

The Oldenburg Town Council met August 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes of the July meeting were brought forth and Councilman Dave Wahman made a motion to approve, and Councilman Greg Struewing seconded.

Tom Konnersman discussed the parking situation in front of his dental office, and stated there are several renters in his area that have been using the parking for extended periods. He requested a handicap parking sign, as well as the possibility of painting a portion of curb in front of his garage so that his garage would no longer be blocked off by on-street parking. Town attorney, John Kellerman referred Mr. Konnersman to the State Highway Department due to his office location on SR 229.

Steve Stahley brought forth his lease agreement with Creekbottom Brewery for an additional year. Councilmembers reviewed the lease provided by John Kellerman. Councilman Greg Struewing made a motion to approve, and Councilman Dave Wahman seconded. Mr. Stahley also provided council members printed plans for the September 14th "Rocktoberfest" event and explained parking and additional lighting plans. Mr. Stahley concluded with information regarding Google imaging re-taking photos, at an approximate cost of \$3,000 a day for the councilmen to review.

Garrett Conway from the office of Community & Rural Affairs introduced himself and his role as the East Central Community Liaison. He briefly described his position and the assistance he can provide to our community, by helping to coordinate state funding for desired projects.

Old Business: Warranty work on the Sewer project was discussed with Jeff Paul. Mr. Paul also provided a walking trail project update and stated that the design plans are in the finishing stages and that we are still awaiting permitting from the DNR. The project is projected to bid in spring of '25, with construction hoping to begin immediately after Freudenfest. Mr. Paul also stated out of all of the state and local applications for the arts and culture portion of the Lily grant, ours was the best application and our application will now move to the State level.

Next President Moeller discussed the municipal building wall construction and the two bids received for the same projected price of \$48,595 by A&C Contracting (block wall,) and Werner Concrete (poured wall). Ultimately Councilman Struewing made a motion to approve Werner concrete's bid, and Councilman Wahman seconded. President Moeller will move forward with obtaining a variance from Franklin county.

President Moeller discussed a request he received from Greenacres to clear scrub and dead trees from the town's right away, prior to Greenacres constructing a new fence. President Moeller agreed to contact Greenacres and property owners to walk the property to discuss this matter further. Edit: The three town board members and Brad Weberding, an interested town resident, met with three employees of Greenacres on 8/8/24 to walk the property line between Green Acres and the Town of Oldenburg. Greenacres had requested the meeting to discuss the options to take down dead trees on town property in the event Greenacres decides to put up a new fence on the property line. After the walk and discussion, the following was decided upon by all parties: town agreed to at least cut down 4 to 5 dead trees in the proposed fence area IF Greenacres decides to go forward with a fence; Greenacres would be allowed to put the fence right on the property line; Greenacres would be allowed access to the town side of the fence to keep a strip of land clear of debris along the new fence; the new fence would run to the north of Nina Giesting's property and end near her western property line; the town or a person interested in the resulting firewood would be allowed access to Greenacre property to cut down and/or cut up and haul out the firewood at no cost to the town. Daniel Wild, Donna Wolfer and Meribeth represented Greenacres.

A washout was discovered on the side of the municipal building, due to a previously clogged gutter. Filling with rock or stone as a temporary fix was motioned and approved.

A new Franklin county ordinance regarding commercial solar panels was reviewed with John Kellerman, and signed by council members.

A townspeople wished to provide her evidence collected from the previous months (May and July,) incidents with a neighbor setting off fireworks. The townspeople requested a firework ordinance, which was reviewed by John Kellerman.

Wilma Ronnebaum requested information regarding a possible 14x30 storage shed and the permitting process was discussed. She was referred to Franklin county for more information.

Budgeting for the police department was discussed and an 8% raise was requested. Councilman Struewing made a motion to approve, with a request to reevaluate pay in two years, and Councilman Wahman seconded.

A town member mentioned resurfacing the basketball court while the walking trail construction is being completed for budgeting purposes. It was agreed that \$75,000 could be budgeted for that.

Next months' meeting will be September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM.


Dennis Moeller, President


Katelyn Hunter, Clerk Treasurer

