Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

March 7, 2024

PRESENT:

Mayor Acklin Clerk Bowman Trustee Cooper Trustee Esposito Trustee Lewis

Absent: Trustee Smith Trustee Wright

Also, Present: Marc Miller, Don Wauthier, Rick Buckley, Allison Wakefield with Troop 2069, Nora Mabry, Cindy Acklin, Ronda Fulkerson, Jack Knoop, Wade Hendry, and Lucinda Paquin

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Allison Wakefield was present to introduce her Brownie Troop 2069. They are here to observe to earn their democracy badge. They thanked us for all we do for our community.

Wade Hendry was present to update the board on the Youth Baseball League. He said insurance kicks in on April 1st. Practices will start around the first and the season should be wrapped up by the 4th of July. They are up two teams from last year.

They are hosting a cleanup day on April 6th with a rainout date on April 7th. He also said that the fence needs some work. It has come loose from the back stop. Mayor Acklin said to get a quote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the February 1, 2024, regular session and February 2023, Onward Ogden committee
    2. Motion to approve March 2024 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve February 2024 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve March 2024 bills

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, consent agenda. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Acklin, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXING AND REZONING 1583 CR 2700 E OGDEN:

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve an ordinance annexing 1583 CR 2700 E Ogden, IL. Into the village of Ogden and rezoning it to Highway Commercial. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Acklin, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin explained what the Zoning Hearing was about and read the Zoning Boards recommendation. The Zoning Board recommended that the Village board accept the recommendation and annex in the property and zone it Highway Commercial.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MARTIN HOOD’S AUDIT QUOTE (Not to exceed $15,800.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve Martin Hood’s audit quote not to exceed $15,222.00. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Lewis, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

The audit price went up $1,800 from last year. Mayor Acklin will get quotes for next year.

APPROVE TO APPLY FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY GRANT (Not to exceed $2,500.00):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to apply for lead service line inventory grant not to exceed $2,500.00. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Cooper reported that we tried for this grant last summer and did not qualify for it. She said that the qualifications have since changed and we should now qualify. Fehr Graham will do grant and the work if we get the grant. They charge $2,500.00 for the application process. Don Wauthier reported that the EPA mandated that all water companies look into their systems. He said it used to be common to use lead pipes or lead solder. The Village had to send a survey out to all customers to see if they had lead pipes. We are required to replace all these lines within the next 5 years. Trustee Cooper said that the grant application must be turned in by April. Don Wauthier said that next year (July 2025) we will have to do a source water protection survey.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF VENTURE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS QUOTE FOR VALVE REPLACEMENT AT WATER PLANT (Not to exceed $7,347.00):

Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Venture Mechanical Contractors’ quote for valve replacement at the water plant not to exceed $7,347.00. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin reported that he had met with Lorin Kinney at the water plant to discuss upgrades. Lorin Kinney had said that there have been no major upgrades since 1996.

Trustee Cooper asked if there are grants that can be applied for to help cover costs. Don Wauthier responded that there are, but they will be hard to get with our water rates. He said that most EPA grants are based on rates and ours are extremely low. We should look into raising rates. This will increase our chances of getting grants.

DISCUSSION OF WATER AND SEWER RATES:

Mayor Acklin reported that the Village of Ogden’s water/sewer rates are lower than most towns in Central Illinois. He said that the average water bill is around $85 and ours is only $50.

Clerk Bowman had to transfer $10,000.00 to cover bills last month.

Trustee Cooper will set a date for a committee meeting to discuss rate increases.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water: None

Sewer: Don Wauthier reported that the sewer plant repair project should go out to bid this month and will be on the April agenda for approval.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Health & Safety: Mayor Acklin reported that he signed an engagement letter with Justin Brunner to represent the village regarding the nuisance properties. It will be a process to get them cleaned up.

Business: None

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito would like the water turned on at the concession stand and the bathrooms cleaned for the upcoming Easter egg hunts. She said the rock at the park looks good.

Drainage: Rick Buckley reported that the drainage ditch on 150 worked well. He does want to know if the village is going to grade out the ditch where we had to lower the water main. Clerk Bowman will contact Mr. Thompsen about it.

Budget: None

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that the Adult Easter egg hunt will be on Good Friday at dark which is around 8 PM. They will start setting up at 7 PM. The Kids Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday March 30th at 10 AM. They will start setting up at 8:30 AM. Trustee Lewis will drive the fire truck with the Easter Bunny.

McLane donated candy again this year.

Trustee Cooper reported that the Ogden Street Fest will be on August 24, 2024, this year. The carnival portion will be August 22, 23, and 24th. The Mason’s will have breakfast, Tiffany and Buckley will have a band, Trustee Esposito will check with FFA about a petting zoo and Amos Woodrum is doing the car show.

Vehicle/Equipment repairs & purchases: None

MAYOR: Mayor Acklin read Nancy David’s resignation from the library. She will work until the end of March. Attorney Miller said that the library should post the open position but can hire a past applicant.

Mayor Acklin reported that Attorney Miller’s rates are going up.

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Lewis reported that he will fix the fence at the ball diamond if the village purchases the materials.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden