

Village of Oakley

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Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month

October 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:18PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*President Fish moved the meeting to the hall to accommodate the number of people in attendance.

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

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the September minutes as read, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Scheuneman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, 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 there were many drains backed up throughout the village, Chesaning was going to help us out.

He is working on lowering the phosphorus levels at the lagoons, last sample sent to be tested was 2.2. As soon as it is below 1, he will discharge

Guest Speakers/Public Comment on Current Agenda

Sue Julian from the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition approached the council with a request to pay for a mile marker on the river to help first responders find people in trouble. She informed the council with a grant it would only cost the council \$140 for mile marker #79. It is on the river nearest to the flats that are owned by the Village. The council agreed.

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Scheuneman made a motion to approve payment and allow the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition to place mile marker #79 on the flats, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

Mike Belanger informed the council of his intent to run for Village President as a write in candidate. He asked several questions of the council. He wanted to know why we have a police officer, why is there a sex offender employed by the Village, and what is the inventory the village has received from the LESO/1033 program, why is there village vehicles at the pot plant, why is there police trucks at the lagoons, who is in charge of the equipment the village gets from the 1033 program when they get rid of it, why is the Marijuana facility not paying taxes, what happened to the generator behind the Fire barn, how did a mobile home sneak in at night.

Old Business

Scheuneman presented the council with the updated Oakley Backyard Fowl Ordinance. The council agreed to the wording and President Fish suggested they move forward with a Public Hearing.

Scheuneman made a motion to hold a Public Hearing for November 12, 2024 at 6:30PM at the hall, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

New Business

Scheuneman made a motion to transfer \$58543.75 from Wastewater Special Assessment Savings to Operation and Maintenance checking to pay the sewer loan, seconded by T. Fish. Motion carried.

The council discussed Halloween hours and decided the hours will be October 31, 2024 from 6-8PM. The Village Halloween Party will be held from 5-8PM at the hall.

President Fish informed the council he applied for a Grant to repave Woodard Street and it was granted. Approximately \$228,000 will be put towards repaving Woodard Street in 2025.

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

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Public Comment

A resident asked if permits were pulled in the Marijuana Facility, President Fish said yes.

Another resident asked if the fence was tall enough at the grow facility, President Fish said yes.

Another resident asked if there is a state law that dictates how far away a Marijuana grow facility can be from a park. The council said there was but it is not very far. They ensured the resident; the Marijuana facility is complying.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Village of Oakley Clerk,

Jennifer M. Hart