

OTIS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13th, 2022

Regular Meeting- Ambulance Building

7:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Brooke Price, Trustee David Allen, Trustee Shae Smith, Trustee Chapman, Trustee Bryant McCall, Commissioner Vance, Sheriff's Deputy Billings.

ABSENT: Fire Chief Alexander

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Price @ 7:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was observed by all in attendance.
3. AGENDA- D. Letter to sewer Board and Cemetery Board E. Fund Raiser
4. CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT
None at this time
5. APRIL MINUTES/BILLS/PAYROLL
Deputy Clerk Saenz didn't have them complete, did give counsel Year to Date Profit and Loss totals. Motion to table Minutes, bills and payroll by Dave Allen and second by Patrick McCall All were in favor motion carries.
6. REPORTS-
 - a. Commissioner Vance reports that there will be a fall festival October 1st and would like help from Otis with Hayrides. There is a company doing a carbon capture experiment south of Otis. Drilling a test well in the next two months. The actual event won't happen until 2025. They would like to do community help or some type of involvement. Carbon capture experiment is working off the ethanol plant capturing all the carbon dioxide, liquidizing it and injecting it into a pressurized well in the ground. This is the first one in the United States. When the Liquid is injected into the ground it doesn't migrate, it sets where it is injected to. After they stop injecting it slowly decreases over time. In about 12 years it maybe half and in 50 to 100 years there will be no more pressure and there will be no more carbon left. This is taking place on state land County Rd 30 and XX. If they reach out it will first go through the Commissioners and then maybe go to a surrounding towns meeting.

Washington count is starting their budget process and would like to know if there is a request from Otis that they can put in their budget and would like to know by September 30th, October 30th is the latest.

Excel Energy is going through the southwest part of the county.

- b. Deputy Billings was present to discuss code enforcement. Timelines might need to be changed, currently the timelines are for warnings 2 weeks, the abatement is 30 days, a court summons is 30 days, and then whatever the Judge decides. Deputy Billings proposes 1 week warning, two-week time frame to complete. Deputy Billings would like to have a vendor list to give out for an option to help get services to the community. Akron has a warning, then time frame to get complete tasks, then instead of going to court, they come in and abate the property. That fee would then be assessed. Those fees are larger than a normal service would be. Then that fee would be billed and can be paid at Town Hall. If that is not paid Akron, then it is assessed to their taxes plus whatever percentage the accessors charge for having that added to the taxes.

- c. PARKS/MAINTENANCE

Mark Reser has asked for a bid on the new meters and is waiting for that to come back. He is in the process of changing out endpoints. Mr. Reser and Mr. Harper helped dig manholes for the digitization of the sewer. He is researching how to send the batteries back and maybe get a credit. Mark is also going to see about getting a quote for the bulk plant.

- d. Clerk

Deputy Clerk Gia reported that there are 3 applicants for the town clerk position and 2 for the maintenance. Set up interviews for Monday night starting at 4:30 every thirty minute last one being at 6 pm. The meeting packet is not only for the meeting, but it was to give them for the work session Gia would not be available for.

- e. Mayor Report

Mayor Price stated there are two people on the comity that have kids in sports and the meeting nights may have to be changed.

8. Council Comments

Trustee Smith requested that she would like a grant update. Mayor Price read Michael Brophy's Text. It stated that he is waiting on numbers from venders. Then he will have a better idea of when he will submit those.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Digitization of documents

Mayor Price wanted it to be a priority, so all documents are there for a future town clerks. Trustee Smith motions to go forward on digitization while pursuing a grant for digitization of Town documents. Trustee Allen 2nd. Motion passed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A Meter Replacement

Mark Reser discussed in his report

b. Applications- Clerk Saenz discussed in her report

c. Fee Structure- After talking about the abatement process the counsel would like to investigate what Akron is doing on there fees. Trustee Allen wished to table until next month to look at Akron's fee structures.

d. September Office Hours- Closed September 21st – October 4th Mayor Price is going to checking mail and making deposits. Work session is September 27th at 5:30

e. Letters to the Sewer Board and Cemetery Board-Cemetery Board is Ernst Wagner and Jesse Stackhouse. Sewer Board is Jesse Stackhouse, Dave Allen, Jeremy Mandel, and Trent Alexander. Trustee Smith makes a motion to send out both letters to start the discussion and process of merging sanitation and the cemetery with the town. Trustee Chapman 2nds. Motion moves forward.

f. Fundraiser-Mayor Price and Trent Alexander would like to have a street dance to start grant matching. Alexanders would do food, there would be a D.J. The town would only be responsible for cost of food. Tabled for a different date.

10. MISCELLANEOUS- Mayor Price would like to offer the Washington County Sheriffs, OtisVFD, Commissioners to only come quarterly instead of monthly, unless there is something important. Trustee has had complaint about the fire hydrants are covered with weeds. He would like that to be taken care of.

11. CITIZEN RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/ PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Smith offered a second on the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 8:27PM

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for October 11th, 2022.

Mayor Brooke Price

Clerk Jaydan Brotton

