

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, November 2, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Brent Milhiem, Lauri Krueger and Dustin McNees. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Mitchell, and Fire Chief Weber.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The October 19, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MAIN STREET MANAGER – KAHLER SWEENEY
DDA/Main Street Chairman Marty Bennett introduced Mr. Kahler Sweeney and stated that today was his first day. Main Street Manager Sweeney introduced himself and gave a brief history of his work experience. He stated that he is honored to be here. He commented that he has been welcomed by everyone that he has met. He stated that he realizes that there are serious issues that have to be addressed and he hopes to find a solution to keep things “rolling” in the downtown. He commented that he is interested in everyone’s insight. The Commission welcomed Mr. Sweeney.

A. ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER – GALE DUGAN
Commissioner Dugan updated the Commission and audience on current County activities. He announced that on December 2, 2020, from 6pm until 8pm, the EPA will be holding a virtual meeting, in regards to the Otsego Area Water Study Update.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM OTSEGO MAIN STREET TO CLOSE KALAMAZOO STREET FROM ORLEANS TO ALLEGAN FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Mayor Trobeck stated that this request is for the lighting of the Christmas tree that will be done on the Friday, December 4, 2020, before the Hometown Christmas event. Commissioner McNees moved to approve the request from Otsego Main Street to close Kalamazoo Street from Orleans to Allegan Street for the lighting of the Christmas tree on December 4, 2020, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

**A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23 – A RESOLUTION TO
ELIMINATE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FUND DEFICIT**

City Manager Mitchell explained that the deficit was due to the large amount of yard waste that accumulated and had to be grinded, which is a large expense. He commented that this happened before taxes came in. City Manager Mitchell stated that in the future the millage will need to be raised and a plan put in place. Commissioner Krueger offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem.

**CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23**

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FUND DEFICIT

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego Solid Waste and Recycling Fund has a \$4,504 deficit fund balance on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, 1971 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otsego City Commission adopts the following as the City of Otsego Solid Waste and Recycling Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

		Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Unrestricted Net Position		
(Deficit) July 1		(\$4,504)
Revenue		
Property Taxes		\$208,710
County Recycle Surcharge		\$30,000
Charges for Services		\$18,500
Other		\$750
General Fund		\$15,000
Total Revenue		<u>\$272,960</u>
Expenditures		
Recycling		\$164,120
Transfer Station		\$87,345
Transfers Out		\$5,445
Total Expenditures		<u>\$256,910</u>
Unrestricted Net Position		
(Deficit) June 30		\$11,546

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Brent Milhiem, Dustin McNees, Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24 – A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Commissioner Withee offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Krueger.

CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WHEREAS, the Otsego City Commission approved the 2020-2021 Annual Appropriations Bill which limited amounts for expenditures and anticipated revenues for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain activities and/or revenue sources will exceed previous projections; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego City Commission wishes to formally amend the annual appropriations bill in acknowledgement of the need for revisions,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otsego City Commission hereby approves the following increases and decreases to the 2020-2021 Annual Appropriations Bill:

General Fund		
Expenditures		
	Transfer to Solid Waste & Recycling	
101-991-999.225	Fund	\$15,000
Net Increase/(Decrease)		\$15,000
Solid Waste & Recycling Fund Revenues		
225-000-699.101	Transfers In - General Fund	\$15,000
Net Increase/(Decrease)		\$15,000

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Brent Milhiem, Dustin McNees, Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF TOM GILMER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2023, AND APPOINTMENT OF JASON BOHL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2023

Commissioner Withee moved to confirm the Mayor’s reappointment of Tom Gilmer to the Planning Commission, term to expire November 2023, and the appointment of Jason Bohl to the Planning Commission, term to expire November 2023, seconded by Commissioner McNees. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Mayor asked the Commission, if they knew of anyone that would fit any of the boards, to contact her.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following:
 - He welcomed Main Street Manager Kahler Sweeney.
 - He thanked Allegan County for their assistance with a property issue.
 - He reminded everyone that the election is tomorrow. He thanked and expressed his confidence in Clerk Cronen, Jamie Jameson, Ashlee Rose, and the entire Election Team.
2. He asked for further questions or comments regarding his written Manager’s Report submitted to the Commission in their weekly packet.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Krueger – she welcomed Main Street Manager Kahler Sweeney, and thanked DDA/Main Street Chairman Marty Bennett for introducing him. She told Main Street Manager Sweeney that he won’t be sorry he came here, as it is a friendly, warm, welcoming community. She commented that the Commissioners are only a phone call away, if needed. She thanked County Commissioner Dugan for attending the meeting and his report. She thanked and voiced her appreciation for Clerk Cronen and her team and wished them good luck at the election tomorrow. She wished her colleagues good luck at the election tomorrow.

Commissioner Withee – she welcomed Main Street Manager Kahler Sweeney. She stated that she is looking forward to working with Main Street Manager Sweeney. She thanked Clerk

Cronen for her hard work. She commented that you always get service with a smile at City Hall. She wished her fellow Commissioners good luck tomorrow.

Commissioner McNees – he welcomed Main Street Manager Kahler Sweeney. He commented that he is very impressed with Main Street Manager Sweeney, as he is a young person with good energy. He thanked Clerk Cronen for all she does and how the elections are ran. He thanked his fellow Commissioners and commented that he has learned a lot and has grown a lot, while being on the Commission. He thanked each and every person in attendance.

Commissioner Milhiem – he stated that he was elected two years ago and feels he has grown leaps and bounds being on the Commission. He commented that he enjoys being on the Commission. He also commented that he feels that the Commission as also as a whole grown and it shows because through patience we have worked some tough things out as a Commission. He commented that the Commission Workshop Meetings are very helpful. He commented to the audience to get out and vote. He thanked the poll workers and Clerk Cronen, as they put a lot of time into the election. He welcomed Main Street Manager Kahler Sweeney, assuring him that their paths will meet someday.

Mayor Trobeck – she stated that she has been on the Commission for ten years, and commented that this could be her last meeting on the Commission. She thanked the audience for attending. She asked that everyone get out and vote. She thanked Clerk Cronen for running Main Street while also doing her clerk duties, as she has done it every time there was a vacancy. She welcomed Main Street Manager Kahler Sweeney, and suggested that he embrace the City workers, City Hall, because we all want you to succeed and run with it!

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 7:31 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk