

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**June 15, 2016**

Meeting called to order by President Burger at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: K. Bauer, R. Drumm, R. Hudson, Rudi Milasich and Wayne Miller.  
Absent: A. Hendricks. Also present Clerk Ruth Hudson & Treasurer Nikki Jach.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Burger

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**County Commissioner, Jeff Dontz, /absent.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Milasich moved, Drumm supported to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 regular Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Hudson moved, Drumm supported to accept the May 2016 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** Miller moved, Drumm supported to amend the budget as requested by the Treasurer. M/C. Amendments are on file with clerk.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Hudson moved, Milasich supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C. Trustee Milasich asked if the alleys were swept when the Village streets were swept? Yes they were.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING** – ZA Hall reviewed with the council the process regarding “ex parte contact to ensure impartiality” with regard to the upcoming Blarney Castle project. He also discussed the responsibility of the council regarding “special use” permits and the required standards that need to be met. The Zoning Administrator informed the council that he did receive a preliminary site plan from Blarney Castle which he is now reviewing.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Patty ODonnell/M-Dot Transportation Planner gave a presentation (at the June Plan. Comm. Meeting) on grants available with regard to sidewalk repair and maintenance. A side walk Ordinance was mentioned and also certain sidewalks that need attention now. After some discussion President Burger will get a bid on the cost to repair the sidewalk in question on Mill St.

Onekama Village Planning Commission board member, Cecilia Huebner, gave notice that she would be resigning (from the Plan Comm.) as of January 2017.

**Susan Halloran** questioned President Burger with regard to her application to fill seat on the Planning Board. President Burger felt there was a conflict of interest due to the fact she is already on the ZBA and that was the reason her application was denied.

**SEWER** –President Burger reported the following: the Waste Water discharge permit application was accepted and a pump in LS #2 was pulled and repaired.

**STREETS**- nothing new to report.

**PARKS / FARR CENTER –**

**Park Policy**

Trustee Hendricks and Drumm are working on amending the park policy to bring it up to date.

**Tree Issue/Boat Launch**

Portage Poplars Association had concerns with regard to a large black willow tree that was in their words “dying” and they were afraid of the branches falling on their cottages. After some investigation by President Burger it was discovered that the tree in question was ½ on their property and ½ on the Village Park property. President Burger made contact with Consumers Energy to see if they could help. He made contact with the Portage Poplar Association and they agreed to pay half the cost for removal of said tree. Consumers Energy cut the tree down at no charge to the Village but the Village had to haul all debris away. President Burger, Trustee Drumm, Trustee Hudson and the Village maintenance crew took care of the rest. Portage Poplars was sent a bill for half the cost of the maintenance personnel’s wages.

**Fence Issue/Boat Launch**

It was discovered that a fence had been erected on Village Park property without permission. Trustee Drumm talked to the property owner with regard to removing the fence. President Burger will put this request in letter form to property owner.

**Rain Garden**-President Burger reported that the village cable line was cut during the building of the rain garden.

**WATERSHED;** Mary Reed reported: a research study to collect additional data on Swimmers itch That has been reported in the various lakes in the area is under way. The Village Park swim area and Andy’s Point will be two of the test sites. Yellow Iris, another invasive species has been detected on the shore areas around Portage Lake. Reed said the source of this invasive species can be traced to the Mueller Property/pond out at the point.

**CEMETERY –**

**Policy/amend**

Trustee Bauer moved, Milasich supported to assess a maintenance fee of \$100.00 on all future burials in the Onekama Village Cemeteries. M/C. Clerk will send letters to all funeral homes in the area.

**Request for increase wages/Sievert**

Trustee Drumm moved, Milasich supported to increase the mowing wage from \$225.00 per time to \$325.00 per time as of this date (as requested per letter sent to all council members). M/C.

**TOWNSHIP REPORT** – minutes on line. Trustee Milasich attended June Township meeting spoke with regard to the street millage on the August ballot.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Village received one bid to replace mausoleum and 11 mile road garage roofs (\$4600.). After some discussion with regard to type of shingles it was decided to have a special meeting after President Burger gets additional information from the contractor. The special meeting will be Wednesday June 22 at 7:p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lions Club:** would like to dedicate some volunteer time to spruce up (new roof, paint and a possible cement pad in front of shelter to be used by the concerts in the park) the shelter in the park. The board was in agreement with this activity.

**ZBA report:** Suzanne Schwing reported the following: annual meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of June of each year, looking for an alternate member as of January 2017, and she was elected chairmen for 2016 and Milasich was elected secretary.

**CORRESPONDENCE –Consumers Energy AES Steve Hall John Seivert MI Par Plan**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –Suzanne Schwing**

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson/clerk