

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP
BOARD REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021
4:00 P M**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor David Meister at 4:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Bob Blackmore, Shelli Johnson, Allen Taylor, Ed Bradford and Meister.

MINUTES: **Motion** by Taylor, Second by Blackmore to Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. M/C **Motion** by Bradford, Second by Blackmore to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Special Township Board Meeting with the verbiage change from “per acre to read per parcel”. M/C

CLERK’S REPORT received by Johnson. Revenue & Expense report and the Trial Balance report was distributed. Johnson and Bradford need to review the chart of accounts and change some items. The MTA Manistee Chapter will be holding the June 23rd meeting in Onekama. The Election Commission will hold it’s meeting on June 28th at 4:00 PM. The PAT will be held on June 28th at 10:00 am.

TREASURER’S REPORT received from Bradford. Cash Fund balances, Revenue Fund Balances, and the escrowed Onekama 150 Balances were all received. Property Tax Bills are being printed along with the inserts that will be sent out with the tax bills. Please read the inserts. The Laserfiche server upgrade is complete. Regarding the Go Fund Me, Bradford would like there to be a purpose, goal and timeframe; not open ended. Taylor would like to have one set up for the Kayak launch. Bradford would like the Parks & Rec Committee to come up with a plan to the present to the Township Board at the next meeting. **Motion** by Bradford, Second by Blackmore to approve the CivicEngage Quote # Q-17361-1, with Advanced Redesign, per review and approval by Township Attorney Tom Grier, Total Investment for Year 1 is \$10,500 with the Annual Recurring Services Year 2 amount of \$3,150. Roll Call Vote: Taylor – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Bradford – Yes, Meister – Yes, Johnson – Yes M/C

AMEND AGENDA: Add Portage Lake Bible Camp/Consumers Energy to New Business. Monthly Meeting packets add to New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP: Blackmore gave an update on getting the request fulfilled in getting a street light at Camp Delight Rd and Ellen Rd for Portage Lake Bible Camp. The Street Lights would be done by Consumers Energy and would cost *approximately* \$125 per light per year. This would be the same for the light that the Township put up for Little Eden.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES UPDATE: Bradford updated that he is putting together a spreadsheet of the parcels. He will be needing some information from the assessor and then he will get back with the group for the next step.

MEETING PACKETS: Motion by Bradford, Second by Blackmore stating that ALL items to be on the upcoming month's agenda are to be turned in to Johnson on or before 9:00 AM TUESDAY (THE WEEK BEFORE) the meeting date to be added to the agenda and distributed accordingly. M/C

LAWSUIT: Meister gave the new members of the board a recap of the lawsuit that the Township and several others have been listed in over the past few years regarding property at the very end of Easy Street.

REPORTS:

RECYCLE: Sarah Archer gave an updated report on the recycle location at the Fair Grounds. She also stated that the oil contamination in the bin recently cost \$650 to clean it out. They have pulled out trash bags and found the addresses of violators that are dumping their trash in the bins. Archer and her team are contacting those households regarding the use of the bins. Meister has sent Archer contact information on a potential new site for the bins and semi to be located. Johnson will look up to see if there is an ordinance and see if fines were established. If so she will send a copy of the ordinance to Sarah.

ROADS: Report given by Blackmore. Parking Lot Bid was received by Ron Brown. Procedures state that more bids are needed prior to scheduling any work. More bids will be required.

Motion by Blackmore, Second by Taylor to accept the Agreement from the Manistee County Road Commission for Road Re-graveling on Various Roads (per list supplied: Chrestensen Rd, Erickson Rd, Ferndale Dr, Herkelrath Rd – 2 sections, Ivanhoe Rd, Jones Rd, Joseph Rd, Kay St, North Lake Park Dr, Seymour St, West Greenway Dr, South Greenway Dr, and 11 Mile Rd – 3 sections) in the amount of \$311,869.50 with the Township Match of \$141,979.50 and the Road Commission Match of \$169,890.00. Roll Call Vote: Taylor – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Bradford – Yes, Meister – Yes, Johnson – Yes M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report received from Katie Mehl.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given by David Wallace. **Motion** by Johnson, Second by Blackmore to accept the Zoning Ordinance Changes per recommendations to Article 1033 Solar Panels as recommended by the Planning Commission. M/C

Motion by Taylor, Second by Blackmore to add Lara Treemore-Spears to the Planning Commission, filling the vacancy and term left by Jon Phillips. M/C

ASSESSOR: Report received from Ginny Martz. The database with all the current Principal Residence Exemptions and recind affidavits was submitted electronically to Equalization on June 7th. The final opinion and judgement on the Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal was received regarding the April 19th hearing. The judge raised the assessed and true cash values. This final opinion and judgement was forwarded to Equalization, County Treasurer, and Township Treasurer.

ZBA: Report from Jim Pomaranski. Updates were given on the recent Public Hearings from Cook and Vanecek cases.

TLSA: Meister updated the Board on the recent letter received from SHPO.

HARBOR COMMISSION: The Minutes were received on recent meetings.

PARKS & REC: Report given by Chairperson Rich Lapinski. The Bulletin Board was installed at Northpoint Park. Two Pet waste stations were installed at the north and south accesses. Pollinator strips to be planted in Fall of 2021 and were sourced from Black Cap Farms. Swidorski has completed work at Langland Park. The parking lot has been restriped. New vault toilet door to be ordered with hydraulic closure. Quote was received for 2 beach boundary signs. More discussion needed. Discussed UA beach access points and beach clean-up quote. Glen Par debris from well gazebo has been removed. Quote received for 2 park boundary signs and more discussion is needed on this as well. Work is progressing with Networks Northwest on updating the 5-year plan. The Kayak Launch project is delayed due to the E-Z dock fabrication. Possibly getting things installed in August. Park Maps are complete for Langland, Glen Park and Northpoint.

INVASIVE SPECIES/WATERSHED: No Report. Lara Treemore-Spears suggested that the Invasives and Watershed be defined. There appears to be confusion as to who is associated with each group.

PLA: Report by Al Taylor. The PLA is planning on a full agenda this year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from FEMA

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave Wallace commented that on June 26 Scrap Tire Collection at Bay Area Recyclers, \$2/tire, 10am-2pm. July 16 at the Village Park, Annual Meeting of the Conservation District. August 21 from 9am-1pm is the Hazardous Waste Collection Clean Sweep at the Manistee County Road Commission. August 26 there is an Autumn Olive Work Shop. September 25 is another Scrap Tire Collection.

BILLS TO BE PAID: **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Taylor to pay all regular and incoming bills for June. M/C.

Meeting adjourned 7:07 p.m.

Shelli Johnson, Clerk