**Ogden Village Board Regular Session**

**Ogden Village Hall**

**June 6, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Acklin Clerk Bowman Trustee Cooper Trustee Esposito

Trustee Lewis Trustee Smith Trustee Wright

**Arrived Late**:

**Absent**:

**Also, Present**: Marc Miller, Don Wauthier, Dan Shutt, Ronda Fulkerson, Cindy Acklin, Rick Breitenfeldt, Brittney Lewis, Allison Wakefield, Jack Knoop, and Lucinda Paquin

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jack Knoop was present to discuss the flooding in his building. He said ever since the trail was built their building floods. He said that he has over $5,000.00 in damage from the last rain. Lucinda said that Skyler from the Champaign County Forest Preserve met with her about the issue and there has been no resolution. Mr. Knoop said the flooding on Broadway St. effects three businesses. Mr. Acklin said that the village has been putting up barricades so people cannot drive through it and push more water up into the businesses. He said it is just a band aid for now. Mr. Knoop wants to know when the village plans on putting in a pump station. Mr. Wauthier said that he will get quotes from pump station manufacturers. He said the tile needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Wauthier also said that a pond or culvert would not help with Knoop’s flooding because of the grade of the land. Trustee Smith asked if it was legal for the Forest Preserve to build up their land. Mr. Wauthier said there is no agency to control it so it would be a court matter.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

* + 1. **Motion to approve minutes of the May 2, 2024, regular session, May 21, 2024, Zoning Board and May 2024, Onward Ogden Committees**
    2. **Motion to approve June 2024 Treasurer’s Report**
    3. **Motion to approve May 2024 bank statements**
    4. **Motion to approve June 2024 bills**

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the June 6, 2024, consent agenda. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR VARIANCE REGARDING 4 LENEY CT. OGDEN, IL:**

Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the granting of a variance at 4 Leney Ct Ogden, Illinois pursuant to the terms and findings of the villages zoning board by reference incorporated herein. Trustee Wright seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mr. Shutt was present to answer questions. He wants to put a garage on his empty lot next to his current property. It will be a garage with siding not a metal shed.

**APPROVAL OF 2024 MFT PROGRAM FOR $85,000.00:**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the 2024 MFT Program for $85,000. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO SEEK BIDS FOR MFT OIL AND CHIPPING**

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve to seek bids for MFT Oil and Chipping. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ILLINOIS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (Not to exceed $385.76):**

Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Illinois Rural Water Association Annual Membership dues not to exceed $385.76. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Smith questioned why the Village has a membership with IRWA. Mr. Wauthier explained what IRWA offers to small villages. Trustee Smith would like the village to schedule a leak detection appointment.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2024-2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:**

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR SEWER PLANT PROJECT:**

Mayor Acklin reported that no bids were received for this project. Mr. Wauthier said that he will go to some contractors and present the project without the bid process. Mr. Miller said that the village can just do two thirds vote to approve a bid. This can be done at a special meeting or at the next board meeting. Mr. Wauthier believes that if we are willing to wait until later in the year for the project to be completed then we might have a better chance of getting bids. Mr. Wauthier said he has been in contact with EPA about the situation.

Trustee Wright said that one of the pipes included in this project had to be replaced and wanted to know if that could be changed in the project plans. Mr. Wauthier said yes and anything that Mr. Thompsen can do such as grass seed will save the village money on the project.

Trustee Wright would like this done within a reasonable time frame. Mr. Wauthier said it will depend on the contractors but will hopefully have more information in a couple of weeks.

**APPROVAL OF QUOTE TO REPAIR BROKEN DRAIN TILE AT 107 LYNN ST (Not to exceed $13,000.00):**

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve quote to repair broken drain tile at Lynn St. not to exceed $20,000.00. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin reported that there was flooding on the west end of town. They found a broken tile under a driveway on Lynn St. That tile was replaced but then found another broken part under the garage at same residence. Mr. Thompsen thinks this needs repaired soon. Mr. Wauthier questioned if we should put in a bigger tile to match future tiles. The board agreed.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF OGDEN MUTUAL MANAGEMENT POLICY AND AGREEMENT:**

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the Ogden Mutual Management Policy and agreement. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

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

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RDMS GRANT QUOTE (not to exceed $7,500.00):**

No motion.

Mayor Acklin reported that he was told that this grant was designed for a big city. He said the Village could spend lots of money applying for the grant and not get it. Mr. Wauthier agreed that it is set up for larger municipalities. He said we would have to have an economic development plan. The board agreed it was not worth spending the money on.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SEWER PUMP (not to exceed $9,000.00):**

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve to purchase sewer pump not to exceed $9,000.00. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Wright reported that this pump has already been ordered. He does not believe we will need a back up pump. Mayor Acklin said we will get the other fixed as a backup pump.

**APPROVAL OF CHRISTMAS DÉCOR SYSTEM CONTRACT (Not to exceed $1,810.00):**

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the Christmas Décor System Contract for $2,120.00. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Esposito reported that there are two boxes on poles on Lincoln already. She will contact Ameren to confirm we can put the decorations on the poles. We will have to have an electrician to make sure the boxes work. The board agreed to add two more decorations to the contract at $155 each.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO HOST DUMPSTER DAY (Not to exceed $6,000.00) roll call vote**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to table approving to host dumpster day until July 2024. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Lewis reported that St. Joseph uses four people to run their dumpster day. St. Joseph dumpster day is for the whole township not just within village limits. They used fifteen dumpsters this year. Trustee Lewis thinks we need 6 to 8 for just Ogden. He said that the workers in St. Joseph do not touch anything. The residents have to unload everything themselves. The event ran from 7am to 11am.

Trustee Lewis said he would get more information and will be ready to vote next month.

**APPROVAL OF ONWARD OGDEN TRAIN LOCATION**

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the Onward Ogden train location. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Esposito reported that Onward Ogden Group would like to put the train at the Interurban Park between the gazebo and the Christmas tree. She said they will put railroad ties and playground mulch around the train. It will be an 18x20 Ft rectangle. Cindy Acklin reported that they will need Mr. Thompsen’s help with the digging. Mitchell Wright is building the train for FFA.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN ELECTRONIC SIGN FOR PVO SOUTH:**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to contribute to an electronic sign for PVO South not to exceed $500.00. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin will contact Mr. Isenhower to let him know that the board agreed to donate $500.00 towards the sign. He said it sounds like the school will let the village use the sign.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BASEBALL DIAMOND UPDATES (not to exceed $1,000.00):**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve baseball diamond updates not to exceed $500.00. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Smith reported that the lock on the concession door broke. Chris Irwin replaced it with a different lock. Trustee Smith would like it changed to match the existing keys.

Trustee Smith reported that the faucets in the bathrooms constantly drip. They need to be replaced. Clerk Bowman will have Mr. Thompsen change them out.

Trustee Smith reported that the little diamond floods when it rains. He would like a 4- or 5-inch tile installed to drain the field. He said that the water is a nesting ground for mosquitos.

Trustee Smith reported that there are issues with the fence around the diamond.

Mayor Acklin advised Trustee Smith to get quotes for tiles and fence repairs.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO COSTS INCURRED WITH BROWN PROPERTY CLEAN UP (not to exceed $425.00):**

**Trustee Smith made a motion to approve contributing to costs incurred with Brown Property clean up not to exceed $425.00. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:**

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin reported that there is a noticeable improvement with the Rail Trail property. Mr. Brown moved the motor homes and other vehicles out. Mr. Hartke tore down the old Maytag shed with volunteer help. He also spent around $800 on employees. Mr. Hartke incurred a $425 bill towards garbage truck removal of trash from the building. Mayor Acklin reported that Mr. Hartke did not ask for help with the cost, but he thinks it would be good for the village to contribute.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Water:** Trustee Cooper reported that the valves have been replaced in the water plant, but they are still waiting for some pipes still. She said that they had to replace the humidifier. There has not been any word on the grant yet.

**Sewer:** None

**Streets/alleys/sidewalks:** None

**Health & Safety:** Mayor Acklin reported that there are still three trailers on the railroad property of Mr. Brown’s, and they are full of antiques and junk. They will have to be cleaned out before they can be moved. Mr. Brown does not have the titles to a couple of the trailers. Rick Breitenfeldt said that they will have to be cut up to be disposed of.

Mayor Acklin reported that one motorhome and one trailer have been removed from the Maple St property. He said that the court process has changed, and they only hold it once a month now. The court date will be June 19th.

Trustee Smith asked if the wires from Trustee Esposito’s yard had been addressed by Metro/Connexus. She said no. He will call them again.

Trustee Lewis would like a letter sent to Ms. Joy about the grass and weeds on her property. Clerk Bowman said that all her mail is getting returned. Mayor Acklin will reach out to her son.

**Business:** None

**Building/grounds:** None

**Drainage:** None

**Budget:** None

**Events:** Trustee Esposito reported that there will be a Festival Committee meeting on June 19th at 6:30 pm. She also reported that the Open-Air Market is in its second week. The village is still waiting for the vendor forms from Onward Ogden committee.

**Vehicle/Equipment repairs & purchases:** None

**MAYOR:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden