspondence from legal counsel. . Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to go into closed session. passed. Council unanimous with this decision. Regular council meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

8 p.m. President Wendt called council meeting back to order. Combs regretfully withdraws his support of the grant resolution and Hendricks also regretfully withdraws her motion for the grant resolution. Passed. Schwing abstained. President Wendt addressed Mrs. Schwing telling her he would talk to her after the meeting with regard to the rescinded Grant Resolution motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SEWER:

- Copy of maintenance report was given to the clerk for the files
- It was reported that the ponds are open and the irrigation system is on line.
- no report at this time on the lift stations grease problems.
- motel owners requesting equivalent changes will be responded to by council person Blackmore who will relate the sewer ordinance already in effect which covers equivalents.

STREETS

The Village had a dead tree removed from in front of the Congregational Church which was on the road right of way.

PLANNING BOARD:

Council changed this committee heading to Council Work Session.
Next session/ May 7th 6:30 p.m.

Master Plan Joint Meeting

Village and Township met at Farr Center on April 15 to hear presentations and bid proposals for the job of helping write the joint Master Plan. The proposals were from the following companies: Felis & Vanderbrink, Beckett & Raeder, Mc Kenna & Associates and Mead & Hunt. The Township and Village will meet again on April 21-6:30 p.m. to make their selection. The Village council rated the presentations and made the following choices. Beckett- Raeder (1), Felis&Vanderbrink (2) and McKenna (3). These results will be given to the Township at the April 21 meeting for the final decision.

ZONING

--The new Zoning Administrator, Dana Schindler was introduced. Dana was offered the position at a Onekama Twp. and Onekama Village joint meeting held on April 7th to interview applicants for the Zoning Administrators position. The Township also offer the job to Dana. Blackmore moved, Hendricks supported to have her sign the letter of appointment. Passed. Village office hours (six hours per week) will be Wednesday. On the day of the council meeting the Zoning Administrator will have afternoon hours.

---The Onekama Guild Thrift Store building addition has started.

PARKS AND FARR CENTER:

Hendricks reported the following:

---Spring clean up in park will start this week. The mowing person will only mow when he is called.

---Peterson will work on getting the new playground animals set up in the park areas.

---the potholes in the park driveway have been filled by the maintenance person.

---the clerk will talk with the cleaning person about helping out with the bathrooms in the park.

---the mural that is to be painted on the east wall of the Farr Center building will be done in the fall.

--Farr Center floor refurbishing will be discussed at the May work session. side

Portage Lake Wetlands Acquisition

Chairperson Suzanne Schwing reported that the grant application which contained 166 pages of documentation was mailed in one day ahead of schedule. Great job to Suzanne and her committee.

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC.

Lagerquist reported that the next meeting will be May 8th/8a.m.

CEMETERY:

Schwing reported the following:

---will attend the May Cemetery Association meeting and inquire about a donation for trees.

The trees will be for the front perimeter of the new cemetery.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

Hendricks gave report

--Harbor Commission report

Channel will be dredged in the early spring.

--Watershed report

Topics discussed were -E-coli beach monitoring, groundwater contamination, testing of drinking water

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

--Onkama School Expansion Project/Baker St.- easement or abandon

After some discussion Blackmore moved, Peterson supported to contact the Village Attorney to draw up an easement agreement between the Village and Onkama School regarding Baker St. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

---Onkama Township

---Gockerman, Wilson, Saylor & Hesslin

---Wade Trim

---Manistee County

NEW BUSINESS

Councilperson Hendricks will head up a group to investigate different law firms for the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENT

--Suzanne Schwing/Master Plan & Land use Permits moratorium

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Councilperson Peterson was impressed with the Master Plan presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Ruth M. Hudson

Village clerk