

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007, 9 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Supervisor David Meister.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, Clerk Helen Mathieu, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe.

MINUTES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to delete the Agreement for Resolution of 13 Mile Road and Main Street from the October 2, 2007 meeting. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Add PLA, Laura Heintzelman of the EDO for the Resolution for Master Plan, Joint Planning Commission and Joint Zoning Ordinance, Budget under New Business. Add Village after Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VILLAGE: Village representatives discussed jetties—steel versus rip rap, village marinas, which led to a discussion of too many groups working on the same issue and not sharing the information together. Heintzelman said the EDO is a tool for accomplishments for the community, such as villages, townships, groups, etc.

Motion by Mathieu, second by Wisniski that Heintzelman, Mathieu and Alice Hendricks of the village coordinate and schedule a meeting of the village, township, Harbor Commission and other groups to meet together and discuss common goals. Motion carried.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: No report.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Absent.

COMMISSIONER JANICE MCCRANER: Absent.

FIRE/RESCUE: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Letter read from David Smeltzer stating that his term had expired and he did not wish to be re-appointed to the planning commission. Letter of application

was read from Phil Joseph. **Motion by Beebe**, second by Wisniski to appoint Phil Joseph to the planning commission for a two term, ending in December, 2009. Motion carried.

CEMETERY: No action to be taken until Spring.

BOARD OF REVIEW/ASSESSOR: Meister reported the Board of Review will meet in March, dates to be announced.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Two three-year appointments to be filled. Applications received from Dennis Beebe and Tom Gerhardt. **Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to appoint Beebe and Gerhardt, each to a three-year term.** Terms expire December, 2010. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator reported: 1 land use permit issued for a private wind generator, subject to a conditional rezone from RR-3 to Agricultural-Residential 2 by the Township Board; application received from Northwoods Development for an amendment to its Special Use Permit, public hearing is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17.; Zoning Board of Appeals held a hearing for a variance request foBy Jeff Randall for Charles Lechner property. ZBA determined a road is not a structure when built within a recorded easement and is not subject to setbacks, and denied a variance on the Lechner for placement of geo-textile retaining structures into the rear yard setbacks. Applicant will remove existing structures from setbacks.

Violation letters written; one parcel was found not to be in violation.

MTA: Group will meet Jan. 23.

PARKS & RECREATION: No meeting until Thursday, April 10, 2008.

ROADS: Board is still awaiting a letter from the fire chief with a list of roads in the township that might be inaccessible for fire/rescue equipment.

REVENUE SHARING: Discussed letter from Maple Grove Supervisor Wayne Beldo and announced date of next Revenue Sharing Board meeting, which is Monday,

Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

JOINT RESOLUTION: Motion by Beebe, second by Wisniski to support Resolution No. 14. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION, JOINT COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN, AND SUBSEQUENT JOINT ZONING ORDINANCE IN COORDINATION WITH THE VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

WHEREAS, The development and updating of comprehensive master plans is a priority of Onekama Township to support current and future economic development and quality of life issues that are critical to maintaining the unique character of the region; and

WHEREAS, considerable efforts have recently been made to complete a draft revision to the current master plan for Onekama Township; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive master plan provides the foundation for zoning ordinances and programs that support goals and objectives identified in the plan; and

WHEREAS, Onekama Township and the Village of Onekama share common interests including, but not limited to, economic development, community and neighborhood development, infrastructure, land-use planning, preservation of natural features, and jurisdictions within the Portage Lake watershed including Portage Lake frontage; and

WHEREAS, joint planning and subsequent joint zoning ordinances are considered a best practice and can achieve greater impact, efficiencies of cost in implementation and enforcement, and use of individuals' talent and time than single-jurisdiction planning and zoning efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Onekama township will pursue a cooperative effort with the Village of Onekama towards the development of a joint planning commission, joint comprehensive master plan and subsequent joint zoning ordinance. Further, Onekama township also supports the establishment of an Ad-Hoc committee to begin this process which shall consist of representatives from Onekama, Onekama Township, the Village of Onekama, and other parties as appropriate which will work with the Manistee County Community Foundation to seek professional services in facilitating this process.

Signed this 8th day of January 8, 2008

Onekama Township Supervisor

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION: David Combs, a representative of the Portage Lake

Association, addressed the board regarding involvement in community activities. He wondered if any of the board members would like to act as a liaison on the PLA board. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month in the evening.

BUDGET: Clerk Mathieu reminded the board to have budget suggestions or recommendations ready for the February meeting.

ELECTION: Mathieu also reminded the group of the primary election Tuesday, Jan. 15 in the township hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---MI Watercraft Registration ---Conservation Resource Alliance ---Manistee City

---DEQ#02-51-0016-P ---Alliance for Economic Success ---Tom Kaminski

---Running, Wise, Ford ----Allied Waste

ADJOURN: 11:45 a. m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee