

Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

August 19, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Lutze at 6:58 p.m. in the Tom Bess, Jr., Council Chambers

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

ABSENT: N/A

AUDIENCE: Keith Pyles

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Joel Glanton 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 15, 2024.

CARRIED--MOTION

MOTION was made by Jeff Lutze and was supported by Sherry Hemingway to accept the minutes as presented for August 5, 2024.

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 John Ray and was supported by Vadice Burgett to call Zack's Tree Service to remove trees in the retention pond.

CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Sherry Hemingway to approve the early goose permits for September 1, 2024.

CARRIED – MOTION (6-Yea's / 1-Nay)

Communication from Audience:

Keith Pyles:

115 W. Main court date is September 5, 2024. The owner is supposed to get approval and show plans and get permits to move forward with work. The owner started work without getting approval or permits. I issued a stop work order and had to issue a second stop work order, as the owner continued working on the building with no approval or permits. I contacted Attorney Ridley and was told that they are not able to move up the court date. A resident called me to inform me the back of

the building has been knocked down. I called the State of Michigan Head Building Inspector and he stated that the if the owner is not in compliance than I can issue a stop work order and to call to get an emergency injunction to get the court date moved up. Permits have not been pulled. A court agreement has been filed. Currently waiting on Attorney Ridley.

Communication from Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

Met with MML Pool & Fund Loss Control Consultant, Frank Demers. Nate's injury cost the Village \$63K. The consultant was impressed with our percentage for injuries, as we are very low. I showed him around the buildings and he stated everything was good with a little bit of clean up needed. There is an open and obvious trip hazard that an individual will not automatically get paid, i.e., if they trip on a sidewalk, etc.

Rock the Block festival went well, had a good turn out even with the rain. Had to stop a scheduled delivery cement truck from coming in on Saturday, as we had the road blocked off.

Conlees bought 6 liquor licenses.

Black truck went over the curb by the car wash. He blew a brake line. It was a medical issue. Called 911, which took him to the hospital. His truck is sitting at Memorial Park.

Dollar General retention pond needs to be cleaned up. A motion was made and approved to call Zack's tree service to get the trees out of the retention pond. All cost will be charged to their account. Three blight letters have been sent to Dollar General and the Corporate Office.

The 22 acres by the power plant the owner is building a house and pole barn. Looking at installing water and sewer. Due to the right to farm act the owner will not be able to have sheep. It is a right to population so many houses per 1/8 of a mile. His land is near the trailer park.

205 N. State is waiting on insurance money to fix the roof.

Conlee may purchase the 2 houses on M-15 to expand.

RAFA system is 90% done. The company split and has not completed everything that needs to be done. They have billed us for their services they have completed, however is not going to complete the RAFA system. We are looking into L. J. Electric to utilize and finish the RAFA System.

Matthew Grovesteen:

Old fire hall where the seniors are conducting business, since the Township is getting a new floor installed. I was disrespected by a gentleman who demanded me to move the police vehicle out of the garage so they could have more room for their activities. I explained to him that the Village pays rent to park the police vehicles in the garage and that we did move out our vehicle for a few weeks.

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 the G.H.O.S.T. was here and arrested a 49-year-old man. He was planning on hooking up with a 14-year-old girl, (the deputy was chatting with him as a 14-year-old girl). He worked at Mott College.

139 State called upset with the car show people parking on his property. He stated he is going to park an 80-foot semi on his property to keep the people off his lot. John Ray spoke to the owner and he wants \$100.00 per week for people to use his lot, which is not going to happen. It was announced at the car show that we are not to use the property. Nathan Fuller will put up cones before the car show. The Village will address any violations.

Need to approve the early goose permits.

William Skellenger, the Village Lieutenant is going to retire from Davison in September 2024. He will be going on vacation and returning mid-November and will work 24 hours a week. Then in April 2025 he and his wife are taking a 5-to-6-month vacation. I am going to retire September 30, 2025. The Police committee needs to sit down and discuss with Billy on what expectations, pay and benefits, as he is interested in taking the Chief of Police position.

Kathy Martini:

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2024. This is due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Committee Reports:

Ad hoc Committee for Insurance (John Ray, Sherry Hemingway and Vadice Burgett) met with MML Representative Troy Feldman. He is going to send out an appraiser to look at our buildings, water tower, pumphouse, etc. to have replacement cost. We need to be properly covered in case of a disaster.

Unfinished Business:

Community Standards – Bobby will drive around to check on what has been done and what needs to be done.

Wall of Fame – Ongoing

WWTP – Ongoing

New Business:

Audit FY 2021-2022 - Completed

New Computers – Buy 2 this year and 2 next year. Get quotes on computers.

Communications from Council Members:

Jeff Lutze:

Sign Ordinance is it kept up to certain ordinance?

The trucks in the alley are they plated.

204 Beecher asked if we could block off the back entrance of Rite Aid. People are going through the back entrance starting at her home. Bobby will block it off with barrels, until a new owner takes possession.

Rick Ferguson:

Are you still testing for the heavy metals in the water? Bobby – Due to the rain we have not been able to test, however this week it is supposed to be no rain. We will grab samples for so many hours for a week.

Sherry Hemingway:

Has 275 S. State applied for a Façade Grant? Yes, they have applied for a façade grant. Need to move the green dumpster to the back of the building.

Signs that need to be updated – 139 S. State, Alley, Wilson and Main and Center & East Street.

226 E. Main is going to paint the sign on Wilson & Main and put concrete with flowers around the sign. Bobby and Nate are going to paint the Village sign on Center and East Street.

Wood stacked at 304 N. State Road needs to be cleaned up. The house is peeling and needs to be painted along with the fence made from pallets.

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by John Ray to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.



Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: September 3, 2024