Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

December 7, 2023

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Trustee Cooper Trustee Esposito

Trustee Lewis Trustee Wright

Absent: Trustee Smith

Also, Present: Marc Miller, Don Wauthier, Nora Mabry, Ronda Fulkerson, Cindy Acklin, Jack Knoop and Lucinda Paquin

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Acklin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the November 2, 2023, regular session, November 2023 Onward Ogden Committee meetings
    2. Motion to approve December 2023 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve November 2023 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve December 2023 bills

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, consent agenda. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2024 BOARD MEETING DATES:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the 2024 board meeting dates. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

All meetings will be the first Thursday of the month except July 4, 2024. That meeting was moved to July 11, 2024, due to the holiday.

DISCUSSION OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES AND AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO TAKE ACTION:

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve authorization to hire special legal counsel to take action for nuisance properties. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin reported that he would like to bundle two properties for legal counsel to take action on. The first is the property that Mr. Brown rents from the railroad. It has several inoperable vehicles and trailers on it. The second property is 608 E. Maple St. It has 3 campers, multiple vehicles, and trailers on it. Attorney Miller said that Justin Brunner would handle this for the village. He said a property search would be done and the owners and tenants would be included. It was suggested that 406 E. Maple be included in this bundle. They have put a shed in the front yard right up to the neighbor’s house plus have multiple vehicles.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY AGREEMENT

Mayor Acklin sent everyone a draft of the agreement that attorney Miller put together. He asked trustee Cooper and Wright to represent the village and meet with representatives from the library board to discuss the agreement and make any changes. Mayor Acklin said to let Trustee Cooper or Trustee Wright know any concerns about the agreement so they can discuss them at the meeting with the library representatives. Trustee Cooper said she will get in contact with the parties involved to set a time to meet.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE A CONCRETE SAW (Not to exceed $1,500.00):

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve to purchase a concrete saw not to exceed $1,500.00. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Lewis reported that the village has been using the fire department’s concrete saw. He said since the village plans on doing more sidewalk work in town, we need our own. He said that they have looked into a Milwaukee and a Stihl. He will let Mr. Thompsen pick the one that he feels will work best for what he will need it for.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF QUALITY PLUMBING QUOTE FOR WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENTS (not to exceed $4,600.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve Quality Plumbing quote for water fountain replacement not to exceed $4,600.00. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin reported that the outside water fountain has been out of order for the past two summers. The inside water fountain either shoots way too far out or doesn’t come out at all. The quote for the inside water fountain includes a water bottle filler.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE VILLAGE OF OGDEN:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve an ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Ogden. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Attorney Miller said if the village does not pass this ordinance the village would have to give employees an extra 40 hours of paid leave. It would end up costing the village more.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO CORRECT AFLAC DEDUCTION:

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve correcting the AFLAC deduction by not having Mr. Thompsen reimburse the village for the underpayment. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

This was discussed at the November meeting.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF HEALTH ALLIANCE 2024 RATES:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve Health Alliance 2024 rates at $1,814.63 with the village paying 50% of the cost. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

There are two options for renewal. One is the Gold Plan, which is what the village currently has. It has increased by 9.21%. The second option is the Silver Plan. It si a .08% increase but the deductible, maximum out of pocket, copays and other items are higher. Mayor Acklin suggests that the village continues with the gold plan. Trustee Wright agrees.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2023, TO BECOME PUBLIC OR KEEP CLOSED AND FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE COMPENSATION, EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF ONE OR MORE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/1 (C)(L):

Trustee Lewis made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of approving closed session minutes of June 1, 2023, to become public or keep closed and 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). Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

MOTION TO RE-OPEN INTO REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to return to regular session. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to keep closed session minutes closed. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

APPROVE SALARY INCREASES:

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve salary increases effective January 1, 2024, as follows:

5.5% increase for Randy Thompsen, Robert Kalal, Darrell Lee and Jennifer Bowman’s hourly rates.

5.5% increase for Randy Thompsen and Lorin Kinney’s water salaries and Lorin Kinney for his sewer salary.

Increase Zoning Administrator to $100 per quarter and $30 per permit, and Zoning Board of Appeals to $40 per meeting.

Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Wright, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water: Trustee Cooper reported that the work on 150 should start next week. She also reported that fluoride pumps have been installed.

Sewer: None

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Health & Safety: Trustee Wright reported that there is a van on East Ave that has had the tire off for weeks. The board agreed to send a letter.

Business: None

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito reported that there are a couple of street lights out. One is on the corner of Main St. and Lynn St. The other is on Lynn St. Ameren has been out and said that the power lines were hit by Metro and will be fixed within a couple of weeks.

Trustee Esposito reported that she ordered a couple more solar lights for Onward Ogden to put up at Legion Park.

Trustee Esposito reported that the Christmas decorations have been hung on the light poles. She also reported that she ordered a new snowman with a metal core for in front of the Village Hall. The current one broke but John Tolbert is going to try to repair it. The inflatables do not seem to be holding up well.

Trustee Esposito reported that the window should be replaced within the next couple of weeks.

Drainage: Mayor Acklin reported that the bank account the village opened for the North Drainage project is out of money. The bank loan for the project is taken out of this account. Next month it will be on the agenda to close this account and have the loan taken out of the general fund.

Budget: None

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that the next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt in March. There have been 30 stuffed animals donated for the event.

Onward Ogden is hosting a Grinch Breakfast, Holiday Market and Small Town Christmas.

The Friends of the Library had a Santa Coming to Town event and 107 people attended.

Vehicle/Equipment repairs & purchases: None

MAYOR: Mayor Acklin reported that ABC still has not removed their dumpsters from the sewer plant. Randy Thompsen is concerned that people will start dumping now that the leaves are down, and they are visible. Mayor Acklin will contact them.

Mayor Acklin reported that Marita Booker came into the office Wednesday to let the village know that they received a permit from County to build a workshop but needs the village to approve the parcel. Attorney Miller said the village waive requirements for a Plat of Subdivision so they can build a workshop at their residence located at 1588 CR 2650 E Ogden, IL. This will be on the January agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden