**Ogden Village Board Regular Session**

**Ogden Village Hall**

**April 4, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Acklin Clerk Bowman Trustee Cooper Trustee Esposito

Trustee Wright

**Arrived Late**: Trustee Lewis

**Absent**: Trustee Smith

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tiffany Johnson was present to discuss an issue she is having with her neighbor. She said her neighbor has flood lights pointed at her side of the driveway and blinds her when she pulls in. She said it is against our zoning ordinance. She would like the village to address the issue. It was suggested that she contact Champaign County Sherriff about the issue. She said she has, and they did nothing. She was told if the lights are a traffic concern, then keep calling. The board decided they will send a letter referencing the ordinance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

* + 1. **Motion to approve minutes of the March 7, 2024, regular session and March 2023, Zoning Board of Appeals**
    2. **Motion to approve April 2024 Treasurer’s Report**
    3. **Motion to approve March 2024 bank statements**
    4. **Motion to approve April 2024 bills**
    5. **Approval of Board pay**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the April 4, 2024, 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 TO REINVEST CD’S DUE:**

1. **$37,636.56 Sewer Depreciation Fund**
2. **$40,081.51 Water Depreciation Fund**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to reinvest the water depreciation CD at Longview bank for 6 months at 4.5% and the sewer depreciation CD for 3 months at 4%. Trustee Wright 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.

Mayor Acklin reminded the board that we have the Sewer Plant project coming up and may need to cash in the Sewer CD to cover costs.

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

Mayor Acklin reported that Trustees Wright and Cooper have been working on the agreement between the Village and the Library. Trustee Wright has met with Rick and Tori from the Library board to discuss the agreement. They are happy with what we have so far. He said there is a debate about them getting their own Tax ID number. He does not know if they plan on getting their own at this point. He believes this would be the best option. He said the disadvantage would be that they would have to obtain their own insurance.

Trustee Wright read most of the agreement and then opened it up for discussion. Trustee Esposito questioned the staff access portion of the agreement. He said they do not want notification beforehand just after for record. Trustee Esposito and Cooper pointed out that if there are records in there that village employees shouldn’t go in because of then it shouldn’t be rented to the public either.

Clerk Bowman wanted clarification if she was responsible for the libraries files as the clerk of the village. Is she responsible for FOIA requests for library files? Attorney Miller believes so but will look further into it. He will look into library laws and check with Champaign Library because they are running similar.

Trustee Esposito has an issue with the two years to terminate section. Trustee Wright and Cooper had issues with that part at first also. Attorney Miller suggested the two years initially so to get along with the library they decided to keep it. Trustee Esposito would like it to be for six months.

**APPROVE TO ACCEPT JIM GILLILANDS RESIGNATION FROM THE ZONING COMMISSION:**

Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Jim Gilliland’s resignation from the Zoning Commission. Trustee Wright seconded the motion.

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

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Trustee Wright wanted it on record that Jim Gilliland is an all-around good dude.

**APPROVAL OF WILLIAMS PLAT OF SURVEY AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE WAIVERS:**

Trustee Esposito made a motion to adopt resolution for the board of trustees concerning the Williams first subdivision in the Village of Ogden Champaign County Illinois. Trustee Cooper 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.

Don Wauthier was present to explain what Eleanor Williams wants to do. He said that Williams would like to buy the land next to her pond and her driveway and then consolidate all four pieces of land into one.

**APPROVE TO CHANGE JULY BOARD MEETING DATE TO JULY 10, 2024**

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve changing the July board meeting to July 10, 2024. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Mayor Acklin will be out of town on July 11th so requested that the meeting be changed to the day before.

**DISCUSSION OF FESTIVAL AND APPROVE UP TO $11,000.00 TO BE SPENT ON FESTIVAL OUT OF FESTIVAL ACCOUNT:**

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve up to $11,000.00 to be spent on the Ogden Street Fest out of the Festival Account. Trustee Cooper 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Water:** None

**Sewer:** Mayor Acklin reported that the bid opening for the Sewer Plant project will be April 23rd.He also reminded the committees that a Water and Sewer committee meeting to discuss rates needs to happen soon.

**Streets/alleys/sidewalks:** Trustee Cooper reported that she was contacted about J & K body shop parking vehicles next to the fire hydrant. She said the state law is that you cannot park within 15ft of a hydrant. Mayor Acklin said that he will have Randy will talk to John about moving the vehicle and then put-up barricades.

**Health & Safety:** Mayor Acklin reported that some of the nuisance properties have shown improvement. The 608 Maple hasn’t had much done.

**Business:** None

**Building/grounds:** Trustee Esposito reported that the Parkland Electronic Recycle Event is open for appointments.

**Drainage:** None

**Budget:** None

**Events:** Trustee Esposito reported that we had record numbers for both Easter Egg Hunts. She reported that 9,528 eggs were stuffed this year, and 227 gift bags were handed out.

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

**MAYOR:** Mayor Acklin reported that Chuck is still in contact with the state about the

Legion Park.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Trustee Lewis wanted to know if the board was interested in having a dumpster day. Trustee Esposito stated that the village quit hosting these when they started restricting items and because it was expensive. Mayor Acklin will contact Philo to see who they use and how it works for them. Trustee Lewis wants it on the agenda for next month.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

All “ayes,” motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden