

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2009

**DRAFT**

Meeting called to order by Clerk Mathieu at 9:04 a.m..

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk asked Trustee Roland Clement to take over the meeting until the arrival of Supervisor Meister.

Members present: Treasurer LaVonne Beebe, Clerk Helen Mathieu, Trustee James Wisniski. Absent: Supervisor David Meister.

**MINUTES: Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski to accept September 1, 2009 regular township minutes with typo corrections. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept special meeting minutes of September 8, 2009 as read. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beebe reported totals on the difference of tax collection totals of 2008 and 2009. Placed September bank reconciliation reports on table for review.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Cemetery ? Quick Claim Deed ? November meeting change

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMISSIONERS:** Ed Haik and Ken Hilliard reported that the County fiscal year budget has been

adopted. County office jobs were adjusted such as sharing secretaries to reduce budget expenditures. Stimulus money is available for hi-speed internet service in rural areas of the county. The County Fair was successful even though attendance was low.

**FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:** The Clerk read report from Chief Hrachovina. Seventeen medical runs, seven fire runs, three meetings, and one air pack inspection. Manistee Fire Prevention Weekend was a success, Onekama participated. Training sessions scheduled October 12, 17, 19, and November 9 here at the Township meeting room. There is a training meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at a house on 11 Mile Rd, owned by the Village for air pack, search and rescue, forcible entry, and ladder handling. The board also gave approval for Hrachovina, Lapp, and Kleinsorge to attend the Reading Smoke Class in Traverse City on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Fire/Rescue department received a "thank you" gift of \$500.00 from John Vaughn.

Meister arrived at 9:27 am. Clement turned the meeting over to Meister.

**RECYCLING:** Mary Pitcher and Marlene Wood-Zylstra were present asking for questions and answers regarding PA 069 which concerns County-wide recycling developed and implemented by the Alliance for Economic Success. There was discussion of liability, snow removal, surcharges, site maintenance, and site locations.

**Motion** by Clement, second by Beebe, to move ahead and try the county wide recycle program for one year, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. There was a roll call vote: Wisniski, yea; Clement, yea; Meister, yea; Beebe, yea; and Mathieu, yea. Motion carried. Meister signed the Recycling Program Interlocal Agreement.

## **STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

Based on the above-stated-facts, Manistee County, and the Township of Onekama, hereby agree to the imposition and collection by the County Treasurer of a surcharge on households to cover costs of waste reductions programs and collection of consumer source separated material, as defined by Act 641, P.A. 1978, All funds so collected will be administered by Manistee County in accordance with State Statute and the Manistee County Solid Waste Plan. Manistee County will develop, implement and launch the recycling services under the guidance and direction of the Alliance for Economic Success. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010.

**COMMUNITY PLANNERS:** The meeting date has been changed from October 15 to October 22. The ordinance committee is responsible for revisions to the present Ordinance and therefore the documents received by the Community Planners should be for information only at this time.

John Iacoangeli of Beckett & Raeder has sent compact disks with copies of the Onekama Community Master Plan report and supporting materials prepared jointly by Onekama Township and the Village of Onekama to surrounding municipalities, Manistee County, and the regional planning commission. Alice Hendricks was given a copy to present to the Village.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Assessor Ginny Martz and Treasurer Beebe will submit Phragmites Special Assessment roll to the County for preparation of winter tax bills.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** A meeting has been set for October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. for a continuation of the Schram and Norbeck appeals.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Report received from Schindler and placed on file. Meister questioned the fact of a "show cause" hearing on the Manthey special use.

**INVASIVE SPECIES:** Mary Reed introduced Jane Mueller of the Portage Lake Garden Club. The Garden Club commended the Township for action taken to protect and preserve our environment and she presented a check for \$500.00 towards our weed eradication program.

Mary Reed gave a report from the Invasive Species Committee. On September 15<sup>th</sup> the Eurasian water milfoil was treated by Professional Lake Management. Treatment began at 8:00 a.m and three boats equipped with sprayers were used. We can expect to have new areas of milfoil when treatment is done in the fall. These new areas will be treated after the spring survey. On September 25<sup>th</sup> the treatment of Phragmites by Aquatic Services Inc was done. The airboat, Argo and back sprayer started before 8:a.m. and moved east around the lake from the south side of the channel. Knox, the owner of Aquatic Services Inc. was very confident about being able to control our phragmites. Professional Lake Management treated 120 acres with 2,4-d @ 100# / acre and 41.5 acres with Renovate OTF. Cost \$59,060 (Budget \$54,975)

Aquatic Services Inc .used a special formula of glyphosate and imazapyr to treat 83 acres of phragmites: Cost \$21,995. (Budget \$69,000)

The committee met on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and recommends that the contracts for these two applicator companies be renewed for next two years if the current contract is not a 3 year contract.

Status of stimulus grant from DNR: Official report from Brian Piccolo is that the release of funding came too late to organize a 2009 fall treatment for those who were to receive the grants. This money can be used through September 2010.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD COMMENDS THE COMMITTEE ? PHRAGMITES ADMINISTRATOR MARY REED, CHUCK REED, HERB LENON, DAN BEHRING, and JIM SIMONS for a (?JOB WELL DONE?)** It's great to have a community with individuals to volunteer their time and effort on

such a large commitment.

**MTA:** We have received the registration brochure for the 57<sup>th</sup> MTA Annual Educational Conference in Grand Rapids on January 27-29, 2010. Officials who wish to attend were Wisniski, Beebe, Mathieu, and Kuipers, The Planning members will also be invited.

Wisniski reported on the MTA local chapter meeting.

**HARBOR COMMISSION:** Minutes were presented and placed on file.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were presented. It was the consensus of the board that Carden Park will be mowed and brush removed in the spring.

**PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER:** Meister reported that he is no longer a member of the committee, and that Cathy Ervin is joining the committee.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** No report

**ROADS:** We have received two bids in addition to the bid from the County Road Commission for gravel on Chrestensen Road and Maidens Road. No decision will be made until Meister and Wisniski revisit the issue.

Portage Lake Ave, Sunnyside, Lakeview issue had no new correspondence from attorneys.

Road Commission minutes were reviewed by the board.

Ninth Street surveys have been completed. County Road Commission has not installed public access pillars.

Burnham Road: Onekama Township received a proposed ordinance governing road end use on Burnham Road west of Lakeview Road for adoption consideration. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement, NOT to adopt the ordinance sent by attorney Jason Thompson as presented. Motion carried.  
BURNHAM ROAD IS NOT A TOWNSHIP ROAD END, IT BELONGS TO THE MANISTEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION.

Meister has instructed Township attorney Tom Grier not to address any further activity regarding Burnham Road.

Portage Point Drive: A communication was received from the Portage Point Summer Resort Corporation regarding road conditions as well as traffic patterns and usage that affect them at Portage Point. Suggestions were made to improve the safety and welfare of traffic and pedestrians. Repairs to the wooden barrier supporting the north side of Angel Slide have been discussed by the Township and the Road Commission. Before anything can be done, the Road Commission would have to pull a DEQ permit.

**ORV ORDINANCE:** We are waiting for a list of roads closed to ORV use in our Township.

**BEACH CLEANUP:** Cleanup is tabled until early spring of 2010.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED:** Parcel # 51-11-290-248-00 A quit claim deed has been received from John and Diane Chrestensen. There was a consensus of the board to accept deed.

**CEMETERY:** Wisniski reported that he will have the cemetery water system drained for the winter.

**MEETING CHANGE:** Due to November election, the regular November Board meeting has been changed to **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009.**

**F-65 ANNUAL REPORT:** The annual audit report has been received and review by the board.

**DNR:** Copies of permits have received and posted. Permit No. 09-51-0036-P; 09-51-0043-P; 09-51-0041-P; 09-51-0047-P; 09-51-0025-P. And Oil and Gas Lease rights under land located in Section 13.

**EQUALIZATION:** Form L-4029 and the Certificate and Report of Township Millage to be raised year of 2009. The Clerk and Supervisor will sign.

**WORKSHOPS:** Various workshop forms have been received for Township Boards.

**COMPUTERS AND TOSHIBA COPIER:** The maintenance agreement for the Toshiba ES280 has

been signed by Mathieu with Michigan Office Solutions. Additional backup for eight office computers was quoted at \$89.00 each. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski, to allow the updates of the computer units. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BILLS:** **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to pay payroll and all bills.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We have received a "thank you" from Michigan WORKS for using their summer program. We received MRA Township report of attendance. Information was received on 2-1-1. The County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program was successful, report placed on file.

Meister reported a discussion between himself and Village President Dave Combs regarding the eventual combining of the two entities. It is understood that the Village has approved the study of this merger.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW:** At 12: noon, there was a **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement, to go into closed session regarding Zoning Administrator request, using CL15.261 in accordance with "Open Meetings Act". Motion carried.

**Motion** at 12:05 p.m. by Wisniski, support by Clement to reconvene meeting. Motion carried. After more discussion, no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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David Meister, Supervisor

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

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LaVonne Schafer-Beebe

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Roland Clement, Trustee

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James Wisniski, Trustee