

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023

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

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present: M. Valley, D. Thomason, D. Dorr, T. Gill

Absent: None

Guests: K. Kremsreiter, E. Plivelich, L. Easterwood

Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to accept the minutes as printed for December 5, 2022.
- carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to accept payment of the bills presented – General Fund vouchers #14433 thru 14469, Major Street vouchers #1136 thru 1138 and Local Street vouchers 1126 thru 1128. - carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Historical Society Treasurer Elsie Plivelich requested to hang some framed historical photographs, from their collection, in the community hall. Council agreed as long as the photographs are hung in a professional manner and without damaging the wall surfaces.

Cool Committee member Kay Kremsreiter gave an update on WinterFest 2023 to be held on February 18, 2023. She also gave a brief overview of their proposed plans for the 4th of July celebration.

CLERK / TREASURER REPORT:

MAFA member Mechelle Valley gave an update on improvements made to the Otter Lake fire hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blight removal at 5630 Genesee Street has not started yet.

Chairman Dorr indicated he was not heard back from either company regarding controlling weeds in the lake but will follow up with them.

Appointment of MAFA board member – Tabled

Council ask Clerk Gill to draft a Purchasing Policy for they review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Easterwood, project manager with Fleis & Vandenbrink, gave a presentation of the DNR's SPARK grant program, a zero match grant program for small cities and villages parks and recreation. Motion made by Thomason supported by Gill to retain Fleis & Vandenbrink to develop a master plan for the village campground / park for a fee of \$7,500.00. – carried. Council to reconsider applying for a grant

after the first round of these grants are awarded to better understand the selection process and chances of receiving a grant.

Motion made by Thomason supported by Gill to adopt resolution for Goose Nest & Egg Destruction permit. – carried

Clerk Gill indicated the village had not received any additional interest from village residents in the open trustee seat. Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to appoint Ana Lerma to fill the remaining two year term of Jennifer Ritch. - carried

Clerk Gill informed the council that the village may be required to provide full time employees with 40 hours of paid sick leave, pending outcome of current legal appeals.

Council set a Public Hearing for the 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for 7:15 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023 council meeting.

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to reallocate the \$20.00 collected for the sewer debt retirement bond to the O&M account starting with the April 2023 (second quarter) sewer billings. - carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to accept the financial reports as presented. – carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Valley to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. – carried