Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

October 7, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Lewis Trustee Newsom

Absent:

Also, Present: Marc Miller, Brady Smith, Kyle Shell, Jan Haan, Rick Breitenfeldt, Allison Wakefield, Nora Mabry, and Jacqueline Aguilar

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the September 2, 2021, regular session
    2. Motion to approve October 2021 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve September 2021 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve October 2021 bills

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the October 7, 2021, consent agenda. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Haan questioned why there is a decrease in the sewer intake in the Treasurer’s report. This is due to ACH payment all going into the water fund and then the sewer portion being transferred after the board meeting when we pay the monthly bills.

KYLE SHELL PRESENT TO DISCUSS ICRMT INSURANCE: Kyle Shell from ICRMT administered by IPMG and Brady Smith from Loman Ray Insurance were present to give an overview of the proposal they submitted for last month’s meeting and to answer any questions.

Kyle Shell reported that a unique advantage of ICRMT is the local agent aspect. He said that other companies write direct which means that you are probably going to be dealing with someone not in the area. ICRMT writes local so you will always have a local agent to work with. In this case it would be with Brady Smith from Loman-Ray.

ICRMT currently has about 420 members and about $90 million is premiums which makes them one of the largest trusts in the state. They are well rounded. They provide insurance to all government entities so if one type of entity gets hit with a catastrophe it does not take down the entire trust.

Mr. Shell went over the highlights: They write everything in house which is an advantage to the Village.

Everyone who works for the city is included. This also includes volunteers. They are covered for liability, sexual abuse, and workers compensation if an incident arose during an event they were working.

ICRMT is non assessable which means that they cannot come back and charge the Village if there is not enough money. The price you see on the quote is the price you pay for the year.

He said they were able to meet or exceeded our current coverage. They also provide OSHA training, employee handbooks, and sexual harassment policy if we are interested. They are all a part of their value-added services. Its about $5,000. 00 worth of services.

ICRMT has appraisals done about every 5 years to make sure we are correctly covered.

Trustee Newsom would like to call some of the other towns that use ICRMT for insurance for a reference before this is voted on. Mr. Smith will email a list.

APPROVAL OF ICRMT OR IMLRMA INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to table approving ICRMT insurance until November meeting. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING INOPERABLE VEHICLES:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to table approval an Ordinance Regulating Inoperable Vehicles to the November meeting. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

The board decided that they want a permit clause added to the ordinance so trailers can be parked on Village easements with a permit.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LENGTH OF TIME & AMOUNT OF THE BILLY BOB’S PARKING LEASE AGREEMENT (PRESENTLY $100.00 FOR 1 YEAR):

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve the length of time and amount of the Billy Bob’s Parking Lease Agreement for $100 for 1 year. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried

APPROVE 2021 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR $82,494.00:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance for $82,494.00. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried

APPROVE TO PURCHASE TWO FIRE HYDRANTS (not to exceed $5,000.00):

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve purchase two fire hydrants not to exceed $5, 000.00. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried

These hydrants are located at the corner of East and North St and Market St. and Elvin.

APPROVE TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR OCTOBER 31ST FROM 5:30 PM TO 8 PM:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve Trick or Treat hours for October 31st from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. Trustee Newsom seconded the motion

All “ayes,” motion carried

DISCUSSION OF LIHWAP PROGRAM:

The LIHWAP program is a program the Champaign County Regional Planning offers for individuals that cannot afford their deposit or service. The Village board is not interested in taking part of this program at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: None

Health & Safety: Trustee Cooper reported that Animal Control was called on Charles Adams for feeding the feral cats at the old bank building. They said they would come talk to him but never reported back to her. Trustee Cooper suggests that we look into other options when our contract is up.

Attorney Miller suggested that the board invite Animal Control to a meeting to discuss their services. Mayor Clements will call and try to set this up for the November meeting and call Vermillion County Animal control about services.

Trustee Esposito reported that Falcon Equipment still has not cleaned up their property. She also reported that the Village still needs to clean out the ditch along Broadway.

Water: Trustee Cooper reported that Lorin Kinney is replacing seals in the water plant. He has also sent in water samples. He is working on a new daily reporting program to keep track of things for EPA.

Clerk Bowman spoke with Longview Bank, and they will accept the village’s water payments for no charge. They will create a spread sheet to send to the village weekly notifying us of the payments made. They will not check the village’s drop box, but residents can use the banks night drop box. Attorney Miller said that we need to approve this on the next months agenda.

Sewer: None

Drainage: Trustee Newsom reported that he has been working with Don Wauthier on finishing up the NE Drainage project.

Mayor Clements reported that he and Randy Thompsen met with a company south of Homer about hooking up the drains on Kyle St and the area around Main St. and Willow St.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Trustee Newsom reported that Main St looks fantastic.

Trustee Haan questioned about the sidewalk on West Ave that Darren Bressner put in. It cracked right after it was finished. The Village contacted Mr. Bressner about it, and he said he would fix it but never has. Trustee Haan wanted to know if we could take legal action. Attorney Miller suggested we take pictures of the sidewalk and contact Mr. Bressner about what needs to be done. Mayor Clements will contact him. If he does not respond after Mayor Clements speaks with him then we will have Attorney Miller send a letter.

Budget: None

Business: Ted Hartke bought the Old Bank Building.

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that the Harvest Festival will not take place this year. Due to covid the school will not let the Village use the gym. Instead, the Village will host Movie in the Park and Halloween costume contest on October 23, 2021, at the Old High School Park baseball field. The movie will be Hocus Pocus.

MAYOR: Mayor Clements reported that Trustee Newsom is resigning from the Village Board. He will have to appoint someone to replace him on the next agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Esposito reported that the frog at the park is broken. It has a sharp piece where it is broken. Clerk Bowman will have Randy Thompsen look into fixing or repairing it.

Trustee Haan questioned what was going on with the contract with Rails to Trails. Mayor Clements said that himself and Don Wauthier are working on some changes and will hopefully have it ready for the next board meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden