Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

May 2, 2019

PRESENT

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Newsom Trustee Vickers

Absent: None

Also, present: Darren Bressner and Don Wauthier

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM APRIL 2, 2019 ELECTION:

Clerk Bowman, Trustee Acklin, Trustee Newsom and Trustee Esposito were sworn in by Mayor Clements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 4, regular session, April 9, 2019 Festival Committee, April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019 Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019, regular session, April 9, 2019 Festival Committee, April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019 Building and Grounds Committee meetings. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT: Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the May 2019 treasurer’s report. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENTS (April 2019): The bank statements were unavailable. Tabled to June 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Haan made a motion to pay the May 2019 bills. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE TO APPOINT DARREN BRESSNER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Trustee Vickers made a motion to appoint Darren Bressner to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVE TO HIRE ONE OR BOTH APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE HELP AT $10 PER HOUR:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to hire Kenly Taylor for summer maintenance help at $10 per hour. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Trustee Esposito, Trustee Vickers and Mayor Clements interviewed two applicants. Trustee Esposito believes we only need to hire one of the applicants. There is no set number of hours for this position.

APPROVE EPA FOR LAB TESTING (Not to exceed $773.81):

Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve EPA for lab testing for $773.81. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye”

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE MICROSOFT OFFICE FOR VILLAGE COMPUTERS (Not to exceed $350.00):

Trustee Haan made a motion to purchase Microsoft Office for the Village computers for up to $350.00. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Currently Microsoft has to be purchased every year for the Village computers. Trustee Haan would like Clerk Bowman to look into Microsoft that does not need renewed yearly.

APPROVE UP TO $9,500.00 TO BE SPENT ON FESTIVAL OUT OF FESTIVAL ACCOUNT:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve up to $9,500.00 to be spent on the 2019 Festival out of the Festival account. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVE CLERK BOWMAN TO ATTEND CENTRAL ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CLERKS ORGANIZATION COURSE JUNE 20 & 21, 2019 (Not to exceed $275.00):

Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve Clerk Bowman to attend the Central Illinois Municipal Clerks Organization course on June 20 & 21, 2019. Trustee Newsom seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE FLAGS, STAKES AND LIGHTS TO LINE MARKET ST (Not to exceed $500.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to purchase flags, stakes and lights to line Market St. for up to $500.oo. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Trustee Cooper would like to line Market St. with flags for Memorial Day, American Legions 100th year anniversary, 4th of July, Veteran Day and the Ogden Street Fest. Trustee Cooper said the flags would be up for one to two days. She wants to put 12 flags up to start with solar lights and possibly add more later. The flags will be 6ft tall and be right next to the street.

Trustee Newsom suggested that concrete be placed into the ground to hold the flags in place.

DISCUSSION OF RECYCLING DUMPSTER:

Mayor Clements said that there was illegal dumping outside of the recycle dumpster again. He thinks it is a hazard to the public. Trustee Newsom would like to get rid of the recycle. He would like the residents to have home pick up of recyclables. Trustee Esposito would like the Village to pay for the dumpster to be emptied twice more monthly. She said that the security cameras should be filming the illegal dumping so the Village should be able to catch them.

Trustee Newsom wants Clerk Bowman to call Appl Sanitary Service and find out how many residents would have to sign up for home pick up and how much it would cost. Then send a letter to the residents to see if they would be interested in home pick up. Trustee Vickers said that last year when she called that Appl wouldn’t commit or give a price for home pick up of recycles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito reported that the streetlights have been changed and there have been no complaints.

Health & Safety: Trustee Acklin reported that there has been nothing done to the burnt down house property. Last time he spoke with Mr. Bates he was told that it would be cleaned up by April 15th. Kids have been playing on the piles of debris. He thinks this property is a liability issue. Trustee Acklin suggest that we go through with taking this matter to court. He also has called Franzen to see how much it would be to have this property cleaned up but is waiting for a call back.

Trustee Esposito wants to know if we can make the property owner pay for the attorney fees and court costs? Maybe as a fine?

Trustee Acklin reported that the trailers on Brown’s property are not secured. One of them can be opened easily. The board decided that a letter requesting him to put locks on them will be sent.

Sewer: Trustee Haan reported that everything is flowing properly at the sewer plant.

Trustee Haan said for fiscal year 2019 we have received $60,000 in revenue and have had $45,000 in expenses. He said that the rate increases in May will help the overall status of the sewer and water departments.

Water: Trustee Vickers reported that the CCR report should be coming out soon.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Trustee Newsom stated that Darren Bressner does sidewalks. He will talk to him about the sidewalk work that the village wants done. This will be on next month’s agenda for approval.

Trustee Vickers sent out a letter to Mr. Ross reminding him not to plant a garden in the alley and to remove his garbage cans from the alley.

Trustee Acklin said that the North-South alley between Main and Kyle in the block that is bordered by Market St., Kyle St., Main St. and West Ave needs to be added to the repair list.

Budget: Vistra is requesting that the village receive payment ACH instead of by check. The board agreed to go with ACH payments.

Trustee Acklin reported that the bookkeeper Mary Schmitz said that she should typically invest 5 to 8 hours on village accounting per month at $60 per hour. So, expect the bill to be around $5oo or less a month. The audit will bring it up more in the month of June.

Mary Schmitz the bookkeeper also suggests that the village transfer money by sending a spread sheet to the bank instead of by check. The board decided to have Clerk Bowman talk to the bank about this and if it is something the bank can do to go forward with this. She also suggests we change the payroll schedule. Trustee Esposito said that we hired her to work for us so she should do payroll how we have it set up. Trustee Haan said that payroll doesn’t take long to do so it shouldn’t be an issue to keep it how it is. The board agreed to keep it how it currently is.

Trustee Haan reported that he spoke with Greg Douglas and Maddie Eisenmenger about the audit fee increase. They said that last year they took it on the heel so this year they are trying to recoup the loss from last year’s audit. The board decided that next year they will look into other options.

Business: None

Zoning: Trustee Cooper reported that the railroad ties at 410 S. East Ave have been removed from the Village easement.

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that the Adult Easter Egg hunt went really well. She said that 50+ adults showed up and it was the perfect amount of people. Next year it will start a little later because it was not quite dark enough at 8pm.

Saturdays Easter Egg Hunt also went really well despite other towns having their hunts the same morning.

Trustee Esposito wanted to know if the trustees want to have a movie in the park again this year. They do but not on the same night as the Festival. She will look into dates for the movie to be held.

She will also look into The Sand Lot for this year’s movie.

The Festival has been moved to August 24th due to Homer having their festival on the 17th. The next meeting will be May 14th at 6:30pm.

George Woodard will do the beer tent this year. Big guns band will play from 7pm to 11pm in front of Billy Bob’s on Broadway St. The festival will have a kiddie tractor pull, car show, inflatables which people from the company will run this year, rock wall, laser tag (death match bracket), helicopter rides, concessions and a Flea market. The Ogden Rose Library will be doing an escape room. Trustee Cooper talked to Don White about doing a barn quilt for the American Legion raffle. There will be a different DJ this year.

Drainage: Trustee Esposito reported that the Village has spent $18,000 on the Broadway St. drainage project and now Mr. Knoop has pulled out, so the Village is out that money. She wants the Village to draw up contracts from now on to protect the Village from this happening again. Trustee Newsom said that we pulled the plug on the project the minute we found out he pulled out.

Trustee Esposito said we need to try to cut back on our Engineering expenses and be more careful about spending. Trustee Esposito also requested that Berns, Clancy and Associates provide the Village with a more detailed bill.

Trustee Newsom updated on the drainage issues on W. Main St. He said that the Village put dye in the storm drain and it came out of Mr. Acklin’s sump pump hose. The Village had Blood Hound LLC come out to figure out why. Then the Village had Schnoover’s come out and they found a break, so Randy fixed it. Then more dye was put in another storm drain and they couldn’t figure out where that went. The Village is having a different company come out next week to try to figure more out.

Don Wauthier was present to update on the drainage projects. He said that IDOT opened bids on the I-74 project last Friday. They are moving forward and will be under construction this summer. They do not have a time frame yet. Mr. Wauthier said that the Village needs to move forward to get our part of this project done. Mr. Wauthier said the Village needs to figure out how we will be funding the I-74 project.

IDOT has pulled the plug on the 150 project for now because the funding was pulled by the governor. Plus, IDOT has had difficulty buying a right of way from the property owners because they are in poor health which is also holding this project up.

Mr. Wauthier has spoken with the landowner about the 150 project and our part is moving forward.

Trustee Newsom said that maybe next month the Village will have to vote to purchase property to put the swell in. The drainage district will maintain the property. All this will have to be put in writing first.

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Haan reported that the library has an opening for a library board trustee. He wants to know if he can post this position on our Facebook page. The board said yes.

Trustee Vickers reported that she will have Mike Poor look at trees. She also is having ShapeMaster look into making an insert for the pole flowerpots.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden