

The Oldenburg Town Council met Monday, February 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building meeting room. After being called to order by President Brian Clagg, the minutes from the previous January meeting were approved. Councilman Kerker made a motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Wahman seconded; all in favor.

First, President Clagg addressed the 2026 Paul Landscape contract that was submitted for review. Overall cost raised approximately 11% or \$1,000 from 2025. Mr. Paul stated the additional cost is due to the new trees along the trail that will be mulched and maintained throughout the year. Motion to accept the '26 Contract made by Councilman Kerker. Seconded by Wahman. All in favor.

President Clagg continued with the subject of snow removal. Clagg discussed obtaining bids for snow removal. Questions raised regarding where to put large amounts of snow. Sewer plant, soccer fields, cemetery. Kerker and Clagg agreed bids for snow removal should be obtained in the event of another large snow event. Clagg will make it known the Town is seeking snow removal bids.

Next, town member Mary Beth Kerker requested a building permit for a pergola addition to her screened porch behind her home. Pergola is within set-backs and no utilities underneath. Same height and size as the existing screened-in porch. Four wooden posts and open ceiling structure. Councilman Kerker made a motion to approve, Wahman seconded. All in favor.

Next, Councilman Clagg discussed adding the Oldenburg Girls Softball League to the Town's insurance policy. Kelsey Roell and Hayley Laker had requested the softball league be added under the town's insurance policy however, Voldico has stated that they would be considered a separate legal entity and should not be added to the town's liability policy. Roell discussed the costs associated with running the league and the cost of a policy. Suggestions were given regarding raising funds as well as a potential town contribution to cover the cost of their insurance.

Next, Council agreed to appoint town member Matt Eldridge for another year as a member of the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. Further, Council agreed to continue Tim Zeimke as the appointed member for the Franklin County Convention, Recreation, and Visitors Commission. Clagg also mentioned Tracy Brumfeil will continue as the APC member for this year.

Next, President Clagg discussed new members within the Utility Board. Former President Doug Puskamp is moving out of town and the president must live within city limits. The Utility Board wishes to appoint current member Dave Raver as President and to add town member Gary Laker as a new member to replace Raver's seat. A motion to approve these appointments was made by Councilman Kerker, seconded by Wahman. All in favor.

Clerk Treasurer highlighted the reading of Certified Franklin county Budget Order. Requests to review in-depth can be made to the Clerk.

President Clagg followed up on the Duke holiday receptacle issue; the outlets are tripping during high rain/winds and we would like them to be replaced so someone doesn't have to climb up the pole each time to re-set them. Clagg spoke with Duke rep Andrew Manning but the item is still being reviewed and he will follow-up at the next meeting.

Heritage Park fence and painting and fencing quotes were obtained. For painting the pickleball courts, Leslie Coatings quoted \$29,655. Oler Fencing quoted \$30,000 for a total cost of \$59,655.00. Oldenburg Academy has raised \$55,000 thus far and \$4,655 short. The Town pledged \$75,000 and has spent \$63,830 of that so far with a remaining \$11,170 so the Town will contribute the shorted \$4,655 leaving \$6,515 to spend toward the project.

President Clagg discussed the auto policy claim and CT Hunter confirmed the Town policy is a \$0 deductible and that insurance paid out \$1,643.64

OB: Shane property, Kellerman in the works needs a copy of the Unsafe Building Ordinance.

Water Street project, ROW portion was pushed out to FY2027.

Tracy Brumfiel has agreed to be the APC representative.

Confirmed with Kellerman that the May ballot will include a "Shall the number of town council members be increased from three to five?" question.

Motion to adjourn made by Kerker. Seconded by Wahman.



Brian Clagg, Council President



Katelyn Hunter, Clerk Treasurer