

City of Ormsby

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Watonwan/Martin County

Ormsby City Council Meeting January 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mayor, Charles Waterbury.

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Dawn Hanson, Angie Mohlenbrock, Karen Waterbury and Laura Baarson

Others Present:

- Ron Fast

Approval of last month's minutes:

- Last month's financial reports and minutes were read and approved on Motion by Council Member Mohlenbrock and seconded by Council Member Baarson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Presentation of Claims:

- Claims were reviewed and signed by City Council Members. Approval to pay claims was made on Motion by Council Member Waterbury and seconded by Council Member Baarson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Ron Fast Update:

- Ron informed the Council that all the catch basins had been cleaned out prior to it snowing. He also replaced the flag and bulbs at the City sign. Ron will be going around town to check vehicle licenses when it warms up a bit.

Annual Review:

- Depository of Funds – Ormsby State Bank
- Legal Consultants – Sunde, Olson, Kircher and Zender
- Health Officials – City Council
- Weed Inspector – Ron Fast
- Deputy Mayor – Dawn Hanson
- Deputy Clerk – Laura Baarson
- Clerk & Utility Billing – Angie Sokolofsky – remains at \$13.00/hour
- Ron Fast – City Maintenance A Motion was made by Council Member Mohlenbrock and seconded by Council Member Hanson to increase Ron's hourly rate from \$10.50/hour to \$11.00/hour. The Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Election Judges @ \$11 per hour.
- Custodian/Caretaker –Karen Waterbury/\$15.00 per cleaning
- City Hall and Fire Hall Rent - \$75 It was noted that the City Hall is being rented in the spring and the fall by Helen Rode for an antique show in the amount of \$200.00/weekend.
- Authorized to sign checks – All Council members, Mayor and Clerk – need the signatures of 1 Council member, the Mayor and the Clerk on each check.
- Animal Enforcement – Sheriff
- Water/Wastewater Contact – Steve Firchau and Charlie Waterbury
- Water Shutoff Contacts – Ron Fast but Charlie Waterbury said he could help him.
- Locate Contact - Karen Waterbury and Charlie Waterbury
- Snow Removal Contact – Mike Poulson from the City of Trimont
- Contact Sheet was reviewed and there were no changes

Joint Powers Review:

- Council Members Hanson and Waterbury, as well as Mayor Waterbury attended the Joint Powers meeting on December 6. Mowing around the ponds was discussed again this year. Matt

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Svalland had been mowing but doesn't want to continue to do so. The Clerk for the joint powers is going to try to find someone else by spring. There was also a discussion regarding the flows, which continue to be a problem. Evidently, Odin found a trouble spot in their town and will be fixing it. Ormsby continues to have problems and believes one of the areas is over by the old school building which is now owned by Doug Nibbe. Steve Firchau from the City of St. James would like to put a dye down the eave spouts at the building when it is raining to see if it works its way through the septic system. The City is doubtful if Mr. Nibbe will allow the City to do such a test, but the Clerk will contact the League of MN Cities to see if the City has the right to do such a test without the owner's consent and will report back at the next meeting.

Long Lake Township Snow Removal Agreement:

- The City received the new Snow Removal Agreement from Long Lake Township for the 2017 to 2019 season with no increases. A Motion was made by Council Member Hanson and seconded by Council Member Baarson to approve the new Agreement. The Motion carried on 5-0 vote.

Fire Department/Charges for First Responder Calls:

- Fire Chief Swanson wanted the Council's opinion regarding charging for First Responder calls. In 2017 the Fire Department had 23 calls and only one was billable because it was an auto accident – the other 22 were First Responder calls. He mentioned that Butterfield and Darfur already bill for those types of calls at \$75.00 per call and Odin is also considering charging at \$100.00 per call. After a discussion between Council Members, a Motion for a Resolution allowing the City to start charging for First Responder calls at a rate of \$75.00 per call was made by Council Member Baarson and seconded by Council Member Waterbury. The Motion carried on a 5-0 vote and the policy will start immediately. The Clerk will put a notice in the next water bill so residents are aware of the new policy.

Water/Wastewater Items:

- The Clerk informed the Council that there was only one upcoming shutoff, which is John Gerdes. She did inform the Council that Mr. Gerdes had been having some health issues and will try to talk with him to see what can be worked out.

Old Business Update:

- Trimont removed snow from the streets on January 2 and put it east of the grain elevator. Mike Poulson from Trimont talked with the Clerk and said the area by the well houses needs to be plowed and the rope taken down if snow is going to be dumped at that site. Mayor Waterbury will be in contact with Tory Flohrs to see if can plow that area for the City. Mike also said it was more cost efficient for the snow to be dumped by the elevator. The City will continue to dump snow by the elevator, unless they are contacted by Farmers State Bank not to do so any longer.

Mayor's/Council's Items:

Announcements:

- Next meeting is Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Hanson and seconded by Council Member Mohlenbrock. The Motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Angela Sokolofsky, City of Ormsby-Clerk: