Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

October 6, 2022

PRESENT:

Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Lewis Trustee Smith

Absent: Trustee Acklin

Also, Present: Don Wauthier, Marc Miller, Rick Breitenfeldt, Nora Mabry, Tim Price, Mike Hunter, and Allison Wakefield

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rick Breitenfeldt thanked the board and employees for everything we do.

Rick Breitenfeldt reported that he has noticed more vehicles being parked on Brown’s lot next to the Rails to Trails property. He would like the Village to pursue getting this property cleaned up.

Attorney Miller suggested that the Village start by trying to contact the Railroad directly to have this property cleaned up. If that fails, then he will send a letter.

Tim Price was present to ask what the pipe behind his property is for. The board is not sure what he is talking about so Mr. Wauthier will go Monday to meet with him to see what it is. Wauthier did say that a storm drain will go west along the Rail trail. He said the Village had pipes put in under the trail before the asphalt went in so in a year or so we can extend the drainage.

Mike Hunter questioned where the pipe from the catch basin goes? This basin is on his property.

Don Wauthier reported that the IDOT 150 project should start soon. Stark construction has ordered the materials. They are hoping to have it done before Christmas.

CONSENT AGENDA:

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the September 1, 2022, regular session, September 14, 2022, Mapping sessions and September 20, 2022, Zoning Board of Appeals session
    2. Motion to approve October 2022 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve September 2022 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve October 2022 bills

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the October 6, 2022, consent agenda. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes, “motion carried.

APPROVAL TO REINVEST CD’S DUE:

1. $39,056.71 Sewer Depreciation Fund
2. $36,669.65 Water Depreciation Fund

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve to reinvest CDs at Longview bank for 6 months. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes, “motion carried.

Trustee Esposito wants Clerk Bowman to see if Longview bank will match Prospect Banks rates. She will check on Monday.

APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE OR DENY REQUEST TO BUILD ON TO 107 E. BROADWAY ST roll call vote:

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to approve request to build onto 107 E. Broadway St. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes, “motion carried.

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

Trustee Esposito made a motion to terminate the Billy Bob’s parking lease agreement. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

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

All “aye “motion carried.

Trustee Esposito said she does not want Billy Bob’s to have to pay for the parking spaces. She said it is village property and anyone can park there. She said that we do not charge other businesses to park on village property.

APPROVE 2022 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR $86,591.00:

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the 2022 tax levy ordinance for $86,591.00. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

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

All “ayes “motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF HAVING A FUEL TANK INSTALLED BY MAINTENANCE SHED roll call vote

Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve having a fuel tank installed by the maintenance shed not to exceed $6,500.00. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

Four “ayes” and one “abstain,” motion carried.

Trustee Smith presented quotes from two companies. There is a $550 difference in price. Both are good companies. Trustee Esposito wanted to know if one tank would last longer that the other. Trustee Smith said there are a lot of factors effect how long a tank will last. For example, how far off the ground it is.

Trustee Smith recommends that the Village purchase a tank with the flame shield and the 30-year warranty.

There will be about $2,200 more needed for pump and equipment.

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE NEW FLOOR MATS FOR VILLAGE HALL (Not to exceed $2,000.00):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to purchase new floor mats for village hall not to exceed $2,000.00. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes, “motion carried.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE 4 TREEES (Not to exceed $2,000.00) roll call vote

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve to purchase four trees not to exceed $2,000.00. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes, “motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREE REMOVAL QUOTE (Not to exceed $18,500.00):

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve Ramm’s tree removal quote not to exceed $10,675.00. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

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

All “ayes “motion carried.

Ramm’s quote was $7,825 less than Zeller’s quote.

DISCUSSION ON ALLOWING CHICKENS IN TOWN:

Trustee Esposito does not believe the village should allow chickens in town. She said they stink and make noise. Trustee Lewis said we would only allow hens. Trustee Smith reported that one week of chicken’s poop is equal to one day of dog poop. He also said that they can be beneficial because they eat bugs and weeds.

Trustee Lewis wanted to know if we could put it on the next ballot. The board explained that it cost money to put a referendum on the ballot and would rather do a community pole first.

Resident Rick Breitenfeldt is concerned on who would enforce the regulations of having chickens in town.

APPROVE UP TO $2,000.00 TO BE SPENT ON MAPPING OGDEN’S FUTURE OUT OF MAPPING OGDEN’S FUTURE CHECKING ACCOUNT Trustee Haan made a motion to approve up to $2,000.00 to be spent on mapping Ogden’s future out of mapping Ogden’s future checking account. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water: Trustee Cooper reported that the permit for the water main relocate has come in. She said the pipe now has to be sleeved. She said there will be an additional charge for this.

Mr. Wauthier reported that Stark is ready to start on their project. They are just waiting on supplies and hope to be done by Christmas.

Trustee Cooper reported that Mr. Kinney advised her that the village should stop bulk water sales because the water table is low. He is concerned because Fairmount had a well go bad because of bulk sales.

Sewer: None

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Health & Safety: Trustee Esposito questioned what was going on with the properties on Kyle St that are overgrown with weeds? The lawyer sent a letter, and the property owner has been making progress. Resident Rick Breitenfeldt lives next to the properties and said it looks a lot better than what it did. Trustee Esposito said it is still not acceptable and we need to take further action to get it mowed down.

The Village decided to have Attorney Miller put a lien on 203 E. Main St because they have not paid the bill for the mowing.

Mayor Clements will call Ted Hartke about putting the fence up around the alley.

It was reported that there have been complaints about scooters and dirt bikes riding on the Rail Trail. When people see this, they need to call Champaign County police.

Business: Trustee Haan reported that the Mapping meeting are coming up with interesting ideas and may have a really good outcome.

Building/grounds: The Christmas decorations should be going up next month. Trustee Esposito has picked out the decorations and locations for them.

Drainage: None

Budget: None

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that we have purchased some new decorations for the Village Hall this year since the festival will be hosted at the village hall. The festival will be on October 22nd at 6 PM. Volunteers are welcome.

Vehicle / Equipment repairs & purchases: Mayor Clements reported that the UTV was delivered. It has a water tank and sprayer.

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden