

# ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008, 9 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Supervisor David Meister.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Trustee James Wisniski, Trustee Roland Clement, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Clerk Helen Mathieu.

**MINUTES: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement, to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, May 7, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Received and placed on file.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Tax Foreclosure, Revenue Sharing, Trash Day, Land Division Boundary Adjustment to New Business.

**COMMISSIONER JANICE MCCRANER:** Reported the District 10 Health board approved the Chapter 11 Point of Sale ordinance and public hearings will now be held by the counties involved.

**COMMISSIONER ED HAIK:** Reported that County Road Commission Director Jerry Peterson plans to attend more board meetings; the airport officials said they would be reimbursed for less money for the new carriers coming to Manistee Blacker Airport.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Meister reported 8 fire runs and 5 rescue runs for May.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Clement reported the planning commission approved the proposed zoning ordinance amendment, which is now at the county planning department, and should be ready for the township board to review at its July meeting; there is on-line training available for new planning commission members, discussed new Planning Enabling Act.

**CEMETERY:** Consensus of the board to dispense with the sprinkler system project and review it in the fall. Consensus of board to approve \$50 increase of cemetery lawn maintenance.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Meister reported a Board of Review meeting will be held July 22.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported the board will need to review its Rules of Procedure because of the changes through the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported 4 Land Use Permits issued, no Special Use Permits, 1 appeal is pending, there were 2 land division boundary adjustments for the month of May. She is addressing a complaint regarding deck construction.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION:** Denny Blue reported: Small Draft Harbor Coalition attended a meeting in Lansing; Frank English and Jim Poellet attended a water level diversion meeting; Chuck May will visit with marina operators in the Upper Peninsula to encourage their participation in the Harbor Coalition. Dredging of the Portage Lake Channel to Lake Michigan may begin by the end of June. He said the channel cut will be 80 feet out of a 130 foot width. Mike Acton, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Portage Lake Watershed Forever Project, encouraged the Harbor Commission to seek activities from the Watershed Project to pursue to avoid duplication on work being done. Blue said the Commission meets the last Thursday of the month. Wisniski asked the Commission to work with the Watershed Forever Project on the Clean Marina Act. He asked the results of the underwater photos taken in the channel. Blue said the undercutting was not as bad as perceived.

**MTA-Local Chapter:** Mathieu reported on the recent annual MTA dinner meeting.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Parks & Recreation Secretary Tom Gerhardt reported two benches have been ordered for North Point Park, signs indicating location of the Primitive Loop Trail have been ordered. Gerhardt met with Thomas Koon, who is doing his Eagle Scout project at the park. Which will center around the park entrance. Gerhardt also reported he is working on a website for the parks. The group's proposed five-year plan will be included as part of the Joint Master Plan meeting on July 17, to receive input. Donations amounting to \$750 were received from the family of the late Blanche Miller, in honor of Steve Vargo.

**PORTAGE POINT INN:** The board agreed that another resolution is not needed for the proposed septic/drainfield.

**PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT:** Acton reported the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Farr Center. He said the group has formed an inventory and monitoring committee for water testing and monitoring of Red Park, PPI, Little, Covenant Bible Camp, which will be tested three times a year. Schimke Creek outlet and Easy Street will also be tested. Herb Lennon is chairman of the testing committee. Lennon is also heading a shoreline survey to identify all invasive species and site where the spring-fed creeks empty into the lake. Dee Dee Miller is chairman of a Community outreach and Education Committee, to develop a homeowner's manual, brochures on swimmer's itch, law maintenance, water testing, ground water testing location and the importance of wetlands. A second test will be a dissolved oxygen profile to test oxygen levels. Acton said Barry Peterman of the DEQ will be at the June 17 meeting.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** No report.

**JOINT MASTER PLAN MEETING:** Meister reporter that 85-90 people attended the first meeting. The next meeting will be July 17, place to be announced. A leadership team is being selected.

**MILARCH ROAD:** Road is to be repaired this year.

**PORTAGE LAKE STREET & LAKEVIEW:** Clerk to contact road commission to put up signs.

**TORRANT ST.:** The road is graded.

**AVENUE E-- TURN-AROUND:** Awaiting signatures.

**GOLFMORE:** Meister reported letter sent, conferred with homeowner on Golfmore.

**7<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> STREETS:** Wisniski reported the case is not done because no amended plat has been filed.

**BURNHAM AVENUE:** Response has been sent to plaintiff Salisbury Investments, LLC by Township Attorney Thomas Grier of Running, Wise and Ford, for Defendant Onekama Township.

**BROWN/13 MILE: Motion** by Clement, second by Wisniski, to approve Resolution No. 2008-02, Consenting to the vacation of portions of Main Street and Mill Street in the plat of the Village of Pierport (Amended Plat) as recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, Page 17, and re-recorded at Liber 2-A of Plats, Page 16, Manistee County Records, Onekama Township, Manistee County, Michigan. Roll call vote:

Those voting in favor: James wisniski, Roland Clement, David Meister, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu.

Those voting against: None.

Those absent or abstaining: None.

Resolution declared passed.

(Complete Resolution attached to the original documents of these minutes).

**FEE POLICY:** Place on July agenda.

**TIMBER CONTRACT: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the timber contract of Bill Miller, Timber Manager for Timber Management. The contract is to cut all white pine, scotch pine, jackpine and chip all tops of township property located in Section 11. Motion carried.

**ORDI NANCE REVIEW:** Clement reported the proposed zoning ordinance amendment has been sent to the county planning commission and should be back to be placed on the township July agenda for its consideration.

**BUILDING RESEARCH:** Clement's research will be discussed at a special meeting on Monday, June 9 at 9 a.m.

**BS&A: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to purchase BS&A computer program at a cost of \$1,446 for 2008, including maintenance.

**REVISED MILLAGE RATE: Motion** by Beebe, second by Clement to accept the revised millage rates as follows: Operating,1.4344, Fire Department, .08594, Roads,0.9563. Motion carried.

**GILBERT APPEAL:** No new report.

**PERMIT APPLICATION CHANGE:** Changes referred to zoning ordinance committee for revision.

**REVENUE SHARING:** Friday, September 12 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for submitting grant applications. Oral presentations are scheduled for Monday, October 13 at 5 p.m. in the County Road Commission building; grant award meeting is Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at the road commission building.

**TAX FORECLOSURE:** Discuss at June 9 special meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

---Thermal-Tec                      ---MRA                                      ---Alliance for Economic Success  
---At & T                                      ---DEQ# 07-51-001V                      ---DEQ#08-51-009-P

**BILLS: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to pay all regular and incoming bills. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** 12:45 p.m.

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David Meister, Supervisor

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

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LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

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James Wisniski, Trustee