

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024

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. Kreamsreiter, N. Dorner, L. Farver, M. Farver

Motion made by Valley supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for December 4, 2023. - carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to accept payment of the bills presented – General Fund vouchers #14790 thru 14819. – carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Lerma to make the following adjustments to the 2023-2024 budget, transfer \$23.92 from DPW Building and \$5,076.08 from General Fund (\$5,100.00 total) to Street Lights. – carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to make the following adjustment to the 2023-2024 Local Street budget, transfer remaining \$6,147.56 from the American Rescue Plan account and increase State Revenue by \$6,348.64 (\$12,496.20 total) to Local Streets. – carried

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cool Committee member Kay Kreamsreiter requested use of the Otter Lake park/beach for a Polar Dip event to be held on February 24, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m. Motion made by Gill supported by Thomason to allow the Cool Committee's request. - carried

CLERK / TREASURER REPORT:

Blight Enforcement report for November 2023 was presented.

A new Playground Inspection Program reporting form was presented. The Village's insurance carrier requested that the Village set up this program.

Third Quarter Budget reports for 2023 were presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Dorr is in discussion with a company to clean up the sites the Village has blight judgements on.

Appointment of MAFA board member – Tabled

Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to set the Short-term Vacation Property Rental fees at the following rates: \$400.00 per year, includes beach access, kayak and boat launching fees; \$250.00 per year without beach access, kayak and boat launching. - carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Dorr supported by Thomason to reappoint Mechelle Valley to the Marathon Area Fire Authority board for a four year term. – carried

Discussion was had on the request from Lapeer County Treasurer to pay back delinquent tax monies received from property #047-653-007-00, 6401 Detroit Street in the amount of \$15,807.71. This is the amount that the county did not recover from the sale of the property through the 2023 Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Auction. Matter was tabled for the Village to have more discussion with the county.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to recommend that the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission consider approval of the application from NMED, LLC, requesting a Class C – On Premises Retail License for its Jasper’s location at 6400 Detroit Street, Otter Lake, MI. Yeas: Lerma, Dorr, Valley, Thomason and Gill Nays: None Motion carries

Preliminary draft of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget was presented.

Council set a Public Hearing for the 2024–2025 Fiscal Year Budget for 7:15 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2024 council meeting.

Dorr requested approval of replacement campground managers for the 2024 season due to the death of one of the previous approved managers. Motion by Lerma supported by Thomason to approve Dorr’s recommendation of Daron and Donna Fulmer for the position of campground managers for the 2024 season. – carried.

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. – carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Absent: None

Guests: N. Dorner, T. Bowman, L. Bernard, J. Bernard

Motion made by Valley supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for January 8, 2024. - carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Lerma to accept payment of the bills presented – General Fund vouchers #14820 thru 14847, Major Street vouchers #1162 thru 1166, and Local Street vouchers #1154 thru 1158. – carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Lerma to make the following adjustments to the 2023-2024 General Fund budget, transfer \$512.50 from Accountant to Chamber of Commerce. – carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Thomason to make the following adjustment to the 2023-2024 Major Streets and Local Streets budgets, transfer \$8,000.00 from Major Streets to Local Streets. – carried

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tracey Bowman, representative from the Otter Lake Historical Society, asked about the possibility of the Village replacing the flooring in the museum building. It was suggested that she obtain estimates of the cost for the Village's consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGETS:

Proposed 2024-2025 budgets were presented and discussed. Public in attendance had no comments. Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting. - carried

CLERK / TREASURER REPORT:

Blight Enforcement report for December 2023 was presented.

Council Meeting dates for 2024-2025 were approved by consent.

A request to rent the Village Hall for a graduation party was discussed. It was agreed that the Village does not want to be in the rental business, however the hall would be available for group meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointment of MAFA board member – Tabled

Motion made by Dorr supported by Valley to repay the delinquent tax chargeback for property #047-653-007-00 to Lapeer County with payments being made over the course of this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Valley supported by Lerma to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budgets as presented.
– carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Thomason to approve setting the millage rate based on Head-Lee Roll Back. – carried

Motion made by Valley supported by Thomason to authorize the signing of warrants. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Thomason to authorize the signing of bank cards by the President, Treasurer and Clerk. – carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Valley to authorize the spread of the special assessments onto the tax rolls. – carried

Discussion was had on the number of DPW workers currently on staff versus the current workload.
Motion made by Dorr supported by Thomason to layoff one DPW worker as determined in closed session. - carried

Motion made by Lerma supported by Thomason to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. – carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 4, 2024

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

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present: A. Lerma, D. Dorr, T. Gill
Absent: M. Valley, D. Thomason
Guests: L. Thompson, R. Pett, N. Dorner, A. Sorge, B. Vickers, K. Vickers

Motion made by Lerma supported by Dorr to accept the minutes as printed for February 5, 2024. - carried

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to accept payment of the bills presented – General Fund vouchers #14848 thru 14876, Major Street vouchers #1167 and 1168, and Local Street voucher #1159. – carried

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to make the following adjustments to the 2023-2024 General Fund budget, transfer \$426.87 from Attorney to Street Lights. – carried

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to accept the financial reports as presented. - carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Sorge, Barrier Free Boating, presented Billy and Kristen Vickers. The Vickers will be heading up Barrier Free Boating as Al steps back after running the organization for the last ten years.

CLERK / TREASURER REPORT:

Blight Enforcement report for January and February 2024 were presented.

Village Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dumpster will be located at the Village Hall. Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to accept passenger vehicle tires for a disposal fee of \$1.00 per tire. - carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointment of MAFA board member – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to approve the Actual 2023-2024 budgets as presented. – carried

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to pay Marathon Township First Responders \$1,200.00 to help defer supply costs. – carried

Tabled - Lapeer County EMS request to forego "capture" of revenue from the 2025 special levy for more information.

Tabled – Southern Links Trailway’s budget and funding request until after the Village’s upcoming DDA meeting.

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to reappoint Eric Mead and Dick Stevens to another term on the Village’s Planning Commission. – carried

A DDA meeting date of Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. was set.

Clerk Gill suggested that the Village may want to explore the possibility of requesting a millage increase for street funding.

Motion made by Dorr supported by Lerma to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. – carried