

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2017

Call to Order: President Burger called the November meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: A. Hendricks, R. Hudson, R. Milasich, & S. Schwing
Also present Treasurer Nikki Jach and Clerk Ruth Hudson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shirley Brooks and Jeneanne Fitzgerald from the Portage Lake Garden Club shared with the council the PLGC's plans for repairing and improving the Village Park Fountain. The complete file on the project and history of the fountain are on file with the clerk.

County Commissioner: No Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Hendricks supported to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Hendricks moved, Trustee Schwing supported to accept the October 31, 2017 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Treasurer Jach informed the council that the Village had received a \$200.00 donation from the Onekama Guild to be used for the purchase of power assist doors for the entry to FC. If this project fails due to lack of donations all monies will be returned. As reported in the Oct min letters to the groups using Farr Center will be sent out the 1st of the year soliciting donations for this project.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hendricks moved, Trustee Schwing supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: Trustee Hendricks presented a report of activities for the past month which are on file with clerk. Violations of the blight ordinance will be investigated by the Zoning Administrator.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Hendricks reported on November 8th meeting. There are two vacancies that need to be filled.

SEWER.

The irrigation system has now been winterized. The Village received a \$799.00 check from the insurance company for a past lightning strike.

STREETS:

Still waiting for reimbursement for the repair of the storm drain on Spring St. from the contractor (working for Charter) who damaged the drain when installing inter net cable.

A temporary new contractor for brush collection did the last two remaining collection for the 2017.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks: Trustee Milasich reported on the meeting held November 8, 2017 to explore coordination of park projects between the Village and the Lions club. The report included the review of four projects that are pending, planned and hoped for. These projects include renovation of the park restrooms, the remodel of the park pavilion, a band shell for the concerts in the park and the improving of the park fountain. The complete report on file with the clerk.

Farr Center: The village has received a donation of an aerial view of Portage Lake to hang in the hallway of Farr Center. After some discussion this issue was tabled until there is a full council in attendance. The Farr Center committee is still working on a policy with regard to the donations of art to be hung in the Farr Center building.

CEMETERY:

The draft cemetery policy will be held until the requirements of the laws of Michigan can be reviewed. Requests from citizens outside of the village to place plaques in our veterans' memorial area have been received. This issue will be discussed at a Cemetery Committee meeting for a decision.

TOWNSHIP REPORT – minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farr Friends meeting dates for 2018/ it was the consensus of the council that Farr Friends can meet Jan-Feb-March on those Thursdays but starting in April it will be on a week to week basis. Clerk will notify Farr Friends of this decision.

Kelly Hall representative for the youth of the village are planning on putting on a Christmas Festival. This is in the planning stage and would be held Dec 15-17.

Schaub Enterprise/reissue of checks-tabled till a meeting with Trustee Milasich has taken place.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sue Husted, Mary Reed, Roz Jaffee, M-Dot (Act 51 report not needed anymore).

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:

President Burger will be sending out violation letters to village residents that failed the smoke testing. Trustee Milasich will be working with part time maintenance person in the painting of Farr Center hall. Trustee Schwing will be attending an MML training in Cadillac and will be reimbursed by the Village for this cost.

The screens on the windows in the FC hall will be removed and repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Trustee Milasich moved, Trustee Hendricks seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson