

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2020

Meeting called to order a 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr - A, J. Skias - P

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 6, 2019. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to pay the bills presented. - carried

Keith, our blight enforcement officer was introduced to the public.

Mrs. Farnsworth informed the Council that the Lions org. will be meeting on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at the village hall. She also informed council of some street light being out.

Pastor from the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church is looking at having a program to help stop smoking.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to allow the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church to hold stop smoking clinic at the Village hall. - carried

There was discussion on increasing the late fees and penalties for delinquent O&M bills. The Village has over \$30,000 in delinquent bills.

Motion made by Valley supported by Gill to amend Ordinance #34 to change late fee to \$15.00 per unit per quarter. - carried

Gill suggested talking to attorney regarding the increase for placing delinquent O&M bills onto taxes.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to have a facebook go fund me account for the fireworks which will have its own account based on accountants approval. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to approve meeting dates for 2020 - 2021 as printed in news letter. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Jan. 6, 2020. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to pay the bills presented. - carried

The clerk presented a bill from Frontier for damages that happened while do work on the ditch on Washburn Rd. It is up to Village to pay this.

Motion made by Benson supported by Valley to adjourn regular meeting to enter into a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. - carried

Public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. with no comments

Regular meeting reopen at 7:21p.m.

Motion made by Benson to give 3% cost of living raise to the DPW workers died from lack of support.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma accept the proposed budgets as presented. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Valley to set millage rate at highest allowed with Head-Lee roll back - carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Benson to allow the signing of the warrants. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to have the Pres., Treas. and Clerk to sign bank cards. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma for the spread of special assessments onto tax roll. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Brandon Miller, Lapeer Co. Rep., updated the council on what he trying to get done for the communities. He also explained that the reason we cannot get dial a ride in Marathon Township is because the township does not contribute.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Feb. 3, 2020- carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to not offer any new employees a defined benefit package and to notify MERS we will discontinue offering this option. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to allow the Rhythm Rodders to hold a car show on May 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 25<sup>th</sup>. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the fire authority 2020 budget as presented. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to accept the line item with the following adjustments income adjustment to General fund, from general fund to DPW 6207.76, Insurance 569.00, Sanitation 1365.56, Park 1158.50 and street lights 2644.18. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Dorr informed the council that he received a letter from Mr. Floyd stating that he was applying for a grant to fix up the building. He was asking the Village to consider helping with grant by either waiving the permit fees, forgiving or lowering the assessment fees, etc.. Council said they would have to think about this due to the fact that Mr. Floyd is delinquent on his O&Ms, etc.

The master plan is needed to be updated with the census information; resident survey the revised zoning on Detroit St. this plan would be good for 20 years.

Brandon Miller gave up dates on what the County is doing and the different proposals that will be on the ballot. A new millage for the road commission is being considered. He was asked if the Villages will be receiving any of the millage increase by the road commission. Brandon will check into this.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Aug. 3, 2020 - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to pay the bills presented. - carried

Otter Lake Fire Chief, Mike, was present to inform the Council that they are getting bids on putting a new metal roof on fire hall. There was some discussion on the color. Majority decided going with brown.

Farnsworth told the Council that 3 new benches were being delivered in November. These are from her collecting plastic.

The Park committee presented recommendations for the 2021 camping season. Raise the rates by \$20.00 per month and have \$400.00 a month go towards fireworks fund. A \$50.00 a month per boat trailer for storage for the season. The committee also approved Mr. & Mrs. Russell as new managers for the 2021 season.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to approve the recommendations presented by the park committee. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma that the DDA will not be capturing monies from the extra voted countywide Animal Control services millage on the November 2020 General Ballot. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for March 2, 2020 - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to pay the bills presented for the months of end of March, April and May. - carried

Mr. Woodworth told the council that there is a really bad spot on Washburn Rd. and would like permission to fix it himself. He just had concerns that if there was some sort of accident he'd be covered by the Village. Dorr said that since we are giving him permission he'd be covered. His other concern were the geese. Dorr said we need to look into options concerning them.

The new master plan has been tabled until July meeting

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and fireworks for this year. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Benson to decline opting into the Genesee Co. Block grant - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma not to have the DDA capture from veterans. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Valley to allow the seniors' class of 2020 have a drive through parade on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to allow to hold a motorcycle poker run June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2021. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Gill to allow the treasurer to take \$1.50 per unit from debit retirement account and to put it into O&M account beginning July 1, 2020. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Valley to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Mr. Floyd was present and informed the council that he is working with the state on obtaining a grant to refurbish 6401 Detroit St. He said he needs the support of the Village which would either or both include forgiveness of the sewer assessment and or tax exemption. Dorr explained that being a small municipality we could not afford to do this. Dorr said that we would love to see the building fixed up but just cannot afford to give the incentives he is asking for. Mr. Floyd could not understand this and left.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JULY 6, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to accept the minutes as printed for June 1, 2020 - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to approve the master plan presented. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to start charging the property owners for the cost of replacement and or parts to grinder pumps when determined the repair is needed due to neglect or misuse. The cost of repair will be added to O&M bill if not paid at time of repair. - carried

DDA meeting set for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P.

Motion made by Benson supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for July 6, 2020. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to pay the bills presented. - carried

There was a resident that lives at 6439 10<sup>th</sup> St. that came in to complain about not being able to enter the beach or launch their kayak from the Ave. G right away. It was explained that all none lake front residents must enter the beach from the main entrance and all water craft must be launched from our boat launch.

Resident questioned a project on the DDA proposed projects which is purchasing a electronic speed limit sign. Dorr explained that he does think that these signs do help with slowing people down.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the DDA proposed budget and projects for the 2020 - 2021 budget - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to adopt Ordinance #41 Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer beginning the end of the current terms. - 5 yes carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to approve the zoning request per recommendation of the planning commission to allow the resident on the west side of the lake to place a storage shed 12 x 24 on the front part of their property. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to allow the property located at 6360 11<sup>th</sup> St. to be used as an office. Use shall comply with all zoning requirements for Home occupation and have a maximum of 4 employees at any given time. This will be reviewed in 18 months. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to enter into a 3 year contract with King & King CPA 2021 - 2023. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Lerma told the council that there are dead trees along Sherman Dr. that need to be removed. One already fell down. She also feels that at least one DPW worker be present at the council meeting.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
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HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P

Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Aug. 3, 2020-  
carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to pay the bills presented. - carried

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Motion made by Lerma supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. - carried



VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -A, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to accept the minutes as printed for Sept. 14, 2020 - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Lerma to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

Jeff Berlin, was present to introduce himself, he is running as a write in for the Township supervisor.

Lerma asked why there was not a DPW worker present. She was told the Tim had a previous commitment.

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

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: M. Valley -P, T. Gill -P, A. Lerma -P, R. Benson -P, D. Dorr -P, J. Skias -P.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Oct. 5, 2020  
- carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to pay the bills presented. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley the village will not be offering any retirement plan to any employees. - carried

A representative from Fostoria's fire dept. was present to ask about our mutual agreement. They said when a fire occurred within about a mile or so of them they were not called for assistance for almost an hour after the fire started. They were told to contact the Marathon fire authority because the Village has no say except with our representative from the fire authority.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the recommendation of the park committee on hiring assistant managers for the 2021 season.

The Clerk informed the Council that she sold her home in Otter Lake and will be moving out of town on November 14<sup>th</sup>. She did agree to stay on until the end of the fiscal year and come back for the annual audit.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to appoint Joan Skias as clerk until the end of the fiscal year Feb. 29, 2021. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Benson to accept the financial report as presented. - carried

The DPW is in need of a new pickup truck with a plow. Benson said the USDA has a 20% to a 35% grant. Benson will follow up on the requirements.

Lerma said that she has received some complaints from residents asked why the lake level is down? It was explained we had less rain late summer through now,

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. - carried