

Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem John Ray at 6:59 p.m. in the Tom Bess, Jr., Council Chambers

PRESENT: Council Members present: Vadice Burgett, Jim Price, John Ray, and Sherry Hemingway, by phone. Dan Campbell, DPW, Kathy Martini, Clerk, and Matt Grovesteen, Police Chief.

ABSENT: Jeff Lutze, Joel Glanton, Rick Ferguson and Bob Jennings

AUDIENCE: Brian Flewelling

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Jim Price to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED--MOTION

MOTION was made by Jim Price and was supported by Vadice Burgett to accept the minutes as presented for March 18, 2024.

CARRIED--MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Sherry Hemingway 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 adopt Public Act 495 Resolution # 2024-002 – Fire Insurance withholding program.

ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

Communication from Audience:

Brian Flewelling: 911 wants to increase the surcharge from \$1.86 to \$3.00, so we will not have to operate in a deficit. The State maximum is \$3.00. We need to get this on the ballot by the May 12th deadline. If we do not get this on the ballot, then in 2025 the municipalities will have to pay to put it on a special ballot. In 2026 we will have to use our savings and we will go back to the 2017 pricing of \$1.24 per unit. The consortium needs to partnership with the commissioners. The Technical fund is for Radio, Radio Fire Pagers, Computers, etc., and approximately \$7,000.00 for each piece of equipment. James Avery is the 911 Chairperson, each municipality needs to voice their concerns with him to get this on the ballot by the deadline, so the public can vote on this surcharge.

(Separate Issue) - Commissioner in Fenton has an issue with the percentage coming in and wants their share to be higher.

IPMC is a supplement to the Michigan Building Code.

Communication from Village Officials:

Daniel Campbell: Met with the DEQ & Engineers on the WWTP, we are moving forward. We are going to be pulling samples from Woodward & Main, Township Hall, Hamil Road for the next 5 weeks to try to narrow down where the high levels of hardness and metals are coming from. I dropped off a questionnaire to all the businesses; not the churches to complete and turn back into the Village to let us know what they are putting into the drains. In the future we may pull samples from individual

homes. We will pull water side vs. sewer side and give the samples to Patrick from Genesee County Waste Water Service to compare.

Budget Committees need to meet next week, looking at Monday, April 8th starting with Finance at 6:00 p.m. I will get with Kathy to get this set up.

Fixed 4 modems that went out on the sewer side. Alarm issues and relays were high/low on Well 1 & 3. Hopefully will get this fixed this week.

LJ Inc. will be getting back with me with a quote on box that needs wiring and to be rebuilt at the WWTP.

Front entrance doors, waiting on the openers. CDBG deadline in June 2024 to get the doors installed. The Village of Otisville Code Enforcement Ordinance # 165. Suggested to amend this ordinance to include the IPMC Code. This ordinance references Construction Code of Lapeer directly.

Matthew Grovesteen: Jeff Lutze, Bobby Jennings and myself met with Keith Pyles on the step-by-step process of the inspections. He was asked to write down the dates/times when he speaks to the individuals so we would have proof if we went to court. Keith states that he does not speak to the individuals when he inspects the property. Keith said that he uses the International Property Maintenance Code booklet (IPMC) and that we would need to adopt this before moving forward on any issues.

Kathy Martini: Gave update on Rick Ferguson.

Committee Reports: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Community Standards – Ongoing

Wall of Fame – Ongoing

WWTP – Ongoing

New Business:

U.S. Supreme Court Provides Test for Protected Speech on Government Official's Social Media Pages. This new ruling should be a warning to public officials to make sure they keep their personal and professional social media pages separate. Disclaimers should also be used on personal pages in order to avoid any potential gray areas that may build a bridge between personal and professional.

Adopt IPMC Code – Tabled

Adopt Public Act 495 – Fire Insurance withholding program - Adopted

Communications from Council Members:

Tabled the IPMC. Have Keith Pyles attend a Council meeting.

Sherry Hemingway stated she will be back from Florida April 13th; however, she will be able to attend the budget meetings by phone.

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Jim Price to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Kathy Martini

Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2024