

Village Of Onekama Council Meeting September 16, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: Trustees A. Hendricks, R. Drumm, K. Bauer, R. Hudson, Rudi Milasich & W. Miller/present.

Also present Clerk Ruth Hudson and Treasurer Nikki Jach.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment: Commissioner Dontz reported that the commissioners are asking for support, in resolution form, of the channel dredging project.

\$120,000 was raised by the county during a recent property tax sale and meetings have been held regarding the collaboration of West Shore Hospital and Munson Medical Center working together.

CONSENT ADOPTION

MINUTES: Hudson moved, Drumm supported to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes as presented. M/C.

TREASURERS REPORT: Drumm moved, Hudson supported to accept the August statement of accounts as presented. M.C.

BILLS/TRANSFERS:

Milasich moved, Miller supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

ZONING:

Report on file with the clerk. The ZA will be putting his report on line starting with the August report.

ZBA/report

--Suzanne Schwing/chairperson reported the ZBA met on Sept. 9, 2015 for an organizational meeting. All members were sworn in by Clerk Hudson. Schwing was reappointed chairperson and Milasich was appointed secretary. It was decided that future annual meetings will be held in the month of May. Mary Reed, (alternate) turned in letter of resignation and Susan Halloran applied for the vacancy. Milasich moved, Drumm supported to approve the appointment of Halloran to fill the vacancy of alternate with term expiring 2017.M/C.

Planning Commission/report

Hendricks reported they are working very hard on the Master Plan.

SEWER:

President Burger reported that Elmer's was in town to vac clean out the lift stations. The DEQ annual inspection went very well. Sewer Operator Gronstalski was praised for the overall great condition of the village sewer system. Good job Bob!

STREETS:

--President Burger reported that the maintenance people are working on stabilizing the 4th ave shoulder near Glen Park. Drumm will investigate Melling St with regard to an over the road truck breaking down the side of this street.

PARKS-FARR CENTER

-- A no-wake sign has been installed near the boat launch.
--Trustee Drumm received response from Wade Trim with regard to the repair of the Jetty. Wade Trim is not offering any assistance. President Burger will meet with Swadorski to explore the possibility of getting rip rap to fill in the gap from the missing rocks on the end of the Jetty.

EXPLORE THE SHORES-park upgrade

--no word from the DNR as of this date. Village has filed for an extension due to the fact our permit expires September 30th.

WATERSHED:

No report

COMMUNITY PARKS & REC

Discussion continues regarding Langlund Park and creating a universal boat launch area (for kayaks) at the DNR boat launch.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Nothing new to report.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Passed a resolution for funding from the USDA to put in a sewer system around the lake.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Rail Road deed/Franz

Trustee Bauer moved, Miller supported to approve the signing of the replacement deed, for Ray Franz, by President Burger and clerk Hudson. M/C. The original deed was never filed with the county and in order for Mr. Franz to sell the property this needs to be filed. On file with the clerk is a copy of the original deed and the cancelled checks from Mr. Franz for the purchase of this property.

--**Channel Support Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-9/16:**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA****Resolution No. 2015-9/16****Portage Lake Channel Repairs**

WHEREAS, the federal government is responsible for maintaining boater access to approximately 120 federally authorized small Great Lakes harbors, including Portage Lake and the Portage Lake Channel in Onekama Township; and

WHEREAS, the Portage Lake Channel of more than 2,000 feet provides access to a designated harbor of refuge that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has the responsibility to maintain; and

WHEREAS, when the USACE stopped repairs to the channel due to the absence of Federal funding, the channel was left with a designated “High Risk of Failure;” and

WHEREAS, the Portage Lake Channel supports at least 200 jobs in the area and is essential to the renovation and sustainability of Portage Point Inn and Marina and the additional 100 jobs it is projected to support; and

WHEREAS, three existing marinas with about 250 boat slips depend on open, safe access to Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, if the channel fails, one estimate indicates that business and property value losses would be over \$18 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and repair of the Channel is also identified as a critically high priority in the federally approved Portage Lake Watershed Forever Plan and in the Strategic Plan for Manistee County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Onekama supports this resolution being transmitted to the entire Congressional Delegation of Michigan, Governor Rick Snyder, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Michigan State Director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, calling for a collective approach to repair the Portage Lake Channel and to maintain it in perpetuity to preserve the economic well-being and quality of life of Onekama Village, Onekama Township, and Manistee County. Moved by: Ralph Drumm, Supported by Wayne Miller

Ayes: Ken Bauer, Roger Burger, Ralph Drumm, Alice Hendricks, Rod Hudson, Rudi Milasich and Wayne Miller.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ruth Hudson, Clerk of the Village of Onekama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution NO. 2015-xx, adopted by the Council of the Village of at its Regular Meeting duly called and held on the 16th day of September, 2015.

Ruth Hudson, Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FOIA POLICY/Milasich hopes to have this completed by the October meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Suzanne Schwing and Suzanne Halloran.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Respectfully,

Ruth M. Hudson
Village clerk

