Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

March 4, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Newsom Trustee Vickers

Absent:

Also, Present: Marc Miller, Laura Ketchum, Don White, Judy White, Patricia McKissack, Allison Wakefield, and Rhonda Fulkerson

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the February 4, 2021 regular session and February 3, 2021 Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings
    2. Motion to approve March 2021 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve February 2021 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve March 2021 bills

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 consent agenda. Trustee Acklin 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: Patricia McKissack was present to introduce herself. She is a new resident to Ogden.

Don and Judy White and Laura Ketchem were present to discuss Rails to Trails. They believe that the trails are a great opportunity for Ogden. They would like to have cooperation with the Village on Rails to Trail ideas, they would like the resident’s opinions to be part of the agreement the Village enters into with Kickapoo Rail Trail, they would also like to go through the Village for communication with the residents of Ogden about the Rail Trail and they would like signage along the trails. Laura wanted to know if they could use the village’s nonprofit status to apply for grants. Don talked about what the Beautification Committee did for Ogden in the past and what they might want to do in the future. He also discussed the properties that are next to the Forest Preserve property and how they need to be cleaned up. Laura would like to establish a committee for grant purposes. Mayor Clements will contact Rails to Trails to find out when they will want an agreement signed so they can try to put together a committee to discuss what they would like included in the agreement.

APPROVAL OF INITIAL 2021 MFT PROGRAM FOR $18,000.00:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve the initial 2021 MFT Program for $18,000.00. Trustee Vickers 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.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CROSS CONSTRUCTIONS BID FOR MAIN ST REPAIRS (not to exceed $130,035.00):

Trustee Newsom made a motion to table the Cross Construction Bid for Main St until the April 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Haan 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.

This item was tabled at the January 2021 meeting. Trustee Newsom reported that he met last year with Cross Construction to discuss Main St. and the repair plan they came up with is a lot cheaper than what was proposed by BCA. There was concern about how much would be left in the General Fund if this project were approved. It was decided to table this until April when more information about the General Fund is available.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD ROOM FURNANCE AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DUCTLESS SPLIT HEAT PUMP SYSTEM (Not to exceed $3,638.00):

Trustee Newsom made a motion to purchase a ductless split heat pump system not to exceed $3,638.00. Trustee Acklin 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.

This is to replace the furnace in the Boardroom. The current furnace is original to the building from 1997.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SPLITTING COST OF A DISSOLVED OXYGEN METER BETWEEN OGDEN, LORIN KINNEY AND FITHIAN (Not to exceed $850.00):

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve splitting the cost of a dissolved oxygen meter between Ogden, Lorin Kinney and Fithian not to exceed $850.00. Trustee Esposito 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 PARK ORDINANCE:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the Park Ordinance with the stated corrections. Trustee Newsom 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.

There were two typos in the ordinance and a few changes to the attachment.

1. On page 3 section 8 a. should be or not of.
2. On page 5 section 20 at end of paragraph the “ needs taken out.
3. Letter to Organizations add a date line at the top of page
4. Cleaning Requirements under Concession Stand there is a D on the end of floor.

DISCUSSION OF CANNABIS CONTROL ORDINANCE:

Trustee Esposito said cannabis use in town was brought up when discussing the park ordinance. The current cannabis ordinance needs to be changed because cannabis is now legal. The only change for the new ordinance will be under 1. Possession of Cannabis within the Village of Ogden is prohibited will be changed to Possession of Cannabis is prohibited on Village of Ogden property.

DISCUSSION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR KICKAPOO RAIL TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND TRAIL UPGRADE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF OGDEN:

Mayor Clements asked the board to read the attached Intergovernmental agreement between St. Joseph and Kickapoo Rail Trail. The Ogden Village Board will discuss what they would like in their agreement next month.

Trustee Acklin wants to know if there is anything St. Joseph wishes they would have done differently for the agreement. Mayor Clements will contact Mayor Fruhling-Voges to find out.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO HOLD ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd AND KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd (not to exceed $1,000.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to hold the Adult Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 2nd and the Kids Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd not to exceed $1,000.00. Trustee Newsom seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

Five “ayes” and One “nay”, motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FLOWERS (not to exceed $300):

Trustee Vickers made a motion to purchase flowers not to exceed $300.00. Trustee Esposito 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito wants gravel at the park before the Easter Egg hunts. She also wants the recycle dumpster moved and the bathrooms cleaned.

Trustee Esposito reported that the pavilion camera is up and running. She also reported that someone dumped outside of the recycle bin but due to the angle Mr. Thompsen could not tell who did it.

Health & Safety: Trustee Acklin discussed the Tester property. The board agreed that the Village will send a letter about the rest of the debris on the property. If the property gets worse, we will contact the lawyer again.

The board also discussed Econ-O-Way sales lot and the property Mr. Brown leases from the railroad. They are hoping these areas get cleaned up when the Rails to Trails comes through.

Water: None

Sewer: Trustee Esposito reported that the weed trees are in the process of being cut out at the sewer pond.

Drainage: Trustee Newsom reported that materials for the NE Drainage project are getting delivered. They have also parked equipment at the park. They are supposed to start the job on Monday.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Budget: Mr. Acklin reported that he spoke with Mary from RBS about the 2nd column that Trustee Haan requested be added to the financials. She said that would be no problem. Trustee Haan asked him to contact her again about the profit and loss statement. He would like it changed to year to date.

Business: None

Events: Trustee Cooper discussed if the Village should have a festival this summer. It was decided to wait another month or two to make that decision. She will call IML to ask about insurance coverage for the event and check the phases we have to be in to have the festival.

MAYOR: Mayor Clements reported that he received lots of compliments on the Village’s snow removal this year. He said Mr. Thompsen is doing a really good job doing it all by himself.

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Vickers put a Stand Up to Coal letter in the board packets for the trustees to look over.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:22PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden