

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, J. Skias –P, M. Aikin –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 1, 2014. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 15, 2014 – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 22, 2014 – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015 – 2016 on Feb. 2, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Public Comment:

Residents asked if there were any plans on improvements to the buildings we acquired
A resident asked if the 1st special meeting in Dec. was posted properly. He also requested to be notified of any special meetings in the future.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported Benson to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, J. Skias –P, M. Aikin –A.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Jan. 5, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to have the clerk sign an agreement with the County of Lapeer on paying back the property charge backs over a 5 year period. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adopt Procedures for Addressing Council which will be known as Ordinance #37. – carried

Fran informed the Council of the fire authority meeting. The Otter Lake dept. is down to 1 truck and looking at costs it is less expensive to purchase a long truck but out fire hall will not hold a long truck.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to publish the authorization of intent to sell bonds. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Regular meeting reopen at 7:21 p.m.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the Presidents' recommendations on committee appointments. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to adopt the proposed budget for 2015 – 2016 – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to set the millage rate at the highest rate allowed under the Headlee roll back. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to allow the Treasurer to spread the special assessments and delinquent O&M onto the tax roll – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to authorize the Treasurer, President and Clerk to sign the warrants. – carried

Public Comment: F. Gullekson wanted it known that she is protesting being removed from the planning commission.

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, M. Aikin –A, J. Skias –P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to accept the minutes as printed for February 2, 2015 with the following to be included “Dorr received a letter from F. Gullekson requesting a sound system for the village hall so she can hear what is being said” – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to sign a contract with the park manager for 2015 per recommendation of the park committee with the \$100 monthly increase to their wages.– carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

The DPW plans went out for bids.

K. Gullekson asked Dorr about Fran’s position on the planning commission and the length of terms. Gill gave the history of term appointments. Gullekson also asked about the requested sound system from Fran. He informed the Council that he found a system for a \$1000. He was told this would be looked into. He also stated that Fran would not attend any more meetings unless she receives an apology from Dorr.

Peggy Farnsworth asked permission for the Lions to sell their white canes in the Village in April.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to grant permission to the Lions org. to sell white canes in April. – carried

Peggy also wanted to know if the Village ever looked into having a cell tower placed in the Village. Dorr said that we have discussed this and still are looking at options.

The Council was asked about a rumor that the O&M bills will be increasing. As of this time there are no increases scheduled.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:42

VILLAGE OF OTTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, M. Aikin –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for March 2, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adopt resolution for Lapeer County Hazard Mitigation plan. – carried

The Lakeville art teacher was present to discuss the mural being worked on to finish up the Village project. It was asked if the Village would purchase the plywood to have a mural painted on the side of the VFW building at a cost of approximately \$75.00.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to have the DDA approval the mural project for the VFW building. – carried

Dorr informed the Council that we need to power wash, paint and repair the roof on the one building we acquired from tax charge back.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to have the Clerk and Treasurer sign the GCBG reimbursement requests. – carried

Gill told the Council that he received 7 bids on the DPW building. He suggested that we approve the lowest bid; which was presented by Kelly Bishop contracting at \$239,870. This price will be lowered because we will be tearing down the old DPW building. We will also be discussing the moving of the pump for the fire dept. with the fire authority to pay for the moving of this pump. We are also discussing with the Trail Way authority to lease a section of the building to store equipment.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the bid from Kelly Bishop with approval from Rural Development. – carried 3 yes 0 no 2 abstained

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MAY 4, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for April 6, 2015 – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to approve the DDA projects as presented. – carried

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to authorize Issuance and Sale of 2015 General Obligation limited tax bonds. – carried 4- yes 1-no (S.R.)

Motion made by Benson supported by to accept the architectural contract for the DPW building. – carried 4 yes 0-no 1-abstain (T.G.)

Mr. Gilbert is planning on replacing his dock that he has an easement to through Mr. Witek's property. As for the easement this is between property owners; but the dock in question is actually on Village property.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to have the current dock in question removed and no new dock will be allowed to be constructed. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

The Village will be hosting the small cities and villages meeting on June 3rd in the park.

The planning commission will look into any ordinances regulating the number of campers allowed on vacant land for the summer.

Mr. Gullekson informed the Council that the sound system which the Village has provided for Mrs. Gullekson must be shown to her and meet her approval.

Ana, just wanted to say thank you for the great news letter that the Village has been putting out. Dorr said the thanks goes to Terry Gill.

Kevin suggested that if the Village is required to put a sound system in for Mrs. Gullekson then there should also be a sound system put in place at the fire authority meetings and trail way meetings which she attends. Not to mention the schools in which she teaches.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 1, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for May 4, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to pay the bills presented. – carried

The Council has been considering changing the positions of Clerk and Treasurer to be an appointed position due to all the new regulations and requirements that are needed. We really do need someone with some experience.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adopt Ordinance #38 changing the position of Clerk and Treasurer from elected to appointed. This ordinance will take effect 45 days after publication. – carried

The Council discussed the situation regarding a dock that was on Village property. Mr. Gilbert said that was his dock and should not have been removed. Mr. Gilbert owns a parcel that is not lake front but he has an easement on his neighbors property to get to the lake; but turns out that the easement does not go to the lake. The current property owner of the land that the easement goes through is worried about the liability when Mr. Gilbert crosses. The easement is between the two property owners. As for the dock it was clearly not on private property. Dorr suggested that we find the marker for 10th St. and Ave. G. Mr. Gilbert sent Mr. Dorr a bill for removing his dock in the amount of \$437.00.

Benson said that the marine patrol will be here for the 4th of July and our officer Dan will be looking for reserve officers to help out for the day.

It was brought up about residents feeding geese we have an ordinance against the feeding of geese.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JULY 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, T. Gill-P, S. Riggs-P, R. Benson-P, D. Dorr-P, M. Aikin-A, J. Skias-P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for June 1, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to enter into a 10 year lease agreement with Southern Link Trails to rent space at the new DPW building to store equipment at a cost of \$750.00 per year. 5 yes – carried

Residents handed in a petition stating they are not in favor of changing the position of Clerk and Treasure to an appointed positions. Riggs stated this is because enough information was not given. The Council explained that they were trying to do what was best for the Village. These positions should not be on job training because of all the new law requirements. The Council will now have to decide to either put it on the ballot in 2016 or do nothing and continue with as is.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

It was asked what happened to the survey marker for the corner of 10th and Ave. G. Dorr said we are working on getting that surveyed.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –A, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, M. Aikin –A, J. Skias –P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for July 6, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to pay the bills presented. – carried

Dorr informed the Council that the Village and the Fire Authority have reached an agreement on the funding for the new pump house and we will need to sign an agreement.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to have the Clerk send a letter to Marathon Township showing support for the police office to take a class for bike patrol and to purchase a bike.

Dorr said that he was informed that the position of Citizen at large term appointment to the Fire Authority is to expire at the end of August. At the current time Fran Gullekson is appointed. Fran is interested in being re-appointed. Mechelle Valley has also shown interest in the appointment. Dorr said the Council will take this up in September.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Dorr said we will be having Blues in the Park on Labor Day and he is looking for some help. Joan, Terry, Mechelle and Bob if home have volunteered to help.

Ana asked about the shooting that occurred in the Village. Dorr said they caught the person that fired the shots and no one was injured.

Mr. Woodworth asked why the Southern Link trail way is not mowing because the weeds are too high and makes visibility very hard. It is a safety issue. Ken Gullekson, which is a member of the trail way said that they are looking at hiring someone for the mowing and maintenance.

The Village will need to put a sign at the end on Ave. G stating No boat launch allowed.

Dorr said that the new DPW building is well on its way. There has been room left in the area for a cell tower if anyone would approach us for the use.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –P, R. Benson –A, D. Dorr –P, M. Aikin –A, J. Skias –P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Aug. 3, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to pay the bills presented. – carried

The President and Clerk read apology letters to Mrs. Gullekson for any misunderstanding she felt due to a disability she has. Dorr also set some rules for the audience, there will be no talking unless first recognized by the President and there will be no input from the public made during Council discussions. The agenda will change a little we will have public time prior to Council discussion.

The Clerk informed the Council that the trail way has agreed on the rental fee for a space at the DPW building for storing their equipment. The Clerk misplaced the agreement and it will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to accept the recommendation of re-appointing Mrs. Gullekson to the fire authority for another term as citizen at large. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to accept the park committee recommendation on lot increases for the 2016 season; also to keep the current park managers for the 2016 season. – carried

Mr. Gilbert has requested boundary modification on the two small buildings on Detroit St. He will need to go to the planning commission.

Riggs informed the Council that Mr. Pinn has a complaint regarding the building next to his on Detroit St. This building in questioned is owned by the Village now. The roof on this building is leaking so bad that water is getting into Mr. Pinn's building. Something needs to be done.

Paul Poe would like to cover his camper for the winter so he is appealing the campground rules which does not allow covers.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to allow Mr. Poe to use a fitted cover as long as we have a phone number in case the cover comes off and that the Village will not be responsible for it. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to allow the dive shop do their annual underwater pumpkin carving on Oct. 11th. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to submit a pay request from Rural Development in the sum of \$144,810.90 for work completed on DPW building. – carried

Mrs. Gullekson has asked permission for the Lions organization to sell mints on Oct. 1,2 and 3. The Council had no problems with this.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, S. Riggs –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, M. Aikin –A, J. Skias –P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Sept. 14, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to enter into an agreement lease with Southern Links Trailway to lease space in the DPW building for their equipment at a cost of \$750.00 annually for a 10 year period which at that time can be re-negotiated. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to enter into a ground lease where the new pump house sits with Marathon Fire Authority at a cost of \$17,500 to be paid over a 2 year period after that there will be a \$1.00 annually for 40 years with the authority assuming maintenance and utilities of the pump house. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to hire Gerry Edwards to enforce our blight ordinances. He will charge \$60.00 per issue and another \$60.00 if he needs to go to court.- carried

The Planning Commission has recommended going to a 7 person board.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the two new members to the planning commission as recommended F. Gullekson will serve till 3/17 and M. Valley till 3/18. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to amend the park line item by \$45.00 and add it to line item for insurance. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to set Halloween hours for Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 p.m. – carried

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, R. Benson –P, S. Riggs –P, D. Dorr –P, M. Aikin –A, J. Skias –P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Oct. 5, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented. – carried

Public Time: Question as to when the minutes are posted online. Tri-Village asked the Council if they could decorate the memorial for Christmas.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to allow the Tri-Village to decorate the memorial. – carried

The SLTW agreement that the Council passed last meeting was not accepted by the SLTW as presented. They came back with amendments to the agreement. The Council discussed this and will submit a new agreement to the SLTW.

Motion made by Riggs supported by Benson to submit a new agreement addressing the amendments presented by SLTW. – carried

Dorr received three prices on a sound system for the Village hall that have been required by the Disability Commission they ranged between 6200.00 and 1700.00.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to purchase the sound system priced at \$1699.10. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to grant Subway permission to have Santa at the Village hall on Dec. 12th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Riggs to accept the financial report as presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg-P, T. Gill-P, S. Riggs-P, R. Benson-P, D. Dorr-P, M. Aikin-A, J. Skias-P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for November 2, 2015. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the lease agreement with the SLTW with the stipulation of a 24 hour notice before entering the SLTW section of the building.- carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the Marathon Area Fire Authority revised budget for 2016 as presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to have the Clerk notify Genesee Co. Treasurer that we are not interested in obtaining the two tax delinquent properties within the Village limits. We are rejecting the offer. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to give Karl, Tim, Marcia and Joan a \$250 Christmas bonus which will come out of the park fund. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the meeting schedule presented for the fiscal year of 2016 – 2017. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the financial report presented. – carried

Dorr asked if Benson would look into trying to sell the two buildings the Village owns on Det. St.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. - carried