Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

April 7, 2022

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Lewis Trustee Smith

Absent:

Also, Present: Marc Miller, Heather Soder, Aaron Culbentson, Ken Cooley, Rhonda Fulkerson, and Allison Wakefield

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rhonda Fulkerson reported that the library hired Allison Wakefield as the director. She will start the position on April 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the March 3, 2022, regular session
		2. Motion to approve April 2022 Treasurer’s Report
		3. Motion to approve March 2022 bank statements
		4. Motion to approve April 2022 bills

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the April 7, 2022, consent agenda with the exception of the Animal Control bill. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

The Animal Control service bill will be voted on at the next board meeting.

APPROVAL TO REINVEST CD’S DUE:

1. $36,651.07 Water Depreciation Fund

Trustee Cooper made a motion to reinvest the Water Depreciation fund CD for 6 months at .20%. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

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

Four “ayes,” and two “nays,” motion carried.

Trustee Haan believes that the federal reserve will go up. He suggested a 3-month CD.

APPROVAL OF CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES INVOICE FOR WATER PROGRAM SUPPORT (Not to exceed $990.00):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the Creative Technologies invoice for water program support not to exceed $990.00. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Haan spoke with Creative Technologies about the technical support for the easy reader meter reading software portion of this invoice. The Village already pays Sensus for annual support for the meter reader software and handheld. Jennifer will speak to Sensus on Monday to see if we need the additional support.

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY ORDINANCE

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the Investment Policy Ordinance. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye”

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

Trustee Haan said that not having an investment policy ordinance has been an audit issue every year. He said this ordinance was based on a IML template. He has section 1.14 revised. Attorney Miller said that we are legally supposed to have an investment policy ordinance.

DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:

Heather Soder and Aaron Culbertson from Animal Control were present to discuss the animal control services.

Trustee Esposito wanted to know why Animal Control is not responding to every call. Mr. Culbertson said that he has been the only officer for a while. They have hired two new people, but they are still in training. Because he is the only officer able to respond to calls, they have to prioritize the calls. If there is a vicious dog call that will take precedence over a barking dog call. He said he has to rely on Champaign County Sherriff for help.

Trustee Esposito questioned why the Village does not get written reports every month. Mr. Colbentson replied that they do not generate reports for every call. They only generate reports for impounds.

Ms. Soder said that when Animal Control services are needed that Metcad should be called. Do not call Animal Control directly. If you call Metcad then it comes through their system to be dispatched out. If you call them directly it gets written down and put on his desk. He might not see it until the next time he comes into the office.

Trustee Esposito wanted to know if they could use video to enforce our ordinances. Ms. Soder said yes and to email the video to animalcontrol@co.champaign.il.us. Then to call her to let her know a video is coming.

Ms. Soder said she started as the new director on January 3, 2022. She said prior to her starting they had been without a director for 5 months. She is trying to correct mistakes and keep up with new duties.

Ms. Soder recommends that the Village change our Animal Control Ordinance. She is leaving three draft ordinances for the Village to look at. Ms. Soder had a couple of things she suggests adding to the ordinance. First, she suggests that after a second pick up of an animal that the animal has to be sterilized. Her second suggestion was that we address dangerous dogs or animals.

Trustee Smith will work with Animal Control and Attorney Miller to draft a new ordinance.

Rhonda Fulkerson wants to know if the Animal Control ordinance covers neglected animals. Ms. Soder said the laws are not strong on animal neglect. She said they must have food, water, and shelter. She said we can add other stuff to our ordinance. She said the Champaign Ordinance is the best to reference for animal welfare.

MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE COMPENSATION, EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF ONE OR MORE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/1 (C)(1) AND FOR DISCUSSION OF PURCHASING PROPERTY PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/1 (C)(5) roll Call Vote

Trustee Esposito made a motion to go to closed session for the limited purposes of discussing the compensation, employment, and performance of one or more Village employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/1 (C)(1) and for discussion of purchasing property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/1 (C)(5). Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION roll Call Vote

Trustee Smith made a motion to return to open session. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVE SALARY INCREASES roll call vote

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve salary increases as follows: Randy Thompsen hourly rate to $23 per hour, Jim Marsh $15.50 per hour, Jennifer Bowman $15.50 per hour, a part time helper $12.00 per hour and all other salaries will remain the same. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito wants gravel at the park before the Easter Egg hunt. She also wants the recycle bin moved to the other side of the lot.

The Adult Hunt is at 8pm. She wants everyone there at 6:30pm to set up. The kid’s hunt is at 10am. She wants everyone there at 8:30am to set up.

Health & Safety: Trustee Smith reported that there was a complaint from a travel team about the baseball diamond. They said that the lime chips are too big. He said the issue is being addressed.

Water: None

Sewer: Trustee Haan reported that in May the water and sewer rates will go up. They will go up to the 2021 rate in the ordinance.

Drainage: Mayor Clements reported that a pipe on Leney broke. He is hoping that it can be dug up tomorrow. He had Kevin Dodd jet the lines after the last big rain. He hopes to get the line connected to the new one soon.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Budget: None

Business: None

Events: Trustee Cooper discussed the festival. She said last year she spent $6,800. She still has $8,000 in the account. She reported that she was approached about having a carnival. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

Trustee Haan reported that Doug Dahl has talked about putting an ice cream shop in his building. He wanted to know if Trustee Cooper had an ice cream truck coming to the festival already. She said no.

Trustee Cooper does not want any issues with any of the businesses this year. She will have a meeting with them to discuss festival plans.

Vehicle / Equipment repairs & purchases: Mayor Clements reported that he has ordered the utility vehicle from Falcon. He said he was able to get it for $600 under the quoted price.

Trustee Cooper would like the Village to look into a golf card ordinance.

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Cooley wanted to let the Village know that Doug Dahl may end up wanting to demo and rebuild where the old feed mill building is. He said that this building is over the property line. He said it is 7ft on Billy Bob’s property. He thinks the Zoning Administrator should be aware of this.

Trustee Haan is concerned about a guy smoking at the Legion Park. He said he leaves a can with cigarette butts on the picnic table. He does not want a kid to come across it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden