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**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012, 9 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 9 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 Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2012 Regular Meeting. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement, to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Beebe said because of the May 1 meeting date, the financial reports are not yet available. Report will be available at the June meeting.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Al Taylor before the Board of Review, add Petition Deadline, GOP, Weddings at Pierport and Langland Park, at the end of the meeting; add Master Plan with Other Board Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Ann Hooghart of the Manistee County Road Commission regarding the Kettle Hole Drain issue. She said a public hearing on the issue is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in Stronach Township Hall.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Trout presented language for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance under Article 10, General Regulations, Section 1029: **Land Uses for Enterprises on Purposes That Are Contrary to Federal, State, or Local Laws or Ordinances are Prohibited.** After consultation with the MTA, Clerk Mathieu referred the proposal back to the Planning Commission for language refinement and a required public hearing.

Trout also discussed a proposed Wind Energy Ordinance and said the board should have a draft for its June meeting. He said he should have copies of the latest proposed zoning ordinance for the board by Monday, May 7.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Mrozinski and Dennis Blue reported. Mrozinski gave some background on the commission and the creation of the Michigan Port Collaborative. Blue said the Collaborative is a state organization representing 60 ports in Michigan. The Collaborative received the Governor’s Award for 2011 and the Harbor Commission also received a special Governor’s Award, which states: “The Michigan Travel Commission proudly presents this 2012 Governor’s Award for Innovative Tourism Collaboration for Non-Traditional Partnerships to Portage Lake Harbor Commission . Selected for their excellent

representation of the spirits of innovation and collaboration in their work to enhance the reputation, quality and value of the Michigan tourism experience. March, 2012”. Blue presented the award plaque to the township. Blue was named to the Executive Board of the Port Collaborative.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Hilliard discussed the Kettle Hole Drain issue; said Deborah Day retired from the Juvenile Division, auditor’s report shows the county looks good.; Regional Summit is Sept. 20 in Pleasanton Township.

Meister left the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and asked Clement to continue to conduct the meeting.

Meister returned to the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and resumed conducting the meeting.

Hilliard also said Wexford County 911 is asking Manistee County 911 to merge. Commissioners sent letter of inquiry to Wexford Township. A speaker system will be obtained for District Court.

COMMISSIONER DUANE ANDERSON: No further report.

FIRE/RESCUE: Mathieu reported: 9 rescue runs and 1 meeting for April; 3 fire runs, 1 Jaws run, 2 fire meetings. Board approved application from Glen Wheeler to join the Onekama Fire/Rescue Department. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to approve the application from Glen Wheeler. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Assessor Ginny Martz reported the county equalized with the township on April 24, all is in balance with the township; L4025 reports for taxable values approved by the BOP; Tax Tribunal is May 8; responded to a FOIA request from an MSU student regarding a poverty request. County treasurer told the student to send it to the assessor. Splits and description are entered into the computer.

AL TAYLOR: Taylor reported on the Onekama Website: PLA (Portage Lake Association) manages the website which had 16,000 visits in one year. The top five visits are lodging, township, events, village, dining. It also features a community calendar, can be used by civic organizations. Fishing reports will be added. It is a non-political website.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported the ZBA had a public hearing April 11 for Rick Willinger and his brother Bill Willinger .The appeal was for a variance to set aside the requirements for a minor private road and allow use of a “double access” shared driveway. The variance was denied.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Meister reported for Zoning Administrator Kristine Philpot: 4 Land Use Permits issued for April, no violations, 1 ZBA decision.

JOINT MASTER PLAN: Meister asked the board's permission to remove Alice Hendricks from the committee and place Al Taylor as Township representative on the committee with Susan Barnard. Consensus to agree with the appointment.

PARKS & RECREATION: Co-chairman Howard Hughes reported three dibbles were made and donated by Jim Mrozinski for the tree planting on Arbor Day. There were more volunteers to plant trees than ever before; they planted 1,100 trees and shrubs for a total of 4,100 planted in four years; tree committee will meet Monday in the Township Hall. The next project will be to spread the donated wood chips on the North Point Park primitive trail. The committee will consider a request at its May meeting from the Stephen Applegate family to place a memorial bench in North Point Park. Co-chairman Jon Phillips reported surveyors have been in Glen Park, no results yet. Jason Sievert who is working at Glen Park, asked the board to notify residents across from the park to refrain from tossing debris into the park property.

MTA: The MTA Workshop will be held Wednesday, May 16 at Crystal Mountain Conference Center. Those attending from the Township will be Wisniski, Beebe, Mathieu and Mary Lou Millard. The annual MTA dinner will be Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Chairman Mary Reed reported she attended the Michigan Lakes and Stream meeting and found it very useful and interesting. Topics discussed included Role of Local Government in Lake Management, Status of Lake Friendly Ordinances in Michigan, Pesticide Use, Water Quality Characteristics of Inland Lakes, Michigan Riparian and Water Law. She said an applicator contract was not signed and an evaluation permit was not applied for; the permit issued is for both deep water and shoreline treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil. Only one applicator (Professional Lake Management) will be used for Eurasian Water Milfoil this year. Extra collection of samples using divers may also be necessary. The committee will evaluate treatment plant and contracts for this year; Jennifer Jones may be able to give reports to the Watershed and a Township Board meeting early this summer.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: Correspondence received and placed on file.

DISINCORPORATION COMMISSION: Informational meetings are scheduled for Thursday, June 21 and Thursday, July 19, both at 7 p.m. in Farr Center. The board agreed to have Meister ask the attorney to draw up a resolution indictating the township's support of the Plan both for the existing board and any future board. Al Taylor was asked to remove old Disincorporation Commission data from the Onekama website.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: Reed said the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. in Farr Center. She will review information from the Michigan Lakes and Stream Association.

ROADS: Wisniski reported that he asked the road commission for a schedule of roads to be repaired and dates scheduled for doing the work. The next meeting is Friday, May 11 at 9 a.m.

EXPLORE THE SHORES: Reed said the group is looking at possible funding.

SURVEYS: Surveys are being conducted at Langland and Glen Parks, no information received as yet.

ROOF INSPECTION: Clerk to contact a roofer to inspect the township roof.

ERICKSON PROPERTY: Notarized signatures needed to complete option.

PETITION DEADLINE: Deadline for candidates to file for the township board is 4 p.m. May 15. Village petitions must be in by 4 p.m. August 14.

REPUBLICAN PARTY: Meeting is May 3 at the township hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Rudy Milasich, Al Taylor and Alice Hendricks.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---Village of Onekama

---Hazardous Waste Contract

---MTA

---County Planning Commission

---NWMCOG

ADJOURN: 11:43 a.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee

