Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

March 9, 2023

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Smith Trustee Wright

Absent: Trustee Lewis

Also, Present: Cindy Acklin, Allison Wakefield, Ronda Fulkerson, Nora Mabry, Ken Cooley, Christian Schluter and Rick Breitenfeldt

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVE TO APPOINT JOHN WRIGHT TO VILLAGE OF OGDEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to appoint John Wright to the Village of Ogden Board of Trustees. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion.

All “Ayes”, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the February 2, 2023, regular session and February 22, 2023, Building & Grounds committee
    2. Motion to approve March 2023 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve February 2023 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve March 2023 bills

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the March 9, 2023, consent agenda. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

KEN COOLEY PRESENT TO REQUEST PERMISSION FOR ONWARD OGDEN TO HOST FARMER’S MARKET EVERY THURSDAY AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL PARK:

Ken Cooley and Christian Schulter were present to ask the board if the Onward Ogden Committee could host Farmer’s Markets the first Thursday of the month starting in May at the Old High School park. Mr. Cooley said that said that Amanda Eaton sent him the vendor blender information from when the businesses hosted them on Broadway St. Mr. Cooley said the committee wants mostly produce and food products. They do not want a bunch of crafts. The Onward Ogden Committee would maintain food certificates. Mr. Cooley said they want to set up along the rock drive. When baseball or softball games are using the drive for parking they will set up in the grass around the pavilion. Mr. Cooley said they would charge a small fee to vendors. Probably around $10 to have a stand at the market.

The board agreed that they can use the area monthly for their Farmers Market.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MARTIN HOOD’S AUDIT QUOTE (Not to exceed $14,000.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve Martin Hood’s audit quote not to exceed $14,000. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye “

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Acklin will talk to Russell Leigh about doing the audit next year.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DEMOLITION PERMITS:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve an Ordinance Requiring Demolition Permits with changes. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion.

All “Ayes”, motion carried.

Trustee Esposito wants a couple of changes made to the ordinance. She would like the typo on page 4 corrected. Under section 1.02-Exemptions (a) it should be not instead of no.

On page 6 Section 3.01- Violations; penalties; enforcement it should follow the villages fine schedule. And she would like section (d) taken out.

The board agrees with these changes.

APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR WASTEWATER PANEL UPGRADES (not to exceed $133,739.10):

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the South wastewater panel upgrade for $30,229.43. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Clements reported that the wastewater pump station panels need to be upgraded. He said we do not need to do them all at once. He recommends that we start with the south pump station. It is the one that needs it the most. He said we can do the others as we have the funds available.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AFLAC roll call vote

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to pay 50% of AFLAC benefits for eligible employees. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye “

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Smith recommended that the Village pay 100% of the AFLAC benefits. Trustee Acklin said it would only be $1,254.24 a year. Trustee Cooper and Esposito said the village should only pay the same percentage as health insurance.

DISCUSSION OF FESTIVAL AND APPROVE UP TO $9,000.00 TO BE SPENT ON FESTIVAL OUT OF FESTIVAL ACCOUNT:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve up to $9,000.00 to be spent on festival out of Festival Account. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Smith, “aye” Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye “

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Cooper reported that the carnival will be here August 24th to 26th.

She will set a date for the first Festival Committee meeting and let everyone know.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO HIRE PART TIME MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to hire part time maintenance assistant and part time mowing help. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion.

All “Ayes”, motion carried.

The part time maintenance helper will have to be able to help with broken water mains, street repairs, drainage repairs and anything else Mr. Thompsen requires help with. The mowing assistant will have to be available during Mr. Thompsen’s regular work hours. Clerk Bowman will put an ad on the Village’s Facebook page and the Ogden Unmoderated page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water: None

Sewer: Mayor Clements reported that Ameren had to fix a power issue at Points East Sewer pump station.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Health & Safety: None

Business: None

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito wants the park graded and rocked before the Easter Egg Hunt.

Trustee Esposito would like the street, alley and sidewalk chairs to come to the next building and grounds committee meeting to discuss the sidewalk that the Onward Ogden Committee wants to put in the Interurban Park.

Trustee Esposito reported that the Building and Grounds Committee and the Onward Ogden Committee have come up with an Interurban Park agreement. It will be tiered out in installments. The next meeting will be March 29th at 6:30 PM.

Drainage: Mayor Clements reported that there was a meeting on March 8, 2023, with Schomberg & Schomberg, BCA and the Village to discuss the upcoming Northeast drainage project. He said that the materials should start coming in next week. They hope to start after the material arrive.

Budget: Trustee Esposito would like this committee to be removed. The Village has a appropriation ordinance not a budget and there is never anything to report. The board agreed.

Events: Trustee Esposito will have a Events meeting on March 14th at 6:30 PM to stuff Easter eggs. She reported that Jeanine Black arranged for McLane (Dennis Bott) to donate candy. The adult hunt is on April 7th at 8 PM. The kid’s hunt is on April 8th at 10 AM. She would like help on the 8th at 8:30 AM distributing the eggs.

Trustee Cooper reported that the carnival will be back this year. The dates are August 24th through the 26th. She will set a meeting at a later date.

Vehicle / Equipment repairs & purchases: None

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Smith would like to start a recognition program for people in the community that go above and beyond to help. He thinks we should make a certificate and present it at a board meeting. The board agrees this would be a nice thing to do. Trustee Smith recommends Rick Buckley to receive the first certificate for helping with a car in a ditch a few weeks ago.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden