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**ONEKAMA DISINCORPORATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012, 3 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Chairman Suzanne Schwing.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard called the roll. Present: Mary Reed, Roger Burger, Steve Silvagy, Al Taylor, Dan Behring, Rosalind Jaffe.

Also present: Township Supervisor David Meister, Village Council President Bob Blackmore, Attorney Peter Doren, Facilitator Eric Lupher.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Consensus to approve Agenda with the following corrections: under Approval of Minutes, change date from “Jan. 9, 2012” to “Jan. 10, 2012”; under Approval of Bylaws, change to “By-Laws and Communications”; add “Grant Update”, following Approval of By-laws; under Consideration and Tentative Approval of Disincorporation Plan Draft, remove “Real and Personal Property and Other Assets.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JAN. 10, 2012 MEETING:** Consensus to approve minutes with following corrections: correct spelling of Berger to Burger, Rsosalind to Rosalind, Szilvagyl to Szilvagy, change spelling of “disperse” to “disburse”; change Website from “Disincorporation Commission-Minutes” to “Disincorporation Info” due to space requirements; add a Date line for Chairman to put date on minutes next to signature.

**GENERAL LAW VILLAGE ACT 3 OF 1895:** ACT 3, No. 74.23e Disincorporation Plan; Elements to Be Included, Findings in the General Law Village Act 3 of 1895, is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS & COMMUNICATIONS:** Under Purpose and Process, last bullet : The effect disincorporation may have on “collateral issues” on property values, public shared service levels and costs, and local property tax rates.

Insert new paragraph before Rules of Order, to be called:

“Membership: Three residents of the village are appointed by the Village Council and three residents of the Township are appointed by the Township to comprise the Commission. In addition, one alternate from the Village and one alternate from the Township will be appointed, will attend all meetings and will serve in the absence of a regular appointed member.”

Under Facilitation number 4b: correct “need” to “needed”.

Under Meetings No. 1: Correct to read "Regular meetings shall be held in the Farr Center weekly on Monday at 3 p.m. Evening meetings will be scheduled as needed for information for the community.

Under Public Participation, number 4: Place copies of draft meeting agendas and draft minutes at the following locations or web sites: Onekama Township Hall, Onekama Village Hall, Onekama Consolidated School Library, Franz Market, Post Office, [www.onekama.info](http://www.onekama.info) and [www.allianceforeconomicsuccess.com](http://www.allianceforeconomicsuccess.com). Placement to be done by the Village Clerk.

Consensus to accept the by-laws as corrected.

**NOTE:** A complete corrected and approved document of the By-Laws will be posted on the Onekama website and is an attachment to the original minutes of this meeting.

Recognition was made of a phone call on the conference phone from Bayard Lyon and verbal comments from Chet Miller.

The question was raised as to “what is the role of the Disincorporation Commission after it submits its decision to the Township Board and Village Council. The answer: Once the Village and Township approve the plan they release the Commission from its responsibilities, but both the Village and Township could utilize members of the Commission at public meetings to help explain and address questions.

**FACILITATOR INTRODUCTION:** Attorney Peter Doren introduced Eric Lupher of the Citizens Research Council as the facilitator for the group. Lupher explained his role as the facilitator.

**GRANT UPDATE:** Township Supervisor Meister said he is aware that the grant has been approved but there is no letter from the state and no exact dollar amount as yet.

**CONSIDERATION AND TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF DISINCORPORATION PLAN**

**DRAFTS:** Consensus to give tentative approval to the following issues: Land Use/Zoning, Indebtedness/Litigation, Jurisdiction Over Traffic Control, Special Assessments, Special Districts, Authorities and Dispute Resolution.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ELEMENTS:**

---Report on Meeting with Road Commission Officials: Attorney Doren reported the discussion centered on different ways to keep the same level of service for such things as street lighting, brush pickup, snow-plowing and to look for a way to plan for improvements.

---Public Utilities & Sewer Indebtedness: Doren reported the project is being worked on and may be ready in 3 weeks.

---For next week, the Real and Personal Property issue may be ready for discussion.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Jaffe requested a copy of the line item budget from the Township and the Village; Taylor suggested a one or two page summary of what the commission is doing and will do for the process. Website topics suggested were--under Disincorporation Info-- include: “members, process, agendas, schedules, minutes and by-laws”.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURN:** 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by  
Mary Lou Millard,  
Recording Secretary

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Suzanne Schwing, Chairman

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Date

