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**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012, 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 “Nipper” Wisniski, Trustee Roland Clement, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Clerk Helen Mathieu.

**MINUTES: Motion** by Clement, second by Wisniski, to accept the minutes of the Dec. 6, 2011 meeting with the following correction: attach the Invasive Species Dec. 6, 2011 report to the original minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Beebe reported that data for report unavailable at this date; complete report will be presented at the February meeting.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Mathieu discussed budget information as of Dec. 30, 2011.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Notary under New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD:** Absent.

**COMMISSIONER DUANE ANDERSON:** Anderson reported the commissioners will have an organizational meeting Jan. 3.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Assistant Chief Bret Mathieu reported that there were 10 rescue runs for the Jaws truck, five were canceled; there were 7 rescue calls for the month of December. He said some physical changes are being made to the new fire truck. He presented new applicants for the fire department and an applicant for the Cadet Program. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept Kristine Roberts and Clinton Osborne as new members of the department. Motion carried. Applicants are to provide all paper work to the clerk prior to complete acceptance to the department. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept Curtis McKinney into the Cadet Program providing a work release permit is received. Motion carried.

10 a.m.: A three minute recess was taken.

10:04 a.m. Regular meeting resumed.

**CADET WAGES: Motion** by Beebe, second by Clement to approve wages of \$8 per hour for cadets. Motion carried.

**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION:** Mathieu said that Jon Phillips has resigned from the planning commission. An ad will be placed in the paper to seek applications for the position. Village President Bob Blackmore will contact Nancy Story regarding her term's expiration as of December, 2011.

**MULTI-TOWNSHIP COLLABORATIVE MASTER PLAN: Motion** by Clement, second by Beebe to approve Resolution No. 2011-09, Collaborative Master Plan and Implementation Strategy. Roll call vote: James Wisniski, no; Roland Clement, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, yes, David Meister, yes. Motion carried. (NOTE: A copy of the "Agreement to Partner", Regional Collaborative Master Plan and Implementation Strategy is attached to the original minutes of this meeting).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-09**

**COLLABORATIVE MASTER PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

**Whereas,** Onekama Township is vitally concerned with the quality of life and economic well-being of this and future generations; and

**Whereas,** Onekama Township needs a Master Plan and an Implementation Strategy that can serve as a guide for the betterment of our Township and as a plan of action to achieve Township goals and objectives; and

**Whereas,** the Master Plan and Implementation Strategy for our Township can be strengthened by identifying issues, priorities and action steps that are shared by neighboring townships, forming the basis for regional strategies; and

**Whereas,** a Collaborative Master Plan and Implementation Strategy would serve the needs of our Township while identifying collaborative opportunities that will make us more effective and efficient in achieving our goals and, where necessary, help us leverage financial and technical resources that can be more readily secured to address needs and issues on a regional basis;

**Therefore,** be it resolved, that Onekama Township enter into the "Agreement to Partner" to develop a "Regional Collaborative Master Plan and Implementation Strategy" with our neighboring townships.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012.

By \_\_\_\_\_ its Supervisor.

**Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to appoint Planning Commission Vice Chairman Susan Barnard to continue as a member of the Collaborative Master Plan Team. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Assessor Ginny Martz reported she has looked at new construction; warrants and minutes delivered to Equalization and County Treasurer on Dec. 15, 2011; the Equalization studies resulted in AG having a ratio of 53.78 per cent, commercial, 51.97 per cent; industrial, 57.83 per cent. Final opinion and judgment for one tax tribunal case was received and had to do with a stipulation on another one; splits should be available this week.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Board will have an organizational meeting sometime in January.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** One Land Use Permit issued for December. Board will have a six month review meeting with the Zoning Administrator on Monday, Jan.9 at 9:30 a.m.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Consensus of the board to have Clement assist with the preparation of an application to the DNR to secure a permit for work at Langland Park (Turn-around). The committee will meet for a work session Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8 a.m.

**MTA:** Wisniski, Beebe and Deputy Treasurer Amber Flippen will attend the annual MTA conference Jan. 24-27 in Detroit.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION:** No report.

**INVASIVE SPECIES:** Chairman Mary Reed reported the committee reviewed the applicator contract, the proposal for hybrid milfoil deep water treatment and Management Report for 2011. It has a meeting request in to consultant Jennifer Jones for sometime in January to provide answers to various questions the committee has. The complete report has been placed on file.

**ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS:** Group is seeking information and input regarding broadband internet for the township.

**DISINCORPORATION COMMISSION:** The commission will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. in Farr Center.

**WATERSHED COMMITTEE:** Reed and Mike Acton are co-chairmen for the group, which is working to revive interest in the watershed, including a possible summer water

festival and more educational programs for the public. The committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in Farr Center.

**ROADS:** Meister asked the village president and board to submit a priority list of village roads needing repair.

**KARI STREET:** Letters received from Ted Lawrence and Dan Behring.

**COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:** No report; next meeting is Jan. 12.

**PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW (DIRKSEN/BROWN):** No activity.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** PLA will consider accepting the lights. Clerk Mathieu will cancel the township’s insurance on the lights.

**BUILDING FILL:** No decision on additional fill at this time.

**EXPLORE THE SHORES:** Leadership Team may meet in January.

**UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DISCLOSURE PROGRAM:** Correspondence received.

**NOTARY:** Consensus to have Clerk Mathieu continue as a Notary.

**SIDEWALK:** Place on February agenda.

**MUSEUM:** Beebe asked about considering a museum for the township; board asked her to seek further information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

---District Health Dept. # 10

---DEQ

---State of MI

---MRA

---Consumer’s Energy

---Par Plan

**ADJOURN:** 11:45 a.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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Roland Clement, Trustee

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James Wisniski, Trustee