Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

September 3, 2020

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Newsom Trustee Vickers

Absent: None

Also, Present: Marc Miller, Don Wauthier, Josh Timm, Allison Wakefield, and Rhonda Fulkerson

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 6, 2020, regular session):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2020, regular session meeting. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the September 2020 treasurer’s report. Trustee Newsom 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.

APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENTS (August 2020):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the August 2020 bank statements. Trustee Newsom 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.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to pay the September 2020 bills. Trustee Cooper

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF BID FOR NE DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding the bid for the North East Ogden Drainage Project to MK Farm Drainage Specialists, LLC in the amount of $162,867.40. Trustee Acklin 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.

MK Farm Drainage Specialist, LLC was the low bidder. They came in well below the estimated cost. The reason why the are cheaper is because they have a big machine capable of putting the tile in.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR NE DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Trustee Acklin made a motion to direct the Mayor to execute a Project Change Order with MK Farm Drainage Specialists, LLC in the amount of $36,200.00 to alter the project design by increasing the size of the perforated drainage tile pipe installed north of I-74 from 30 inched in diameter to 36 inches in diameter. 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.

The drainage would improve by 60% by going from a 30 in to 36 in pipe.

ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT DOCUMENTS AND PAYMENT OF EASEMENT PURCHASE COMPENSATION FOR NE DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to authorize payments to landowners for acquisition of permanent and temporary easements in the agreed-upon amounts upon receipt of fully executed easement documents from the landowner’s needs to be made. Trustee Cooper 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.

APPROVAL OF PROJECT PARTICPATION AGREEMENTS:

Trustee Newsom made a motion approving the project participation agreements with the Cavette heirs, Ms. Blackmon, and the Gillespie heirs, and directing the president of the board of trustees to execute said agreements on behalf of the Village. Trustee Cooper 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.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF OBTAINING A LOAN FOR THE NE DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve obtaining a loan for the NE Drainage Project from Longview Bank for $300,000.00 for 10 years at 4.15% or better. Trustee Vickers 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.

Mayor Clements has looked into some loan options. Gifford State Bank could not come close to Longview Banks rates for us. Trustee Haan would like to go with a shorter term. Trustee Newsom is concerned with the state of Illinois. He does not want to make high payments because we do not know what is going to happen in 2-3 years down the road. He would rather have a longer loan. Trustee Acklin asked if they were an early pay off option. Mayor Clements said we could pay it off early with no penalty.

Trustee Newsom would like to take out extra on the loan to cover drainage work on North side of town and maybe by the Pink Pig area. Trustee Haan only wants to get a loan for this project. He said we could look at other projects later.

APPROVAL OF 2019/2020 ANNUAL AUDIT (MARTIN HOOD):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 Annual Audit by Martin Hood. Trustee Cooper 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.

RATIFICATION OF LIBRARY BOARD’S DECISION TO TERMINATE ITS LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Trustee Vickers made a motion to affirm the action of the Village of Ogden Library Board to terminate Lora Holden as its Library Director effective June 24, 2020. 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.

The library board is an elected board. They are funded by the Village of Ogden. They have bylaws that they follow. They are a part of the Village and therefore the Village is responsible for hiring and terminating employees for them. Trustee Vickers would like for the library to get their own FEIN number. Attorney Miller said we should discuss that with our Auditor first.

CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Trustee Acklin made a motion to approve the hiring of a new Village of Ogden Library Director effective September 11, 2020 to be paid $11.00 per hour. Trustee Cooper 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.

APPROVAL OF CASH FARM LEASE (not to exceed $280 per acre for 1 year):

Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve Cash Farm Lease for $270 per acre for 1 year. 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.

Trustee Vickers recommended that we reduce the Cash Farm Lease by $10 per acre. She said that we have no clue what crops will look like. Trustee Vickers spoke with Premier Elevator, Bungee Elevator about crop prices. She also spoke with Doug Gucker from DeWitt-Macon-Piatt extension about farm rental prices and the markets.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA AND NVR BOX (Not to exceed $3,294.37):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to purchase surveillance camera and NVR box for $$3,294.37. Trustee Newsom 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 reported that the Village has been having issues with teenagers

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito reported that there was illegal dumping at the recycle center again. ABC had an issue with their truck, so the dumpster hadn’t been changed out.

Trustee Esposito also reported that there is an Electronics recycle event on October 9th and 10th, 2020.

Health & Safety: Trustee Acklin reported that Kohler cut down the weeds at his property after he received the letter from the lawyer. Mayor Clements said that Mr. Kohler will not accept an offer under $8,000.00. Trustee Vickers is not in favor of purchasing properties that need cleaned up. Attorney Miller will send a mowing template to send out when the weeds get tall giving them 7 days to cut it down or the village will and put a lien on property.

Water: Trustee Vickers reported that Mr. Woodard will look at the water plant roof. Lorin Kinney is getting price to paint filters and is supposed to get a phosphate pump.

Sewer: None

Drainage: Trustee Newsom would like Mr. Thompsen to check drainage tiles before road work begins.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Cross Construction should be starting on Broadway St. and the alley by ShapeMaster within the next couple weeks.

BCA is working on a solution for Main St. repairs.

Budget: None

Business: Mayor Clements reported that the Thai restaurant closed but a new restaurant will be opening in the same building.

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that we will not be hosting a Movie in the Park this year. We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on October 24, 2020 at 10 am. Trick or Treat hours will be on October 31, 2020 from 6pm to 8pm.

MAYOR: Mayor Clements is going to purchase a smart TV to put on wall in boardroom for meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Vickers reported that Mr. Thompsen has cut down trees but needs to rent a stump grinder. She gave him permission to go ahead and rent it and will approve it in the bills. Poor will cut more trees down at a later date.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden