Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

March 8, 2018

PRESENT

Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper Trustee Esposito

Trustee Fitch Trustee Haan Trustee Vickers

Absent: None

Also, present: Don Wauthier, Mary Ellen Wuellner, Jon Hasselbring, Rick Sojka, Jim Acklin and Walter Logan

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 1, 2018, regular session, February 6, 2018, Festival Committee and February 8, 2018, Sewer Committee minutes):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2018, regular session, February 6, 2018, Festival Committee and February 8, 2018, Sewer Committee meetings. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the March 2018 treasurer’s report. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Fitch, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENTS (January and February 2018): Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the January and February 2018 bank statements. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Fitch, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Fitch made a motion to pay March 2018 bills. Trustee Newsom seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Fitch, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Wauthier from Berns, Clancy and Associates was present. He said that we had another big flood event. He said that Champaign-Urbana received 5 ½ inches of rain in 36 hours. This would not have been a big issue but since the ground was still frozen the water could not soak in and that is why we had such big flooding events.

Mr. Wauthier said he received a email from IDOT saying that they plan on starting construction on I-74 in the summer or 2019 or 2020. In the email were the preliminary plans and they include the pipe that will run under the interstate for drainage at IDOT’s expense. In addition, they also recognized that the area has a flooding problem and if they connect their draining to it that they could use up all the capacity. So, part of their design is to limit the size of their connection, so they will only use up part of the capacity.

IDOT also will have funding available after July 1st for the project along Rt 150. They were here during the flooding event, so they saw the problems. This would be in their 2019 calendar. They have a design almost ready to go but want to meet with Ogden township and Drainage District before they start work to make sure there is an outlet for the drainage. This project entails deepening the ditch starting at 150 and Market St. or putting in storm drain pipes all the way to the township road. They are proposing putting pipes in under 150 to drain North around the Pink Pig area and across the street to the East to drain all that water.

Representatives from the Champaign County Forest Preserve are present to discuss the Broadway St. pond. The three land owners have agreed to build the pond and Village provide materials. This is being held up by coordination. We are waiting on permission for an easement from the forest preserve and coordination with the pathways project. The Champaign County Forest Preserve said the are on board with the project. The agree that it is an important project for the Village and businesses.

They said the proposed pond was too big for where they wanted to put it but have met with Mr. Wauthier about making the pond skinnier and deeper or multiple on either side of trail. They are discussing realigning the trail to work with a pond.

Rails for Trails cannot move forward with their project until they have a signed agreement with the state because it is federal funded and all that has to be in place before they can move forward with their design for that phase. They want to start as soon as they can. They will have more public meetings and are willing to come back to more of Ogden’s board meetings as their project progresses.

Before any project is started the Village wants to meet with the Forest Preserve again to discuss drainage. There is flooding problems along the old railroad tracks and the Village is concerned that the trail could make it worse if drainage is not addressed.

Mr. Acklin was present to discuss drainage on East Main St. There have been residents with water in their basements for a couple of weeks. He wants to thank Randy and Mayor Clements for their response to the problems. The Village of Ogden is having the drainage tiles cleaned out and scoped on East Main St. to try to fix the drainage problems around that area.

Mr. Sojka was present and suggested that on Main St from Market to the dead end that the Village dig the ditches deeper and have the home owners put in culverts and then tie into ditch that was dug a couple years ago so the water has somewhere to go.

DISCUSSION OF FLOODING: This was covered in public comment.

APPROVAL OF WATER ORDINANCE AND RATE INCREASE: Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the water ordinance and rate increase. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Fitch, “nay”

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

5 “ayes” and 1 “nay”, motion carried.

Trustee Fitch wanted a higher increase to ensure that we would have enough money for future improvements.

DISCUSSION OF SEWER RATE INCREASE: Trustee Haan said that he has been working with the Village attorney on the Sewer Ordinance. He will have it ready for next months meeting.

DISCUSSION OF FORMING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE: Mayor Clements wants to form a committee of four or five people for emergencies. He would like a plumber, electrician and carpenter. These would be people Randy could reach out to in emergencies or disasters. They will have to be on a appointed committee and they will have to be paid when called out for insurance purposes. The board agreed that this is something we should have in place. This will be on next months agenda to be voted on.

DISCUSSION OF BACK YARD HENS: Mayor Clements has had a few residents approach him about having chickens in the Village. Most board members don’t have a problem with this as long as an ordinance with regulations is made. It will be on next months agenda for approval.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NETWORK HUBS AND HAVE GEEK SQUAD INSTALL: Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve to purchase network hubs and have Geek Squad install them for $400.00. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Fitch, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF MOVIE IN THE PARK: Trustee Esposito wants to have a Movie in the Park night on August 25, 2018 at the baseball diamond. The board agreed that this is a good community event and we should have it.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FLOWERS: Trustee Esposito made a motion to purchase flowers for $200.00. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Fitch, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

These flowers will be planted in the flower beds at the parks around town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito wants the dumpster moved for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st, 2018. Friends of the Library will be selling goodies at the Easter Egg Hunt. The Fire Department will bring the Easter Bunny to the Egg Hunt. Trustee Fitch thinks this is the best event that the Village puts on. Trustee Esposito would like the whole board to come help spread the eggs out.

Trustee Vickers called Appl Sanitary Service about residential recycle pick up. This will be decided between Appl and resident availability and cost. It will depend on number of requests for this service.

Health & Safety: None

Sewer: None

Water: The Radio for Well #3 is hooked up and working.

The repairs to the valve in the water tower are done. Mr. Wauthier passed around pictures of the work that was done.

Randy has made two trips to Kankakee to take water samples from well #1. He will have to make at least one more trip.

The pipe in the water plant still needs repaired.

The leak in roof of the water plant is fixed.

The outside of the water tower needs to be professionally cleaned.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Mr. Wauthier has not heard anything back about the sidewalk grant yet.

Trustee Vickers stated that a downtown business requests that parking spots be striped on East Ave to alleviate possible accidents.

Budget: Trustees Haan and Fitch want to look into investment income. They will have a committee meeting.

Business: Trustee Newsom announced that a couple of new business have opened. The Pink Pig and The Vault. Trustee Haan has added information about the Vault on the Village website.

Zoning: None

Events: Trustee Cooper said the next committee meeting for the festival will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

She has a lead on a carnival company.

The amount of people on the committee is growing.

Drainage: None

MAYOR: Mayor Clements will be out of town a lot next month. He has emailed his schedule to the trustees.

CIMOA will be on April 19th next month. Place is still undetermined.

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Haan wants to start a google Docs document for Village projects. He has also looked into online bill pay but needs to look further into it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Newsom made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Fitch seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman