

# Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

July 15, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Lutze at 6:59 p.m. in the Tom Bess, Jr., Council Chambers

PRESENT: Jeff Lutze, President. Council Members present: Vadice Burgett, Joel Glanton, Rick Ferguson, Jim Price, and Sherry Hemingway. Bob Jennings, DPW, Kathy Martini, Clerk, and Matt Grovesteen, Police Chief.

ABSENT: John Ray

AUDIENCE: Deborah Schultz-Pawlosky, Paul Pawlosky and Chrisie Loree

MOTION was made by Rick Ferguson and was supported by Jim Price to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED--MOTION

MOTION was made by Sherry Hemingway and was supported by Jim Price to accept the minutes as presented for July 1, 2024. Discussion – Change Lieutenant to Sargeant Randy Nelson.

CARRIED--MOTION

MOTION was made by Sherry Hemingway and was supported by Vadice Burgett to pay all bills and draw warrants for same.

ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Sherry Hemingway to accept the resignation of Daniel Campbell as a member from the Planning Commission.

CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Rick Ferguson to accept Deborah Schultz-Pawlosky as a member to the Planning Commission.

CARRIED – MOTION

Communication from Audience:

Chrisie Lorree:

The smells from the neighbor's chickens and ducks are repulsive and I am not able to enjoy my yard. I understand that they have been asked to move the coop to the other side of their yard and this may take the smell away from my area. The neighbor lady came to my door yelling at me and threatened to sue over me painting a side of the fence that that faced my property. I did get permission from her husband last year and again this year before I painted it. My dad was with me when I asked the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. I painted it white and was careful not to drip on their side of the fence.

Matt Grovesteen:

I did give 313 W. Main permission to have 6 chickens or ducks in a combination, but if it became an issue with residents then they would have to go. When I stopped in to inspect, they had adopted the neighbors' chickens and had a total of 12 chickens and ducks. I mentioned she had to get rid of 6 of them and to move the coop to the other side of the yard to detour the smell to the other side. I will follow up this week to make sure they got rid of the extra animals and moved the coop. If this issue is not resolved; then I may have to revoke the approval for them to have the chickens/ducks.

Deborah Schultz-Pawlosky:

139 S. State needs to have their sign painted.

Robert Jennings:

A letter will be sent to the owner.

Communication from Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

Survived the water, catch basins are not overflowing

2007 Chevy Truck with plow is ready to go, will be accepting sealed bids tonight.

Sewer plant is good.

Blight letters went out – 225 Jefferson is cleaning out – 350 S. State asked for a 30-day extension, will give direction on what needs to be done.

116 W. Main – Fence will be going up between residents and Otisville Hotel

Pine Street – Dog

Well 4 – Waiting for EGLE to approve the flow meter.

Matthew Grovesteen:

Two Officers gave their resignation, Randy Nelson retired after 39 years of service and Anthony Easlick has a full-time position and is not able to work the hours we need.

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) now has new protocols for hiring and comprehensive back ground checks, i.e. finger printing, drug testing, physical to make sure they can do the job. Have to contact high school teachers, coaches, families, neighbors, if in the military have to contact the military to check on their character and what type of person they are, also have to check financials to see how and what they spend their money on. For each person we talk to, we have to get three (3) more names and follow up with them, this would be a never-ending process. This would be a full-time job for an officer. Billy Skellenger will be in charge of hiring new officers.

Jeff Lutze said we should challenge this as we do not have the funding to do this type of comprehensive back ground checks. Matt mentioned that the State needs to approve the certification for an officer to be hired by the Village of Otisville, however will check with our attorney. Keith Pyles went to court and handled the tickets. 105 W. Main was dismissed as the issues are being fixed. 115 W. Main has been give 21 days to present plans, drawing on the structure.

205 S. State the roof is starting to rot and needs to be replaced. A letter will be sent to the owner to get the roof fixed/replaced.

201 N. State – received 22 calls in one month for loud music and narcotics. Spoke with the owner and an eviction notice has been issued. The owner is going to renovate and sell the property. If the house is not emptied within 30-days of the eviction notice, the Sherriff Department will be out to put the items to the road.

Waiting for vests to come in.

The police department is in the black for the end of the year budget. We had about \$4,000.00 that went back to the General Fund.

Jeff Lutze:

Opened Sealed Bids for the 2007 Chevy Truck and plow.

1. Bid was \$4,700.00
2. Bid was \$5,000.00
3. Bid was \$5,600.00
4. Bid was \$8,900.00

Accepted bid # 4 for \$8,900.00. Kathy Martini will call all people who bid and let them know if their bid was accepted or not.

Kathy Martini:

Kelly gave hand outs to the Council for the Rock the Block Fundays on August 17, 2024. If you know of anyone that would like to be a vendor/sponsor. Give them the forms to complete.

Committee Reports: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Community Standards – Ongoing

Wall of Fame – Doris Carpenter is on the Wall of Fame.

WWTP – We were almost done pumping, but the rain filled it up. Will pump down to fix pipes.

New Business:

- a. MML – Annual Convention – September 11-13, 2024 / Council Member not able to attend.
- b. Open Sealed Bids for 2007 Chevy Truck / Accepted bid for \$8,900.00
- c. Appoint Deborah Schultz-Pawlosky to the Planning Commission to take Dan Campbell's position as member. / Accepted Dan's resignation and accepted Deborah Schultz-Pawlosky as a member to the Planning Commission.

Communications from Council Members:

Jim Price:

Need to get the Ordinance Committee together to look over the commercial rental inspections, we should not have had a commercial building collapse. Water was pouring into the building for 10 years.

Conlee's lot needs to be clean up, it looks like a land fill.

Robert Jennings:

Will check with Ridley on Commercial Building.

Matt Grovesteen:

Due to the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) book we adopted. We now can put a lean against all properties, until the issues are fixed.

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Jim Price to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

*Kathy Martini*

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Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: August 5, 2024