

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by 9:02 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 accept the minutes of the February 2, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2010 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Add ICS Classes under new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Absent.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: No report.

RECYCLE: Beebe reported the Recycling Committee is looking into reimbursing the township for its January bill.

FIRE/RESCUE: Randy Baker reported a police report has been filed for the missing positive pressure fan; new applicant Alex Block should be interviewed; Rob Johnson was promoted for equipment and maintenance lieutenant; 4 fire runs, 1 meeting; 10 medical runs, 1 ice water rescue training session for the month of February. Consensus of board to permit Baker to attend a High Angle Rescue Ropes Course; donation to the department of \$100 received from the Gentz family.

VACATION OF ALLEYS WITHIN BLOCK 75, PORTAGE PARK ADDITION: Attorney Jane Johnson, representing the owners involved, presented the request. Board will place it on the April meeting agenda.

VACATION OF ALLEY IN HOPKINS ADDITION TO PIERPORT: Attorney Jason Thompson representing the homeowner, presented a resolution to vacate the alleys.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF TWO ALLEYWAYS LOCATED IN
THE PLAT OF HOPKINS ADDITION TO PIERPORT**

RESOLUTION No. 2010-02

At a regular meeting of the Onekama Township Board held in the Onekama Township Hall, 5435 Main St., Onekama, MI 49675, on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, the following resolution was offered by Helen Mathieu, seconded by James Wisniski:

WHEREAS the plat to Hopkins Addition to Pierport in Onekama Township as currently platted contains a 16 foot wide alley from the western edge of Lakeview Road extending westward to Lot 1 of Block 9;

WHEREAS the owner of the three parcels adjacent to the western most portion of the alleyway (Parcel 51-11-611-001-00, 51-11-610-025-00 and 51-11-611-002-00) seeks to joint the three parcels to make one parcel;

WHEREAS said portion of the alleyway will only service the one parcel and does not provide public access to Lake Michigan;

WHEREAS the Onekama Township Board has determined it is in the public interest to vacate said portion of the alleyway;

WHEREAS the same plat includes a sixteen foot alleyway between the former Lots 2 and 3 of Block 9 of the Hopkins Addition to Pierport;

WHEREAS said alleyway has never been improved and does not provide public access to Lake Michigan

WHEREAS the Onekama Township Board has determined it is in the public interest to vacate said alleyway

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY Onekama Township that that the Onekama Township Board approves the vacation of

1. the 16 foot wide alleyway in the Amended Plat, Hopkins Addition to Pierport, Block 9, lying between Lakeview Road and Lot 1 (Tax Parcel No 001-00) as created by the Decision of the Manistee County Circuit Court in the case of Griswold v Alstrom et al, File No 92-6915-CH and recorded at Liber 582 Page 373 et seq, and State Plat No. 062626.
2. The sixteen foot alley located between Lots 2 and 3 of Block 9 to the Hopkins Addition to Pierport

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF MANISTEE) ss.

I, Helen Mathieu, Onekama Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Onekama Township Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 2010, by the following vote:

YEAS: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried.

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes were therefore filed in compliance with Act. No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Township of Onekama on this 2nd day of March, 2010.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk
Onekama Township

ENGINEERS, DECISION: After much discussion, **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to have Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. of Traverse City to conduct an engineering feasibility study for a sewer around Portage Lake.

Roll call:

Yeas: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister.

Nays: None:

Absent: None.

Not Voting: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to sign the pre-engineering application to be turned into USDA/RD for \$900 payable to Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering Inc. of Traverse City.

Roll call:

Yeas: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Not Voting: None.

Motion carried.

Meister called a five minute recess at 10:25 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Meister reported the Community Master Plan has been forwarded to the township board from the planning commission. Plan was discussed by the board. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Clement to accept the plan as presented.

Roll call:

Yeas: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, Helen Mathieu, David Meister.

Nays: LaVonne Schafer-Beebe.

Absent: None.

Not Voting: None.

Motion carried 4-1.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Organizational meeting was March 2. Hearings will be Monday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, March 10 from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported one Land Use Permit issued for February; hearing is April 15 for violations for property # 51-11-280-006-00; violation resolved on Parcel # 51-11-690-021-00.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Secretary Tom Gerhardt reported the next meeting will be April 8 at 8 a.m. in the township hall; Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled for Friday, April 30 at North Point Park—volunteers are needed; Arbor Day co-chairmen Jon Phillips and Howard Hughes will meet Thursday, April 22 at 8 a.m. in the township hall to finalize the tree planting plans; Gerhardt is working on a project to have Glen Park established as a state historical site.

MTA-Local and Conference: Wisniski reported the MTA meeting featured a speaker on the new 2-1-1

service in the county. Lt. Mike Hosk gave a report in the importance of the Michigan Emergency Management Assistant Compact. The township is asked to sign the compact in order to receive assistance in emergencies. Lt. Ken Falk is the contact person for Manistee County. The topic will be added to the April meeting agenda. Jim Espivik is the new MTA chairman; Wisniski is vice-chairman.

Township representatives at the MTA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids recently reported on some of the workshops they attended: Beebe and Deputy Treasurer Amber Flippen- GasB Finance and Banking Seminars, Meetings for Deputies, Farm Fresh seminar; Mary Kuipers-Election meetings including discussion of a possible Constitutional Conference on the ballot., Census Workshop, Deputies Duties; Helen Mathieu-Millage, Budgeting, Independent Contractors, Leadership Made Simple; Mary Lou Millard-Policies Every Board Needs. Making and Supporting Good Zoning Decisions, Optimizing Your OMA IQ, Real Worlds Records Management, Crisis Commotion-Dealing With the Media. The group also attended many other workshops at the conference.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Will meet March 25 in the township hall at 7 p.m.; presented two choices for placement of the lighthouse at the DNR access site.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: Mary Reed reported the PLA is working with the Watershed Committee to prepare sign listing “preventatives” at the boat launches, is working with the schools to conduct informational sessions on water protection.

DEQ: No report.

ROADS: Consensus of board to have Meister return the check the township billed the commission for a recent fire.

SPECIAL MEETING: The board will have a special meeting Wednesday, March 3 at 9 a.m. to discuss Spring road projects and priorities, Alley Vacation for Block 75 in Portage Park Addition, and township well.

SCHWING: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept Suzanne Schwing’s resolution request to support a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03

As a requirement for the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant,

WE, the Onekama Township board, resolve to support the application for a grant to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the purchase of the Portage Lake Wetlands Project (Parcels #: 51-41-100-095-00, 51-41-096-00, 51-41-100-097-00, 51-41-100-098-00).

The Onekama Township Board will commit to the grant match of twenty-five per cent of the land acquisition project cost. Money for the match will be obtained through donations, grants and/or a vote for additional funds.

Roll call:

Yeas: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Not Voting: None.

Motion carried.

I. Helen Mathieu, Clerk of the Township of Onekama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Onekama at a regular meeting thereof held on the third day of March, 2010.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Township of Onekama

(Note: The resolution will be on the August, 2010 election ballot).

ORV: Wisniski will meet with other townships regarding roads they use and will then meet with the Onekama board for further discussion.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MANISTEE CO. & ONEKAMA: Clerk reported bill has been paid and agreement signed.

GYPSY MOTH CONTRACT: Information is available at township hall for spraying.

REVENUE SHARING GRANT: One application submitted for equipment for \$3,655.50; another application submitted for a fire truck for \$35,000.

METRO ACT: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to have the supervisor sign the right-of-way agreement. Motion carried.

ESCROW: Tabled.

ICF CLASSES: Dates are April 17 and 18, and May 1 and 2. More information needed.

TOWNSHIP WELL: Will be discussed at the special meeting March 3.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. Motion carried.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee