

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 7, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson, L. Kucharski-P,  
D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 3, 2007. -  
carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to pay the bills presented with the exception of the  
Sams' Club the current bill should be down sized regarding names on account. - carried

Dorr has been in contact with an attorney on the possibility of the Village changing law firms. Dorr has  
been talking to Mike Gildner out of Flint.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to have 9.5 acres sprayed for weeds and also to place  
weevils for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 3 year plan. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to proceed with establishing a special assessment  
district to support the weevil 3 year plan. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to allow the winter fest committee the use of the hall,  
restrooms and park for the second weekend in Feb. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on  
Monday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:20 p.m. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to increase Karl's contribution towards his  
retirement plan from .024% to .035%. - carried

Table issue regarding Health Ins. for the DPW until Clerk has time to look into different insurance.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to amend the DPW line item by taking 3100.00 from  
cemetery, 10,000.00 from park and 7000.00 from general fund and place all amounts into DPW. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported Sprung to accept the financial report as presented with the  
adjustment made to the DPW line item. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-P, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-P,  
D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-A, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Spencer to accept the minutes as printed Jan. 7, 2008 - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to pay the bills presented. - carried

Benson presented the Council with a copy of the park minutes and reformations on new rates with minor rule changes.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Spencer to accept the recommendations of the park committee on the new rates and the rule changes. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to sign a three year contract with Lehn King, CPA to do the Village audits. - carried

Motion made by Sprung supported by Kucharski to close the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. to open the public hearing on the proposed budget. - carried

Re-open the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Attorney Mike Gidner was present to discuss the possibility of contracting with the Village for all legal matters. He presented three options on fees. The Council asked to table this matter until they had a chance to look over all options.

Farnsworth, Village resident questioned the Council about keeping business within Lapeer County. Dorr explained that part of the Village is located also in Genesee County.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to set the millage rate at the highest possible without a public hearing. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to allow the Treasurer to spread the special assessment onto the tax roll which includes but not limited to sanitation, sewer, unpaid O & M and fire coverage on the Gen. Co. side. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to allow the Treasurer, President and Clerk to sign the warrants. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the fire authority proposed budget as presented. - carried

Farnsworth during public time expressed concern over the cost of weed control in the lake. He said that no assessment should be considered without putting it on the ballot for residents to vote on.

Kucharski is going to hold a home improvement seminar regarding MSHDA at the Village hall on March 12, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Motion made by Spencer supported by Aikin to allow Kucharski the use of the hall on March 12, 2008 for the seminar. - carried

The Council asked about the code enforcement officer and the reports that were requested from him. Dorr will talk to Mike about this.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 3, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg P, A. Spencer P, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-A, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-P,  
D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Feb. 4, 2008. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Spencer to pay the bills presented. - carried

The Ordinance committee will be talking with the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and possibly re-negotiate his pay and discuss the reports required.

Motion made by Kucharski supported by VanAmburg to allow the committee hosting the car show to block off Genesee Ave. from 1<sup>st</sup> to Detroit, Detroit St. from Genesee to Benson and possibly 10<sup>th</sup> from Genesee to Forest on Sun. July 20<sup>th</sup>, also to organize a village wide yard sale. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to hold the fire works display on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>. - carried

The Clerk suggested to block off Genesee Ave. from at least Lake St. to Detroit and Detroit St. to at least the North side of the municipal parking lot.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Spencer to approve the park manager contract as presented by the park committee with the following correction (to allow the park manager to get a replacement if they need to be gone). - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Spencer to amend the necessary line items totaling \$7980.54 taking the funds from the General fund line as recommended by the Treasurer. - carried

The Southern Link Trail way received some good news the judgment handed down allows the trail way to cross through Mr. Millington's property.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to allow the Village hall to be used on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a seminar informing people of how and where to apply for funds to be used for home improvements. - carried

Gary Howell, Village attorney, was present to answer question and to clarify that even though he is running for state rep. He feels his firm could still handle all Village issues. He also stated that regarding Mr. Nash and his dangerous building would be better served going into Circuit court rather than District court. Dorr asked why we haven't been informed about this earlier? By doing this now it is like starting all over from the beginning.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to move the matter of Mr. Nash from District court to Circuit court. - carried

Gary Howell also explained that the retainer fee charged includes unlimited phone calls with the all elected Village officials and unlimited document review.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 7, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-P,  
D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to accept the minutes as printed for March 3, 2008. -  
carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to change attorney firms to represent the Village, the  
Village will now have Mike Gildner from the firm of Simen, Figura & Parker to represent us. The council  
would like Gary Howell's firm to finish the legal procedures regarding Mr. Nash. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to hire Mike Alexander for another year as our blight  
enforcement officer at a cost of \$300.00 per month per recommendation of the Ordinance committee. Roll  
call 6 yes , 1 absent - carried

The COOL committee request has been tabled.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Kucharski suggested that maybe the Village should look into possibly granting some tax abatements for  
businesses in the Village.

Comments from the public included questions about the weed spraying of the lake and the placement of  
weevils into the lake. Some residents had a problem with paying a special assessment to have this done  
when they don't live on the lake.

Another issue was the burning of leaves at the DPW. The burn pile should be moved to another location.

Mr. Hart had a complaint that his property is getting flooded out more since the new parking lot for the  
trails was put in across the street from him. Ms. Cribbs place is experiencing the same problem. Mr. Hart  
was told that MDOT was doing that project and should be back in town sometime this month and at that  
time hopefully the problem would be resolved. If not the Village will take a look at the problem to see what  
if anything can be done.

Motion made by Kucharski supported by VanAmburg to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY MAY 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-P, D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to accept the minutes as printed with the following corrections: It was Perakovic that brought up the drainage problem on Det. St. not Hart and it should have been Dixie Hintz not Cribbs. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to pay the bills presented. - carried

Dorr explained that the thought on clean up day on June 7<sup>th</sup> the Village would request 1 truck no dumpster and that anyone bringing items to dump would have to show a drivers license confirming that they are Village residents. He also informed the Council that the Blight committee is considering holding a contest for yard of the month during the summer. The committee plans on giving \$50 to the winner. They would get prize money by asking for donations from businesses and the public.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to make a "friendly loan from the Sewer assessment account to the debt retirement account in order to make the June payment and when the delinquent taxes are received in July for Turning Point the money can be returned to the Sewer assessment account. - carried

The park committee told the Council that there is a need for a new portable-john for the park. They can buy a used one for \$600.00 and new for about \$2000.00. They will also get a price on renting one for the summer. This was tabled until next meeting.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adopt the resolution whereas, the Village of Otter Lake wishes to be a participating local government in the Urban County Community Development Block Grant Entitlement program of Genesee Co. under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for fiscal years 2009 - 2011. - carried

Motion made by Kucharski supported by VanAmburg to amend our agreement with Marathon Township by resolution regarding placing the sewer assessment for Turning Point onto the Township tax roll. The Village of Otter Lake beginning with the tax year 2008 will be placing the sewer assessment onto the Village tax roll. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to change meeting dates in Aug. and Nov. to the second Monday of the month due to elections. - carried

Motion made by Aikin supported by VanAmburg to close off Detroit St. from Forest Ave. to Genesee St and east on Genesee St. to 10<sup>th</sup> St. on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and also to allow the COOL committee to use the Village hall to hold a euchre tournament at 7p.m. on the July 5<sup>th</sup>. - carried

Motion made by Sprung supported by VanAmburg to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 2, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-A, D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to accept the minutes as printed for May 5, 2008. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to pay the bills presented. - carried

Mr. Jim Baier, newly elected school board trustee, was present to introduce himself to the Council.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to appoint the Planning Commission members as presented by the Village President. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to allow the members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist to go door to door this summer. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Mike Alexander, blight enforcement officer, mailed out numerous violations and there were residents in attendance to find out exactly what is required of them. One resident complained that the violation he received were for things that don't exist on his property. Dorr explained that more than likely there was a mistake made and if so please disregard the notice.

Susan Sanford, park manager and long time resident, was present and just wanted to commend the Council for cleaning up the Village and how nice it is looking.

Dawn Johnson, candidate for Township Clerk, was present to introduce herself and answer any questions the public might have.

The residents across from the trail-way parking lot would like to know when the repairs will be made to stop the excessive water from running across the road onto their property. Dorr explained that the construction crew should be correcting this problem within the next week or two.

The Village was informed that construction on Washburn road will begin sometime in July and it will be up to the Village to resurface the portion of the road located within the Village limits.

Motion made by Benson supported by Sprung to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JULY 7, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-P, D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for June 2, 2008. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to pay the bills presented. - carried

Dorr said that the Trail way should be completed from Columbiaville to Otter Lake somewhere near the end of July. There will be a grand opening of the Trail way on Sept. 13, 2008.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to appoint Ken Gullekson, as citizen at large, to the Trail way Council to represent the Village of Otter Lake. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to adopt Ordinance #35, Semi-Truck parking, as presented with the following addition to include right-aways and to send a copy to the Lapeer Sheriff's dept. - carried

Motion made by Kucharski supported by VanAmburg to grant the park committee's request to purchase an on demand hot water tank and three speed bumps at a cost of approximately \$1400.00. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Attorney Mike Gildner, was present to give an up date regarding Nash property. Mr. Nash has been served explaining the court order that has been obtained will allow the Village to go in clean up or demolish the property at cost to Mr. Nash. The attorney has met with Mr. Nash and was told by Mr. Nash that he understands the court order and has no problem with it. We must wait a period of 21 days from the date Nash was served to proceed.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. - carried



VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-P, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-P, D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-A, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Spencer to accept the minutes as printed for July 7, 2008- carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported Aikin to pay the bills presented. - carried

Cheryl Clark, County Commissioner, was present to explain a possibility of receiving two different grants. She informed the Council that one of the grants was an economical grant and the other was a planning grant and asked for support from the Village on both. She also asked for a volunteer from Otter Lake to sit in on the meetings for these grants.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to support the resolution supporting participation in the Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence Program with Lapeer county Organizations and agencies. - carried

Motion made by Aikin supported by VanAmburg to support the proposal to fund Healthy Communities planning activities in Lapeer County. - carried

Benson explained to the Council that we were unable to place the weevils in the lake this year due to lack of weeds. Our deposit for the weevils will be good for next year.

Mike Alexander was present to up date the Council on the blight violations that have been served. As it was explained the Village received a court judgment allowing the Village to either have repairs done on the property located at 6306 Detroit St. or have the home demolished.

Motion made by Kucharski supported by Sprung to place a notice in the paper to receive bids on the demolition of the house located at 6306 Detroit St. - carried

Jim Baier, school board trustee, was present to up date the Council and general public on the changes that are occurring at the schools.

The WINTERFEST committee will be holding their annual pig in the park on Sat. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-A,  
D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for Aug. 11, 2008 -  
carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to pay the bills presented. - carried

Dorr informed the Council that the Village is in the process of receiving bids for the demolition of Mr.  
Nash's property.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Mr. Jim Schaffer, candidate for township trustee, was present to introduce himself to the Council and  
public.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg - P, A. Spencer -A, M. Sprung - P, M. Aikin - P, R. Benson - P, L. Kucharski - P  
D. Dorr - P, S. Wescoat - P, J. Skias - P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for Sept. 8, 2008 - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to hold a public hearing on the Block Grant funds on Nov. 10, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to allow our DPW to use the extra parts for the grinder pumps for any repairs for residents having grinder pumps for a period of 3 years (2007 -2010). - carried

The park committee has made a recommendation of some changes to the park fees and camping extensions.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to approve the park committee recommendation on the following: increasing the camping fees, non - refundable reservation deposits unless cancelled at least 48 hours prior and to extend camping season to the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. - carried

Benson also explained that the park is looking into new playground equipment it has been broken down into two phases 1) would cost approximately \$33,600 and 2) approximately \$32,000. The park committee is looking into the financing of the project. The DDA will be involved with the helping of financing.

The Village received two bids on the demolition of Nash's house. The first bid was from D & D Excavating \$6879.00 second bid was from Sorge's Construction \$4800.00.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to table the bids until Nov. meeting to give time to discuss the financing. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to hold Halloween hours on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Aikin would like to see something put in front of the Memorial to stop people from walking on it and also snowmobiles riding over it. The DPW is checking into what might be needed to stop any damage being done.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Kucharski to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Public hearing opened at 7:15 p.m.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Village will have approximately \$4100 for the 2009 block grant.

Possible projects are 1. Sidewalks (new & replacement)  
2. Skateboard park repairs

There was no input from the public.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, A. Spencer-A, M. Sprung-P, M. Aikin-P, R. Benson-P, L. Kucharski-A, D. Dorr-P, S. Wescoat-P, J. Skias-P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for Nov. 10, 2008 - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for the public hearing held on Nov. 10, 2008- carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Aikin to use the block grant money for sidewalks. - carried

There is still discussion going on regarding the property owned by Mr. Nash. The Clerk explained that at the current time there is not enough funds to handle this project of tearing the building down. Dorr suggested that the DDA might look into this as a project. The Treasurer will look into property taxes owing on this property. Karl, DPW supervisor, said that will cost approximately \$1500 to \$1800 not including permits, well capping, and removal of utilities.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to give Christmas bonuses as follows: Karl and Tim each \$250.00, Sanford's \$150.00 and Theakston \$75.00 to come out of park funds. - carried

Benson informed the Council that the park committee decided to have the lake sprayed for weeds this coming year at a cost of \$2300.00 compared to \$500.00 for the bugs. The DDA got a check back (\$1080.00) from the company that handles the bugs.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to spray the lake this coming year. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Benson said that the DDA is looking into financing for the playground equipment for the park.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. - carried