

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008

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, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe and Clerk Helen Mathieu. Absent: Trustee Roland Clement.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept the minutes of September 2, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept the minutes of the Sept. 17, 2008 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Avenue E, 9th Street under Unfinished Business, add Recycling under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Absent.

FIRE/RESCUE: Blake Fitch was unable to attend the meeting. Fire Chief Lawrence Hrachovina reported that Truck 105 is out of service with a broken manifold bolt and it needs tires replaced. The board authorized Hrachovina to get the tires at Manistee Tire Co. at a cost of \$888.12. Hrachovina said the department is participating in a parade Oct. 11 in Manistee and plan to have two fire trucks on display at Onekama's Fall Festival Oct. 11. The department will participate with other departments in a "mass destruction" training session Oct. 18 at Camp Arcadia beginning at noon. Boy Scouts will act as "victims". Wisniski will represent the board on the department's committee to get information on a new fire truck. Consensus of the board to authorize Hrachovina to purchase sets of bunker pants, T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts for the department. **Motion** Wisniski, second by Beebe to authorize Clerk Mathieu to bill whatever utility is involved in an emergency situation with the fire department after 1 ½ hours standby by the department. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve Ordinance No. 2008-02 to create a planning commission for the Township of Onekama as authorized by P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended, being the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, M.C.L. 125.3801 *Et*

Seq. for the purpose of planning and zoning in the Township of Onekama. Roll call vote: James Wisniski, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, yes; Meister, yes. No Nays. Absent: Roland Clement. Motion carried.

(The original document of this ordinance is on file in the township office; a copy as attached to these minutes of the meeting).

-----By-Laws Committee: Put on November agenda.

Meister left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.; Wisniski took over.

CEMETERY: Wisniski reported he will drain all the water systems at the cemetery. He and Mathieu will check the new plot markers done by Abonmarche. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski, to complete the survey of the old portion of the cemetery. Motion carried.

Meister returned at 10:12 a.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Meister announced the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 9 at 9 a.m. in the township hall. No appeals will be heard at this time.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Zoning Board of Appeals Tom Gerhardt reported on the Gilbert and Callaway cases and reported that the board and the alternates met and reviewed and corrected the by-laws and procedures. A corrected draft will be presented for review and action when the ZBA meets again.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Zoning Administrator reported for the month of September: 11 permits approved, 5 violations pending , 1 permit complication, 1 ZBA complication, reported on attending the County Planner and Advisory Committee Meeting Sept. 23. Schindler was asked by the board to place the Traveler's Motel situation higher up on her priority list. The complete report was placed on file.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: No report.

MTA: Wisniski reported the guest speaker discussed "211". The group will meet Wednesday, Oct. 22 in Bear Lake. Future meetings may be held in Onekama or an alternate location, to be announced at a later date.

PARKS & RECREATION: Parks and Recreation Secretary Gerhardt reported that

Eagle scout candidate Thomas Koon with help from fellow Boy Scouts and friends have the entrance work completed and still have to chip the brush at the service gate; Howard Hughes will get a cost estimate on the planting of 1,000 red pin trees along the primitive trail in the Spring, the Portage Lake Community Five-Year Plan was reviewed and a public meeting will be held

Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the township hall, with a special parks committee meeting to follow. Consensus of the board to reimburse Gerhardt for his work on the plan.

LAKESIDE 300 FEET: No report.

PROJECT WATERSHED FOREVER: The group will meet Oct. 23.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION : No report.

JOINT MASTER PLAN: The committee will work on maps to identify property.

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: The board discussed Milarch Road. Meister to attend the next meeting of the road commission.

POTTER ROAD: Bill of \$98,665.62 has been paid.

PORTAGE RIDGE: Board discussed Portage Ridge issue.

Meister left meeting at 11:11 a.m.

BROWN: No report.

13 MILE: No report.

AVENUE E: Not settled.

9TH STREET: Have not seen a corrected plat.

Meister returned 11:15 a.m.

COUNTY ORV ORDINANCE: A public hearing is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. in the county commissioners' office.

RECYCLING: Wisniski will check on costs of having a semi-trailer for cardboard and paper recycling at the township parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Reed reported on the Phragmites demonstration held at Farr Center. She said PLA paid for a survey around the lake to determine the types

of plant species in the water.

CORRESPONDENCE:

---DEQ#08-51-0012-V

---MSU

---Equalization Dept.

---MDEQ

---Charter

---Manistee Holiday Hope Team

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

ADJOURN: Noon.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee (Absent)