Village of Oakley

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December 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: President Fish, Trustee Scheuneman, Trustee T. Fish, Trustee Schrems, Trustee Kelly, and Clerk Hart were all present.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of adding Trailer Ordinance to Old Business, seconded by Schrems. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the November minutes as read, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Police report as read, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

DPW/Wastewater

Fish reported that in the Spring there will be some pipes that will need replacing on some drains.

The lagoons need a valve replaced and some wires were replaced to repair the electrical fire that occurred at the pump station.

Guest Speakers/Public Comment on Current Agenda

A resident asked why we are not making extra payments on the sewer loan so we can alleviate the assessment burden on the tax payers. Fish said that paying ahead does not affect the assessment. Hart said she will follow up with EGLE.

Old Business

Trustee Scheuneman wanted to reiterate that Kehoe needs to make sure he is following the current ordinance pertaining to trailers to make sure everything is being followed. Scheuneman also wanted to know why the council does not see copies of permits Kehoe issues.

Fish explained that unless you need a variance or a change, the building inspector handles all other matters.

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New Business

Clerk Hart presented Kirk Yaros to the council, who is interested in the Treasurer position. President Fish said he has heard great things about him. Clerk Hart said he has a lot of experience and it will be nice to have someone who does not need much training.

President Fish nominated Kirk Yaros to be appointed as the Village Treasurer pending a passing background check to start effective January 1, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

T. Fish Yes

Scheuneman Yes

Schrems Yes

Kelly Yes

President Fish abstained

Appointment Passed.

Fish nominates Kathy Kelly as mayor protempore.

Roll Call Vote:

Schrems Yes

Scheuneman Yes

T. Fish Yes

Nomination passed.

Fish nominated Jennifer Hart to remain as Village Clerk.

Roll Call:

Kelly Yes

Schrems Yes

T. Fish Yes

Scheuneman Yes

Appointment passed.

Scheuneman made a motion to pay bills, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Residents inquired why the Clerk and Treasurer are appointed positions and why voters do not get to choose. President Fish said it was changed in 2018 because it was getting hard to find qualified candidates. Scheuneman said during the last election her and T. Fish were the only ones on the ballot and their seats are up in two years if anyone wants to run, fill out the proper paperwork so you can be placed on the ballot. Another resident said there is more interest now for people to be on the council, President Fish said that is recent.

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A resident asked where do you file complaints about the Oakley police, he said Saginaw County. He also stated giving residents a 3-minute limit on public comment impedes their First Amendment Rights. He also wanted to know when the potholes on Bockee will be filled.

Residents inquired why the blue dump truck was moved from the marijuana grow facility to the office. Chief Ferguson said the village was looking to sell it. Clerk Hart noted the money will go into the General Fund when a resident asked where the money goes.

A resident asked what the ordinance is for motor bikes being driven on sidewalks. Yaros stated it is a state law and Clerk Hart said to call the police.

Scheuneman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schrems. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Village of Oakley Clerk,

Jennifer M. Hart