

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 5, 2011 - carried

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

We will table discussion on Public Act 152 until next meeting to give everyone sufficient time to read over the document.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the financial report as presented with a correction on the date . - carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 for public hearing.

Re-opened regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to allocate the funds (\$1459.00) of the Genesee Co. Block grant for the repair and up grade of the Village Community building. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to approve fireworks on July 7, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to hold a Public Hearing for the 2012 - 2013 proposed budget on Feb. 6, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. - carried

There was discussion on summer activities for the Village. A resident suggested a Village wide swap meet. We will be looking at this suggestion and are asking for more suggestions.

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for Jan. 9, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented ck # 9617 - 9651. - carried

Table PA 152 until next meeting

Dorr said that he would like to let the committees stand as is for now.

Motion made by Gill supported by Sprung to accept the new park managers contract and storage agreement as presented. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the Marathon Fire Authority budget as presented for 2012 - 2013. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the amended final budget for the year 2011 as presented. - carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to close regular meeting to open public hearing. - carried

Meeting reopened at 7:24 p.m.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the proposed budget as presented for 2012 - 2013. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to set the millage rate highest allowable under Headlee rollback. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to authorize the spread of the special assessments onto the tax rolls. - carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to approve the resolution showing support for the MML position to oppose House Bill 5304 (Act 51 funds). - carried

Marathon township Supervisor and Clerk were present along with representatives of the Lapeer Co. Sheriffs' dept. to talk to the Village about contributing to police protection. The Council said that they would look at the budget and make a decision at the next meeting as to whether the Village would even have the funds to contribute.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to allow the fire dept. to have a beer tent for the weekend of July 6th & 7th; providing they get the necessary liability insurance and provide their own security. Location would be the tennis courts. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. - carried

PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET
2012 - 2013

Meeting open at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion regarding possibly having our Act 51 monies taken away. There were no comments from the public.

Dorr asked if there were any other discussions at this time.

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 MARCH 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Feb. 6, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for the public hearing held on Feb. 6, 2012. - carried

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

Marathon township officials were present to discuss the police protection for the area. They would like to see the Village contribute to the \$67,000 contract fee. Columbiaville has agreed to contribute \$12,000 yearly. Council expressed some of the concerns which are police not responding to 911 calls from the Genesee Co. side of the Village, the hours that the officer is on duty. Dorr suggested that the 3 municipalities sit down together and discuss the possibilities. Dorr also asked the Council to think about this issue until the next meeting.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to grant approval for the special event permit requested by the league of churches in the Village to hold an Easter egg hunt. - carried

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

David VanAmburg asked the DDA for consideration in helping the fire dept. obtain insurance for the 4th of July event (beer tent).

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 2, 2012

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

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

Motion made by Benson supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for march 5, 2012. - carried

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

After discussing the matter of police protection it was the feeling of the Council that the Township should have this issue put on the ballot for a special assessment.

Motion made by Gill supported by Sprung not to participate in the extra funding for police protection at this time. - carried

Benson suggested giving a loan to the fire dept. to help retain their liability insurance for their July event activity the funds would come from the park and a loan agreement and repayment plan would be put in writing.

Motion made by Benson supported by Gill to allow the park to make a loan to the fire dept. with signed agreement. - carried

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

It was brought up about the fire authority Village representative; is there a conflict of interest since the new fire chief was elected? The Village rep is also the mother of the newly elected Chief. We will look into this matter.

Motion made by Sprung supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MAY 7, 2012

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

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed for April 2, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented Ck # 9652 - 9686. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to allow Air Advantage to run fiber optic cable into the Village per route submitted. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to allow the coalition of Churches to hold a event in the park on August 9th at 7 p.m. having the Gospel Men singers perform. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to grant the Seventh-Day Adventist Church their request of performing missionary work in the Village during June, July and Aug. of 2012. - carried

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

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg for the Village to look into handling our own building permits once again and to set up a meeting with the inspectors that are used by Marathon Township and Columbiaville. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to have a monthly report submitted by the DPW on projects to be done. This way the Council can see what projects are getting done and which ones still need to be done. - carried

Benson inquired about the tornado siren and if it got fixed. He was told that the siren has been fixed.

The Trailway group is looking at putting up a building to store their lawn equipment and they have asked about possibly placing the building at the Treatment plant. Gill asked that if the group has talked about a larger building in the future? The Council also discussed about possibly combining the DPW building with the storage unit. We have been discussing moving the DPW building to the Treatment plant. Also, if the Trailway builds their storage unit should it be fenced separately from the Treatment plant for easy access.

Ken Gullekson has handed in his written resignation from the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 4, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for May 7, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented ck # 9767 - 9805. - carried

Benson informed the Council that the lake was sprayed but he was told that we will have to look into using a different kind of spray to kill a new weed that developed.

Dorr said that the Trail way is still looking at building a storage unit at the treatment plant site. Gill found that the Village actually owns land outside our fenced in area. Dorr, Benson and Gill will continue to research the possibilities.

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

Mr. Knapp asked about the shed that he feels is setting on Village right away.

Residents have been complaining about the amount of boats in the lake on weekends. Benson said that it is becoming a safety issue. He has come up with ideas to limit the number of boat launches. He feels that we could accommodate 12 parking spaces for boat and if we only allow launches for those 12 we should be all right. This year we will still have to honor season passes.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to limit parking for boat launches to 10 spots with a first come first serve. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JULY 2, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to accept the minutes as printed with a correction to the number of boat launch parking from 12 to 10 spaces. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented Ck # 9806 - 9839. - carried

Gill is working on having the property at the Treatment plant surveyed he has received two quotes and is looking to get a third. The lowest quote at this time is \$1150.00.

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to allow up to \$1150.00 for surveying of the Treatment plant. - carried

Benson would like to see the DPW building moved at the same time as the storage building for the trail way is built. He suggested looking into obtaining a loan for the building. Gill said that he would draw up plans to use for bids.

The Clerk explained that she will be doing the financial report and line item because the Treasurers job has increased over the years with the sewer assessments and O & M billings. Benson help the Clerk set up a new format for both reports.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Sprung to have the park sprayed twice for mosquitoes at a cost of \$550.00 each. After the first spray we will take a look to see if it is worth doing anymore treatments. - carried

Benson has suggested a way to promote the Village. He would like to send out notices to some of the residents asking for permission to put pictures of their homes on our web site.

Motion Sprung supported by Benson to approve the suggestion of promoting the Village - carried

Dorr suggested that the Village look into having a pig roast on Labor Day from noon to 6 serving at 2p.m. It is something to consider.

Benson would like to get at least two bands in the park during the month of Aug.

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for July 2, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented Ck # 9857 - 9893. - carried

Mr. Sorge was present to explain to the Council that he finally received the approval of the state for the handicap fishing dock. The dock would be open to all people with disabilities. As for the pontoon boat, people would have to call Mr. Sorge to reserve the boat for the day; it would also be a requirement that whom ever is operating the boat be certified in boating safety. The dock is proposed to be placed between the small profiling and the park managers site. There will be fencing put up to make the dock a separate entrance. The park manager had questions as to who to charge coming into the park when using the dock. They would charge for parking only.

The Otter Lake fire dept presented the Council with a check for a \$1000.00 to repay the loan from the park. They thanked everyone for helping out during Otter Lake Days and they are looking forward to next year.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to move the November Council meeting from the 5th to the 12th. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to except the financial report as presented. - carried

The Township Clerk up dated the Council on the voting / polling place grants. The state has not even looked at the applications at this time.

There will be a Township Vision Session on Sept. 13th at 7 p.m. bring your visions.

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Aug. 6, 2012 - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to pay the bills presented Ck # 9894 -9935. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to approve the 2012 - 2013 fiscal year budget for the DDA as presented. - carried

Benson told the Council that Autumn which handles our web site will not be able to continue and suggested having someone from the Council shown how to up date the web site. It would cost the Village \$500.00 for the necessary program to handle the up dates. Dorr suggested that Benson contact Autumn and see what is exactly required to do.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to grant a variance to Mr. Farnsworth as requested to set a storage shed on the south side of his house; final consent will be given only if Mr. Jones which is the neighbor to the south has no objections to the variance set back request. - carried

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

Farnsworth asked about the pavilion being rented out in the park because the Lions organization built that for the Village residents. The park committee will look into this matter.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2012

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

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Sept. 10, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to pay the bills presented Ck # 9946 - 9961. - carried

Benson informed the Council that he is still working on the web site.

The Council received a letter from Mr. Jones objecting to the set back variance that was requested by Mr. Farnsworth. Both parties were present for discussion, no agreement could be reached. The variance then can not be granted.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to hold Halloween hours on Oct. 31st from 6p.m to 8 p.m. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the park managers new contract with a change of an increase in bonus from 1% to 2%. - carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to amend line item for insurance by adding \$502.00 from general fund line item. - carried

Ken and Fran Gullekson gave a letter to the planning commission and the Village Council showing interest in sitting on the planning commission. The letter will be taken under consideration.

Fran Gullekson informed the Council that the minutes that were approved were incorrect. The Clerk forgot to include the motion from the previous meeting approving the park committee recommendations. The motion should read as follows: Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the park recommendations which includes a rate hike for campsites and increasing the park managers bonus at the end of the year. - carried

Thank you Fran for pointing out the error.

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg -P, T. Gill -P, M. Sprung -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 October 1, 2012 - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to pay the bills presented Ck #9961 - 10011. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to give a 3% cost of living increase to the two Dept. of Public Works employees retroactive June 1, 2012 also \$1.00 hourly increase for Tim effective along with the cost of living . - carried

Motion made by TG supported by VanAmburg to amend zoning ordinance deleting the section requiring a special use permit for R2 zoned property Sec.3.5 paragraph C line 6 based on the State Right to Farm Law per attorney opinion. - carried

Ken Gullekson, wanted to comment that he feels because the previous motion was to accommodate a Council member while another Council member discussed this issue with the attorney. He also complained about the private road saying he should not have to abide by our Zoning ordinance regarding driveways because he lives on a private drive.

Dorr did say that Benson must keep his birds in the pen.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to appoint Benson as Deputy Treasurer/Clerk. - carried

Dorr discussed looking into possibly building a new DPW and the financing . Farnsworth asked about pump and where will it be located. Dorr said that has already been looked into. Farnsworth also asked about notices being sent regarding parking during snow plowing on Sherman Dr. and Pine St. The Clerk said that the notices are ready to be sent out.

The planning commission will look at the names given to fill seats on the planning board and will give recommendation to Council.

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Nov. 12, 2012 - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to pay the bills presented ck # 10012-10032. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to rescind the motion made to amend the zoning ordinance on Nov. 12, 2012. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to give \$250 Christmas bonuses to both DPW workers, Treasurer and Clerk funds will come out of park fund. - carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the financial report as presented with the correction of the year to date expenses for the park. - carried

Motion made by Benson supported by VanAmburg to amend the line item budget as follows: \$500.00 from accountants, \$1000.00 from seminars/conferences, \$1000.00 from elections, \$2000.00 from income withholding and \$698.18 from general fund all to be applied to park line item. - carried

The electrical work in the park is being done and right now we're waiting for DTE. Dorr did say that he would like that pole at the DPW building taken out.

Gill showed drawings for a new DPW building and a building for the trail way we will be putting this out for bids. Discussion regarding the pump station and where there are possible sites also whether to use electric or natural gas to run the station.

Mr. Gullekson told the Council that he had concerns about the flower planter at the fire station. It has become very hard to see at that intersection. Dorr did agree and said that something will be done this year about it.

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