

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –A, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Dec. 4, 2017 - carried

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

Farnsworth asked if the Council was kept aware of what the committees are doing? Dorr said yes that they do report back to the Council and no money can be spent without Council approval.

Gullekson informed the Council that the citizen at large for the fire authority will expire in March. She is still interested in serving as citizen at large.

Dorr asked Gill and other members if they knew of any citizen that would be interested in serving as citizen at large for the fire authority. He thought it might be nice to get other residents involved. This matter was tabled until March.

Dorr asked Gill to notify the fire authority that they will receive a blight violation if they don't care of the cars that were used for practice and the sign. Also, they need to repair were they dug up.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to decline the two buildings on Detroit St from Lapeer County. – carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Gill to change our GCBG grant project from countertops in the restrooms to replacement of our street light bulbs to LED bulbs and to use 100% of the grant to do so.- carried

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

Tabled Cardinal Wishes

Discussed our road conditions and the repairs needed.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2018

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

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg – P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –A, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Jan. 8, 2018 – carried

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

The Clerk explained that we will not be receiving the \$3400 from the GCBG we do not meet the requirements and in order to meet any requirement would end up costing the Village for mailing and etc. The money that would have gone to the Village will now go into a low income housing improvement fund. Our residents may apply for this if they meet certain requirements.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to adopt a resolution for the lease of our two Detroit buildings for 5 year period at \$7000.00 per year. At the end of the 5 years the buildings would be sold for \$1.00 each building. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to close the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.- carried

Regular meeting re-open at 7:25 p.m.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the Fire Authority proposed budget as presented. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the proposed budgets for the Village as presented. – carried

Mr. Steve Cook, representative of Huron Consultants, was present to explain the possible grants we might be eligible for and that his company would like the opportunity to write a grant for us. As explained there is no guarantee but with our natural resources we should have a great chance. The cost to have them write this would be approximately \$3000 to \$3500. After some discussion the Council said they would be interested but not until next year. This would give us time to look over things and plan.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to grant the fire dept. their request to host a beer tent at the 4th of July event on the 6th and 7th of July. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to go with the new website host, Web Centre, out of Lapeer and not to exceed \$125.00 per month. – carried

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGETS
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2018

There were no Village residents present for this hearing.

Dorr asked if anyone had any questions regarding these budgets.

Lerma asked about the street lights line item budget; which seem high. We will look into having the bulbs changed to LED and that might help to save some cost.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to close public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –P, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Feb. 5, 2018 – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for public hearing held on Feb. 5, 2018 –

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

Mr. Gary Glen, running for state senate, he explained his position on issues facing the state.

Mr. Cliff Murphy notified the Village that the VFW sold their building. He also said that the VFW would like to add a plaque to our monument and since it is on Village property they need permission.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to allow the VFW to add a plaque to the monument- carried

Mrs. Peggy Farnsworth informed the council that the Lions will be doing their white cane sale in April.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to keep current salaries and wages and only the DPW workers receive a 3% increase on yearly basis. – carried (see attachment)

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to adjust the line item budget sand to take \$10,080.12 from DPW to put into the following line items \$242.06 Chamber of commerce, \$609.63 income tax, \$2310.68 park, \$1160.59 street lights, \$593.28 sanitation and \$5163.88 into general. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to set the millage rate at highest amount using the Head Lee roll back. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to spread the special assessment onto tax roll. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to allow the signing of the warrants. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to have the Pres., Clerk, Treas. and Deputy Clerk/Treas. sign bank cards. – carried

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

Cardinal Wishes once again would like to try for the record here in Otter Lake on June 2nd.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to allow Cardinal Wishes to hold their bike run on June 2, 2018 with street closures on Saturday and to use the tennis court for a beer tent on Friday June 1st from 6 to 11p.m. and Sat. June 2nd from noon to midnight. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to allow the Nazarene Church to hold an Easter egg hunt on March 24th in the park. – carried

Motion made by Gill supported by Benson to re-appoint Matt Pinn and Mechelle Valley to the planning commission with terms ending March 2021. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to adjourn at 8:50p.m. – carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 2, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for Mar. 5, 2018 – carried

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

Motion made by Benson supported VanAmburg to allow car cruise on Aug. 25, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and close off Genesee St. to 11th St. and Detroit St to Forest Ave. Also, to allow DJ to set up either in front of museum or at the corner. The park will be open and no charge for beach entry. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to allow Lions org. to hold their white cane sale on April 27 & 28th plus hold a can drive on the April 21st. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept new park managers with contract as recommended by park committee and with other changes discussed. – carried

Motion made by Benson supported VanAmburg not to capture any extra voted countywide millage increase for senior services. – carried

Lerma asked the Council to consider supporting CAN (child abuse & neglect).

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to support CAN and to have the park donate \$100.00 to purchase the blue pin wheels. – carried

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

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

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MAY 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –A, S. Miller –P, J. Skias – P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for April 2, 2018. – carried

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

Mr. Woodworth informed the Council that Washburn Rd. when graded left a wet spot in the road. He has been pushing gravel into the wet spot but thought he should consult with Council if this is acceptable. The Council said that they have no problem with that and thank you.

Mrs. Farnsworth said that the Lions org. would like to do some things for the Village and she would like to pursue getting some playground equipment and would the Village be interested in helping to pay for it. She was asked to yes please pursue this and get back with us.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to approve the recommendation of the planning commission on the rezoning of property 14006 Washburn Rd. from light industrial to R-3 single family. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to allow Rhythm Rodders to split their lot to sell 25 feet East of Lot to property owners to the east per planning commission recommendation. – carried

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

Lerma brought up about the fact that we need new Village signs and that last year the DDA approved the cost of new signs. Dorr said he will check into having signs made.

Mr. Woodworth said he will look into having an Otter carved out of wood to stand next to our sign at park entrance.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 4, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for May 7, 2018 – carried

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

Judge Scott was present to speak to the public about his history with the Lapeer County court. He is running for Probate Judge.

Mr. Woodworth said that Washburn Rd is in the best shape than it's been for many years. He is also still looking into having otters curved. He said that maybe we should consider having otter decals for DPW trucks and also T-Shirts with the an otter logo on them.

Mrs. Farnsworth asked if the Lions org. can use the hall for meetings. Dorr said that would not be a problem. She also asked about the murals that were done for the vacant buildings. Dorr suggested she stops by and ask the new owner about them.

Mr. Murphy showed the Council the plaque that the VFW purchased to be placed at the memorial.

Benson informed everyone that the school will be holding the free lunch program again this year. It will be held in the park Mon. thru Thurs.

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JULY 2, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Cal: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for June 4, 2018. – carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to approve the park committee recommendations. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to approve the DDA projects submitted. – carried

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

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. – carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 13, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the minutes as printed for July 2, 2018. – carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to renew the sanitation contract with Rick Rhein for three years Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2021 with an increase of 654.72 annually which is a 3.72 annually per resident. – carried

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

Lerma expressed disappointment in the Village for not posting the no burn ban. It was explained that it is up to the fire dept. to notify us to put a notice up. Gill said that the fire authority is hiring a firm to do a study on the fire depts. and to come back with recommendations.

Lerma asked for a copy of the news letter so she may share it with the people that contributed to the flower beds. She also wanted to know the procedure for residents to put a fence up. She was told that a zoning permit is needed. She thought it would also be nice if people from the Village pick up trash if seen lying around.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10,2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

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Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for August 13, 2018 – carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the park committee recommendation for new park managers, Lisa and Lance Ervin, for the 2019 season. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to have Otter Lake Rd. from Hart Lake to 11th and 11th St south of Genesee Chip Sealed. The cost will be \$32,000 covering 40,000 sq. ft. – carried

Discussion on putting a penalty fee on zoning permits for those who file “after the fact”.

Motion made by Gill supported by VanAmburg to double existing zoning permit fees for “after the fact” applications, since permits now for fencing have no fee there will be a \$40.00 fee for ATF. – carried

Discussion on persisted blight offenders, thought is to turn over to attorney.

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

Lerma questioned who maintains the trailway, he does the cleaning of the village hall, if the village has any accounts at the any village stores and also regarding our ordinance on discharge of firearms.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. – carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –A, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Sept. 10, 2018. – carried

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

Genesee Co. commissioner Mr. Martin was present discussed that they are doing an ordinance with Otisville regarding Off Road Vehicles and offered Otter Lake help so we can match up with Otisville. Dorr discussed our truck traffic and that it could possibly increase. Our roads were not built to accommodate all these trucks.

Mr. Miller was also present he discussed a few issues and is running for Lapeer Co. commissioner.

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

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

Benson said that Denise from Kozi's Kitchen will be hosting a fall festival on Oct. 27th no roads will need to be closed.

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to charge Marathon Township \$250 rental fee for elections. – carried

Dorr suggested taking the skate board ramps down they are in bad shape. Maybe replace them with a basketball hoop or two.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. – carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, S. Miller –A, J. Skias –P.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to accept the minutes as printed for Oct. 1, 2018 – carried

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

The Council was asked what position they have taken regarding the new marijuana law. The Village has taken no action at this time.

Council was informed that Washburn Rd. is once again in bad shape. Dorr said we would have to wait until the road hardens up somewhat or it would just turn to mud if it was graded now.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to rescind previous motion made in November regarding charging the township \$250.00 for holding elections here at the office. – carried

Gill brought up about the sewer plant being overflowed at times because apparently some residents have their sump pumps hooked into sewer lines. We need to look up the ordinance and make sure people are notified that if they have a sump pump hooked into sewer line it will result in a fine. We will put this information in the next news letter.

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

A resident that purchased a property in the village just now realized that the property has an extra ½ unit for the sewer added to the property. They personally don't want it. The council will look into this and consider it at next meeting.

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Gill to accept the resignation of the village treasure Susan Miller. – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to have the position of Treasurer filled by the Deputy Treasurer, Ray Benson, with compensation for Treasurer and put a notice out looking for Treasurer – carried

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Lerma to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. - carried

VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: N. VanAmburg –P, T. Gill –P, A. Lerma –P, R. Benson –P, D. Dorr –P, J. Skias –P

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to accept the minutes as printed for Nov. 14, 2018 – carried

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

Motion made by VanAmburg supported by Benson to give the two men at the DPW a \$250.00 Christmas bonus out of park fund. – carried

Swearing in of newly elected officials

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

Dorr made a recommendation to appoint Ana Lerma as chairperson of the museum and to sit on the Southern Link trail way.

Motion made by Benson supported by Gill to approve Dorr's recommendations of appointment of Ana Lerma to SLTW and chairperson of the museum. – carried

Motion made by Benson supported by Lerma to appoint Nancy VanAmburg as citizen at large to the fire authority. – carried

Planning commission is recommending changing the zoning on homes on Detroit St, Lake Rd. and Payne St. from commercial to residential.

Gill would like to see all the snow removed from the sidewalks on Detroit St. and in front of any businesses on Genesee St.

Lerma questioned whether we would be having a cleanup day this coming year? Dorr said yes we would have one in May. Lerma asked if we have an ordinance protecting animals of cruelty? Dorr suggested she speaks to the animal control and see if there is anything we can do about the abuse.

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