

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor David Meister at 7:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Attendance:** Jim Wisniski, Bob Blackmore, Shelli Johnson, Ken Schwerdt (Wade Trim) and Meister. Absent: LaVonne Beebe

**Public Comment:** Comment received regarding a “Need Study”.

**Live Well Manistee County sign Resolution:** No Data. No Action

**Two Lake Sewer Authority District Boundaries**

Meister updated the audience on the TLSA Collaborative. A \$30,000 grant for the application process was awarded by the USDA RD. Wade Trim has been hired to develop the boundaries and proceed with the application process.

A map of the boundaries is hanging on the wall in the Township.

Schwerdt updated the audience on the Preliminary Engineering Report that is in the development phase to Rural Development (RD). There are four municipalities involved and may get up to 50% of cost in grant money awarded. Key items are treatment options and collection options. RD sets the loan amount, grant amount, and the interest rate.

**Q & A Period, open forum with public:**

The loan will be paid for by Special Assessment. A single-family house equals 1 REU.

A determination needs to be made on how to assess vacant lots/non-buildable lots.

How are BNB’s or Rental Units going to be addressed, Residential or Commercial?

What drives the income level? Median Household Income based on Census.

Maintenance costs are covered by a monthly fee.

USDA sets rates of what is charged, not the individual municipalities.

A timeline of the project/process is on the website: [Onekama.info/township](http://Onekama.info/township)

Question for Brian Sousa (absent) regarding operations. What is the fail-safe system you're planning on using for seasonal people? Valves fail and houses will be flooded with sewage.

Question for Tom Traciak (absent): Are the loan payments tax deductible?

**Public Comment** None

**Next Meeting Date will be set and posted in the near future.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm**