

City of Ormsby

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Ormsby City Council Meeting **March 4th, 2013**

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

Roll Call

- Members Present: Dave Pettis, Dusty Fedder, Charlie Waterbury, Dawn Hanson
- Others Present: Diana Ranniger

Approval of last month's minutes:

Last month's financial reports and minutes were read and approved on Motion by Fedder and Second by Pettis. Motion carries on a 4-0 vote.

Presentation of Claims:

Claims were reviewed and signed by City Council Members. Approval to pay claims was made on Motion by Hanson and Second by Waterbury. Motion carries on a 4-0 vote.

Diana Ranniger:

- Came to discuss with the council a plan for keeping up with water bill, payment plan, and plan for cleaning up their property. They are long distance truck drivers – gone months at a time.
- Options discussed: Nicole will be emailing the bill or amount to them, Bank to directly send a check of \$100 each week to the City. The Council agreed to the \$100/wk payment plan with the terms if one payment is missed the water will automatically be disconnected and will not be turned back on until the full payment plus disconnection charge is paid. The payment plan was approved on a Motion by Waterbury and Second by Hanson – motion carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Clean-up of property: They have a plan of getting the property cleaned up by June 1st.
- Diana also had a concern of snowmobile tracks going through their yard. With the wood piles and other items under the snow it could cause damage to a snowmobile or injure someone. There were also several tracks going underneath the clothesline. They would like a Council Member to talk to someone with the Vintage Run to remind snowmobiles to stay on the trail so no one would be injured by the clothesline or other items in their yard. A Council Member will talk to Darryl about this.

Shut-Off Update:

- Palmquist and Anytime Comfort/John Hall received disconnection notices. According to Nick and the water ordinance the fee is \$50 for water disconnection/reconnection-once.
- Steve Carson called from the City of St. James; they will not be able to do water disconnections for non-payment. Sara will contact the City of Trimont to see what they would charge for winter disconnections.
- The Council will talk to Tim from Ormsby State Bank to see if they can get into the Anytime building to disconnect water and remove the meter.
- The Council Members will help Sara with shut-offs during good weather if Trimont is not interested.
- A discussion was made regarding the City of Trimont requesting a meeting with Sara in regards to a new ambulance. Sara will report her findings at the next Council Meeting.

Ordinance #32:

- Sump Pump Ordinance – was printed in Plaindealer on Feb 21st 2013. The Council read the ordinance again and approved the ordinance on a Motion by Fedder and Second by Pettis – the motion carries on a 4-0 vote.
A sump pump reminder letter will be put in the next water bill. The letter will include the new sump pump ordinance for enforcement and items listed within it, and that inspections and fines will be enforced this summer.

Sewer Bond Interest Refund:

- Applying for the sewer bond interest refund for 2013 - \$4,524.74. Lori with Northland said this will be the normal filing time from now on.

Auditor Update:

- Discussed questions with Megan Gernetz. RD is fine with Odin and Ormsby having the same auditor. She would like to see the items broke down more in QuickBooks and in the budget. Discussed the financial burden of the full audit. She is willing to discuss a hardship claim further. She is going to look into it further but believes the State's audit requirements would trump RD. The auditor should be able to tell us what the State requirements are each year. Megan would probably require us to continue on with a full audit one more year with a new auditor to get everything straightened out and then possibly be able to reduce it to just the water and wastewater funds. I emailed Richard Holmberg with the question of the state audit requirement and if he would be interested in taking on Ormsby but have not heard back from him.
- Fire Hall Requirement – Megan stated that only one payment is required to be saved.

Water Bill Notice:

- Putting a notice in the water bill this month for sump pumps, a Spring clean up reminder, the FD Chicken Fry, the names of the new council and Mayor with phone #, the office phone # and new clerk name, City email and website – will get in touch with Glen Hartke to get the website updated, hours of walking at City Hall. Will be striving to do more notices in the water bills or at least a quarterly newsletter.

MN Rural Water Clerk Training:

- A City Clerk Training is available through MNRWA for \$350. Will propose to split the cost with City of Odin. Additional services available for Ormsby at \$75/hr – which the trainer will be able to sort through our accounting questions regarding the need to separate the wastewater items, coding, and budgeting for our RD requirements. It was approved for the Clerk to receive the training as stated above on a Motion by Fedder and Second by Hanson – motion carries on a 4-0 vote.

Gilfillan's Agreement:

- I followed up with Steve Sunde on this and it does need to be recorded/filed with the County. They are working on the paperwork on this and each party will need to sign paperwork again.

Mowing Bid:

- The Council reviewed the items on the list to be bid. It was decided to keep the snow removal separate and to discuss next month the possible bidding of snow removal in May. Will also include the bid ad in the water bills.
- Sara gave an update on bid and insurance requirements from the LMC.

FD Items:

- Resolution # 2013-2-1: Setting up a savings account for a Fire Dept. Truck Fund for the section rate amount of \$25/section. Savings would be for the purchase of a new truck. The resolution was approved on a Motion by Pettis and Second by Hanson – the motion carries on a 3-0 vote; Fedder abstained from vote.
- Ordinance #31-FD – Ordinance regarding establishing fees. Ordinance was approved on a Motion by Pettis and Second by Hanson – motion carries on a 3-0 vote; Fedder abstained from vote. Will be published and read and approved again next month.
- Women's toilet at Fire Hall needs repair – parts are on order.

Mayor's Agenda Items:

- Christmas lights need to come down as there have been citizens calling about this. The Council discussed this and decided there is just no way to safely get them down. Sara will check with the person that is doing some tree trimming at her home.
- The flag was taken down by the sign. It was torn and looking pretty rough. She will take it to the Boy Scouts to be properly disposed of. A new flag will need to be purchased. Sara also noted that the lights by the sign are not working properly and will need to be fixed.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 1st – Easter Monday. It was discussed to leave the meeting scheduled as is and then later decided to move the meeting to April 8th to allow more time for the mowing bids.
- County Wide Drought meeting to be held on March 28th from 10am – 11am at the Extension Office. Either Sara or Nicole will attend the meeting and report back at the next meeting.

Council's Agenda Items:

- Discussion was made in regards to the need of working on the parks this Spring/Summer. The basketball court is in need of repair and new nets on the hoops. Will contact Nick in regards to where the donated items went from the program.
- Dawn Hanson reported that the Boy Scouts can help with the clean up at the parks or around town as needed. He needs to acquire 8 hours of community service for his Eagle Scout.
- The City Hall is in need of some clean up. Will look at cleaning up before or after the next council meeting or will schedule a time to do so at the next meeting.
- The walking is going over great at the City Hall. The Hall is open from 9-5 all week for walking. Phyllis Wagner, The Ormsby State Bank, and Sara Schultze have keys if anyone wants to get in other times to walk.

Citizens Petitions, Requests, Complaints:

- A complaint was made in regards to a semi being parked and blocking the street for snow removal. Sara will contact the resident and ask them to move the semi so snow removal can be done.

Announcements:

April Council Meeting to be held on April 8th.

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned on a Motion by Fedder and Second by Pettis – motion carries a 4-0 vote.

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