

## Ormsby City Council Meeting

April 8th, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mayor, Sara Schutlze.

### Roll Call

- Members Present: Dave Pettis, Charlie Waterbury, Dawn Hanson
- Others Present: Glen Hartke, Chuck Nibbe, Andy Sawnson, Nick Hager, Troy Olson, Karen Waterbury

### Approval of last month's minutes:

Last month's financial reports and minutes were read and approved on Motion by Hanson and Second by Pettis. Motion carries on a 3-0 vote.

### Presentation of Claims:

Claims were reviewed and signed by City Council Members. Approval to pay claims was made on Motion by Pettis and Second by Waterbury. Motion carries on a 3-0 vote.

### Land Use Permits:

- Nick Hager applied for a permit to replace the fence that was on the property before the sewer project took it down. He also is applying to expand the fence to connect to the house. The permit was approved on a Motion by Pettis and Second by Hanson and carried a 3-0 vote.
- Lester Sandbo applied for a permit to add a new garage with a cement floor. Also, wants to add on to the existing garage. Planning to start the project next month. That property would then have three buildings on the lot. Charlie asked to review the ordinance on what the limit of structures is for a lot. The permit was approved on a Motion by Waterbury and Second by Pettis and carried a 3-0 vote.

### Dusty Fedder:

- The passing of our good friend, fire chief, and council member. He will be dearly missed by all!
- Sara Schutlze has been contacted by the Heller/Dougherty Family about donating a tree to the City in Dusty's memory. The City did receive a Thank You from the family for the plant the City had sent to the funeral and for use of the fire hall meeting room.
- The council will need to appoint someone to fill Dusty's seat on the city council until a special election can be held to fill the remaining term. This means this will be a 2 year term. Karen Waterbury and Angie Mohlenbrock are interested in the position. Nick Hager has been approached by several people in regards to filling the open council spot. He is not interested. The Council decided that the seat should be posted and opened to the public. Nicole will put a note in the next water bills and send them out early so that interested residents can come to the next council meeting.

### Paul Hanson:

- Coming to discuss what needs to be done for cleaning up at park and around town. Tabled until the next meeting.

### Troy Olson/Many Hands:

- Starting a new garbage service company in the area. Troy Olson is from Trimont and is retiring from the Army this year. He has been working for the City of Fairmont and has had experience hauling garbage for them. He is just getting things set up now. He is in the process of getting the needed licenses and insurance for performing the service. He will be collecting the garbage with a dump trailer pulled by a suburban but intends to purchase a truck within the next two years. He does have a few dumpsters available and will be using garbage tags for regular service. Tentative prices are \$2.50/tag, and dumpsters are \$40/month, \$35/twice per month, or \$30/weekly. Troy will also look into the possibility of a once a year city wide clean up option. These prices would be locked into a 3-5 yr. contract. Pick up will be on Saturdays. The Council pointed out that Ormsby does not handle resident garbage service. Each resident is responsible for their own service arrangements. The City will also have to look

into if they ever did sign anything with Waste Management. The City will look at holding a public meeting to review this option with the residents.

**Cleaning Up:**

- City Hall: Tabled until the next meeting.
- The street sweeper is usually arranged for after Spring planting is done. The storm sewers are usually cleaned out with a clam. Sara will call the City of Trimont to make arrangements with the street sweeper and will need to find a place to dump it. She will ask if they have a place.
- Martin County Sentence to Serve – Nicole will see if they are available and what they are allowed to do.

**City Office Mail Box Options:**

- The Council reviewed drop box options. The Council discussed that if they go to the drop box option they will need to advise residents to pay by check or money order only – No Cash. Sara will check with the Ormsby State Bank to see what the fee would be for the bank to process the direct withdrawals only. The Council members approved to go forward with a free standing drop box for utility bill payments. This was approved on Motion by Pettis and Second by Waterbury and the motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

**BRINCO Request:**

- Request made by Doug Nibbe to be paid an annual fee of \$500 for the use of water at the ball diamond.
- Steve Sunde had stated previously that Doug couldn't charge a fee because there had never been a charge before. Doug has brought forth that it had been compensated before when it was Watonwan Enterprises. The Council unanimously agreed that this was decided and voted upon last year by the City Council and it was not going to be discussed again.
- The Council discussed that the ball diamond is only used three times a year – by the Community Builders, National Night Out, and the Fire Dept. Hog Roast. The ball diamond can be reserved by the public but inquiries are informed that water is not available. If water is needed the Fire Dept. has brought water down to the ball diamond with their trucks in the past.
- On a motion by Waterbury and a Second by Pettis the Council approved to permanently cap the pipe to the ball diamond so that this issue does not come up again. Charlie Waterbury will look at the pipe and report at the next meeting with a cost estimate. The motion carried a 3-0 vote.

**Mowing Bid:**

- The Council read and reviewed the mowing bids received.
- Person/Company receiving the bid must have a certificate of liability insurance and proper pesticide and fertilizer licenses before beginning.
- Motion by Hanson and Second by Pettis to approve accepting Bakken Repair's mowing bid. The motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

**Mabel Junkman's Deferred Assessment:**

- The council approved billing Shirley Christenson for the amount due with interest. The Council reviewed corresponding information from Steve Sunde regarding this issue.

**Gilfillan Agreement:**

- The Council and Nick Hager reviewed a letter received from Steve Sunde with questions in regards to the agreement. The property in question had been surveyed and was not vacated on advice by Steve Sunde. Nicole will report this information back to Sunde's office so that the agreement can be filed with the county.

**FD Items:**

- Andy Swanson was present to get the Council's approval for the fire department to sell their old radio's. The request was approved on a Motion by Waterbury and a Second by Hanson and the motion carried on a 3-0 vote.
- Andy reported that the fire department was turned down for the FEMA Grant they had applied for a new fire truck.
- The family of Dusty Fedder would like to thank the City and Fire Department for the use of the City Fire Hall. The Council would like to give recognition to the Fire Department for the wonderful job they did handling the Fire Fighters Funeral procedures for Dusty's funeral.
- On a Motion by Pettis and Second by Hanson approval was given to transfer \$950 from City checking to the FD Truck Savings per Resolution # 2013-2-1, with signing authority by the mayor and clerk. The motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

- Ordinance #31-FD – Second Review of Ordinance regarding establishing of fees. Ordinance was approved on a Motion by Hanson and Second by Pettis and motion carries on a 3-0 vote.

**Water Disconnection Update:**

- Elaine Anderson - \$141.59
- John Gerdes - \$138.20
- Joyce Palmquist - \$131.72
- Wanda Olson - \$196.38
- If payments are not made all listed will receive a disconnection notice.
- John Ranniger - \$225.72- They have been paying \$100 each week.
- Anytime Comfort – Dave Pettis reported that the top of the shut-off is sheared off. Charlie will look into getting parts from the City of Fairmont for the repair and he reported that the City will receive a bill for the parts.
- Sara will check in with the City of Trimont on doing water disconnections and the Council would like to get the new water meter in Wanda Olson’s property. Another letter will be sent to her.

**Mayor’s Agenda Items:**

- Trimont Ambulance – Met with Mayor and received information on what they are looking for from Ormsby. They would like \$3,300 due by 2014 – they came up with this number by the number of people on the Martin County side of town and from the 2010 Census. Townships are also being charged a fee. The total for the new ambulance will be \$170,000. They have been saving for this purchase since 2000 and currently have \$45,000 saved. There have been several federal regulation changes implementing the need of the new ambulance. This issue has been discussed several times with the Ormsby Fire Department. The fire department has not been in favor of the ambulance in the past. Trimont does not help with the expense of a new fire truck for the City of Ormsby. Sara would like to challenge the fire department to look at the other side of it and be good neighbors. Maybe by making the first move and helping with the ambulance they would be willing to help with things in Ormsby. There is no deadline on an answer to Trimont and Sara will try to organize a meeting in June in Ormsby where a Trimont Ambulance member can give more info on the project to the Council, residents, and fire department members.
- Cement Company looking to build a new plant in the area. The Council could not think of anywhere in the City where it would work. They briefly discussed the use of the ball diamond but decided there just was not good location in Ormsby for the plant.

**Council’s Agenda Items:**

- Charlie Waterbury brought to the Council’s attention that the road is broke up by Ranniger’s and Nelson’s. He was wondering if that would be a warranty issue on the sewer project. However, the City already has signed off on the sewer project items. It seems to not be draining on the storm sewer side. The Council will keep an eye on this issue.
- Tree Line – 76 trees need replanting in the new tree line. Dave needs to contact whoever is now in charge of the Soil and Water office. Nicole will need to find the contract which states the trees that need to be replanted could be done at .50/tree.
- The Council discussed and agreed that they started this project and it needs to be completed.
- The vacuum in the Fire Hall is broken and a new one will need to be purchased. The Council gave the Waterbury’s permission to purchase a new vacuum for the hall.

**Citizens Petitions, Requests, Complaints:**

- Dawn Fast requested information on where to bring trees and branches for disposal. There is no longer a place to bring these items in Ormsby. However, it is okay to burn branches, trees, and bushes in Ormsby in a 3x3x3 contained area. The other option is to bring items to the site in St. James. Nicole will check into the details for the St. James site and put that information in the water bills.
- Nick Hager brought to the council’s attention the peace pole. It has been sitting in the corner of the Fire Hall due to the sewer project. The Peace Pole was given to the City in honor of past, present and future firefighters. The council decided to put this item on the next agenda.
- Glen Hartke came to the meeting asking for needed updates for the Ormsby City Website. He needs updated City Council contact information. The Council extended a Thank You to Glen for keeping the website updated.

**Announcements:**

- Next City Council Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Motion to adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned on a Motion by Pettis and Second by Waterbury – motion carries a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Van Wyk, City of Ormsby-Clerk:

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