

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
5283 Main Street, Onekama, MI (231) 889-3171

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: Christopher Forth, Susan Halloran and Tom Foster

Members excused: Deborah Storms and Wendy Kamaloski.

Members Absent: None

Halloran and Forth stated if a member needs to be excused from a meeting, the Chair needs to be contacted 48 hours prior to the meeting date, unless it is an emergency.

ACCEPT/AMEND THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the July 11, 2023 agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Forth indicated the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes had not yet been prepared due to the resignation of the Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed amendments to the Portage Lake Overlay Zoning District – Discussion Only

Forth summarized the proposed changes to the ordinance language and noted the public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the August 8, 2023 meeting. Forth noted mixed-use development is not included at this time. The location and type of mixed-use buildings needs to be determined with more work by the Commission and further public input. Forth suggested a work session with a large-sale map that the Manistee County Planning Department can produce, but at a cost to the Village (app. \$125). The Commission also discussed current zoning issues and the need to move forward with the Master Plan update. Forth will follow-up with the Manistee County Planning Department to ensure the required notice is published in the local newspaper in accordance with State statute.

With regard to the Master Plan, the Commission discussed the Manistee County Community Foundation decision not to provide funding and steps to move the project forward. Halloran suggested the Village finance the amount requested from the Foundation. Forth indicated the Request for Proposals can be updated and distributed again in November 2023 with a project start in the spring of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

John Wemlinger stated consistency in ordinance enforcement and interpretation of rules by the Village is needed. Valerie Clements stated follow-up on complaints involving blight is also needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Forth", written in a cursive style.

Christopher Forth, AICP
Chairperson