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**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2011, 9 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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 Mathieu, second by Wisniski to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2011 meeting with the following corrections: Under Portage Lake Harbor Commission “the Township contributed \$10,651.37”; under Alliance for Economic Success “the board added Mary Lou Millard to the Coastal Park Grant Leadership Team and specified the entire team is an “ad hoc” team. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Beebe reported the balance in the General Fund as of Feb. 28, 2011 is \$588,432.60; balance in the Fire Fund as of February 28, 2011 is \$301,927.68.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Benzie Snow Birds/Mark Coe, before County Commissioners, Calendar, Road End Bids, Community Dock, after DEQ.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**BENZIE SNOW BIRDS/MARK COE:** Coe explained the trail routes through the areas outside Manistee County, their benefits, rules and maintenance. He said the group would like to create a trail system in Manistee County to connect the spurs in the county to the existing trail system. Further information will be available at a later date.

**COMMISSIONER DUANE ANDERSON:** No report.

**COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD:** Hilliard reported that the state won’t replace Judge Danielson, who retired.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Tom Kleinsorge reported 4 fire runs, 2 meetings, 1 training recertification, 1 monthly air pack inspection for fire for month of February; 10 rescue runs, 1 meeting, all air packs tested and are good for 5 years, for rescue for month of February. Dates are being set to travel to Illinois to see the new fire truck, township is waiting for bill for the new truck chassis. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to approve the cadet application of Kaitlin Kubiskey. Motion carried. Wisniski, Mathieu and Mary Lou Millard will work on creating a fire department ordinance. Mathieu reported that the Tier II Emergency Hazardous Chemical Inventory has been turned over to the fire chief.

**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION:** Commission Recording Secretary Millard reported that the commission is reviewing and working on the zoning ordinance.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** The Board of Review will have its organizational meeting March 8 at 9 a.m. No appeals will be heard at this time. The dates for Board of Review for public appeals are Monday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, March 16 from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. in the township hall. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to pay \$10,802.22 for 2010 parcel preparation and to sign the contract for 2011. Motion carried. Assessor Ginny Martz said the notices of assessment for

real property were mailed Feb. 11, notices for personal property were mailed Feb. 28. She said the PRE's are up to date.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported no appeals.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported renewal of 1 land use permit and issuance of another for the month of February; 2 violation notices sent. The report was placed on file.

**WATER WELL:** Hugh Rollin reported that the well is currently pumping 60 gallons per minute. The well is buried five feet deep. Consensus of the board is to go with the well as it is pumping now. Rollin will obtain specifications and present an estimate for water tanks for placement in the fire department garage. Rollins will sublet to electrician and others so that all expenses will be placed on one bill.

**MTA:** Wisniski reported that new officers are Jim Espvik, chairman; Wisniski, vice chairman; Joy Hutchinson, secretary; Linda Cudney, treasurer. The annual dinner will be Wednesday, May 25 at the Bear Lake United Methodist Church. He said Sheriff Dale Kowalkowski reported that prisoners are available for supervised work in the townships, if wanted. Meister explained the difference between statutory revenue sharing and constitutional revenue sharing. He said the township has always had constitutional revenue sharing.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION:** Meister referred to the commission minutes which stated that the commission is moving forward to complete the Asset Inventory for the Port Collaborative. When completed the information will be distributed to the village, township, PLA, Watershed and Parks and Recreation Committee. Meister also announced that Chuck May, founder of the Lakes Small Harbors Coalition was honored with the 2010 BoatUS Recreational Boating Access Award, for his efforts in helping to improve the voice of small harbors, secure greater federal funding for dredging and ensuring the future of water-dependent economies.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Vice Chairman Mary Lou Millard explained that the Army Corps of Engineers will pay for and install their safety/warning signs and also rip current information signs along the channel. Consensus of board to let the Parks & Recreation Committee meet year-round, on an as needed basis. The board agreed to contact surveyors and get bids for marking the outer perimeters of land acquired by the township from the DNRE.

**ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS:** The next meeting to discuss a merger proposal for Onekama Village and Onekama Township will be Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Farr Center.

**WATERSHED COMMITTEE:** Mary Reed reported the group is considering activities to coincide with Onekama Days.

**INVASIVE SPECIES:** Reed was instructed to get a clarification from the lawyer on the "aquatic" word reference in the contracts and if other non-aquatic species be treated in the township. Reed and Mathieu will also seek a response on treating the entrance to the channel.

**DEQ:** Measurements will be taken as soon the snow is gone.

**ROAD COMMISSION:** The next meeting is Friday, March 11 at 9 a.m.

**PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW (Dirksen/Brown):** A new status conference is set for May 9. The attorney will meet with the road commission to

finalize the survey.

**SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT:** Meister reported problems were discussed; option will be discussed to alleviate the issues.

**DDA:** Place on April agenda.

**MRA:** The township paid \$3,346 in 2010.

**COMMUNITY DOCK:** Second letter received; Meister responded by telephone to the letter. He reported no action has been done on this issue.

**CALENDAR:** Consensus of the board to publish the calendar.

**BUDGET:** Board will meet Wednesday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. to work on the budget.

**CONSUMER'S ENERGY:** Clement reported on a meeting he attended with two utility companies who offered information on obtaining financial assistance to upgrade buildings.

**BIDS FOR LAWN SERVICE:** Clerk to prepare a list of projects and seek bids.

**AD HOC:** Portage Lake Harbor Commission to become an "ad hoc" committee.

**DEPUTY:** Supervisor Meister appointed Village President Bob Blackmore as his deputy supervisor.

**RECYCLING:** Meister announced that L. Bowling's Metal Recycling trucks will be available at the township parking lot for metal recycling. He will accept appliances, batteries, trucks and autos, farm tools, all metals, aluminum, copper, brass. The dates he will be at the township parking lot --on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon-- are: March 26, April 9 and 23, May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25, July 2, 16 and 30, August 13 and 27, September 3 and 17, October 1, 15 and 29, November 12 and 26, December 10, 24, 31.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Treasury Dept., PLA, Army Corps, Law Weathers, MI Stormwater, Manistee Planning Dept.

**ADJOURN:** 12:13 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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Roland Clement, Trustee

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James Wisniski, Trustee