

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Meister at 9 a.m. 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 Clement to accept the minutes with the following correction: Under Treasurer's Report insert that Beebe introduced Amber Flippen as her new Deputy Treasurer. Motion carried.

BUDGET: Mathieu submitted the budget report as of January, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA: Add street lights under New Business; add recycling truck, invasive species and Burnham Avenue under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Haik reported the county is applying to the government for a Marine Safety Corridor from Manitowoc, WI to Manistee to allow shipping containers to be taken off ships in Manistee and put on trucks; discussed the ORV Ordinance (Haik noted that as of July 17 townships can adopt their own ORV ordinance); adopted the county master plan; Michigan State Police can swear in tribal DNR officers as enforcement officers.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Had no additional comments.

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: County Road Commission Director Jerry Peterson gave his commission report for 2008. Peterson suggested that he meet with the board in April to discuss road projects and the budget for them. The board voiced concerns about the rumble strips placed in the center line of the highways, which it feels is tearing up the roads. Burnham Avenue was discussed. Peterson also discussed resident Judith Spohn's request to plow all of Herkelrath Road. Consensus of the board that it would be willing to contract with the road commission regarding this--with Spohn picking up the cost-- and asked Petersen to discuss the request with his board at the next commission meeting Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.

RECESS: Meister called a short recess.

RESUME: Meeting resumed at 10:31 a.m.

FIRE/RESCUE: Chief Lawrence Hrachovina reported: 9 rescue runs and 1 fire for January, 1 department meeting, 1 rescue training, has worked with Coast Guard and County Dive Team in Onekama on ice/water training. The ice/water class will be Feb. 25 in Bear Lake for those who were unable to attend the Onekama training. The class will be conducted by the Coast Guard. Medical First Responder Class also discussed. Class is 80 hours and is open to fire, police and rescue units in the county. The chief listed four grant applications the department is submitting to the Revenue Sharing Board: \$1,159 for training equipment (projector, screen, etc.); \$3,798 to update and add to ice and water equipment; \$4,255 to comply with Michigan's "Move Over" laws; \$4,756.55 to update emergency medical equipment. Mathieu reported the department received a \$200 donation.

10:46 a.m.: Meister had to leave the room and asked Clement to conduct the meeting. Consensus of the board to accept Kelsey Fosdick as a new member to the fire department.

Mathieu announced that the department will receive \$5,600 through a court settlement on U. S. 31 and County Road 598.

10:58 a.m. Meister resumed conducting the meeting.

ZONING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Mathieu to appoint Roland Clement and Rudy Gross and Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler to the committee. Motion carried. Meister said the Village will also appoint two people to this committee.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The March meeting date has been changed from March 19 to Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Chairman Behring presented his report of short term and long term activity during 2008, and a list of items considered by the Zoning Amendment and Development Committee. He said a number of the issues may need to be transferred to the new Onekama Community Planning Commission for consideration. His report was placed on file.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: Meister announced that the Village planning commission members appointed are: Evy McNeil, Susan Barnard, Nancy Story and Ken Bauer.

Motion by Mathieu, second by Wisniski, to appoint Dan Behring, Jon Phillips and Doug Mortenson to the Community Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Meister, yes; Mathieu, yes; Beebe, no. Motion carried.

Motion by Beebe, second by Mathieu to appoint Clement and Gross to the Community Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Wisniski, no; Clement, no; Meister, no. Meister said the majority rules, motion did not pass.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to appoint Roger Cody and Doug Calloway to the Community Planning commission. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Meister, no; Beebe, no; Mathieu, no. Majority rules; motion did not pass.

Motion by Mathieu, second by Wisniski, to appoint Roger Cody to the Community Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Beebe, no; Mathieu, yes; Meister, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to appoint Rudy Gross to the Community Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mathieu, yes; Beebe, yes; Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Meister, yes. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported the ZBA had an organizational meeting, elected officers, and approved Rules of Procedure. Officers are Gerhardt, chairman; Clement, secretary.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Meister announced the Board of Review will have an organizational meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 3 and will meet to hear appeals on Monday, March 9 from, 1 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported 3 land use permits issued in January; 1 permit complication is pending until spring thaw; 2 violations are pending; 1 violation is resolved; miscellaneous communications attached to the ZBA report on file in the township office. She received an application for a land use permit for the “Welcome to Onekama” sign south of Portage Lake. She asked for a vote on the agreement of ownership for the new sign. Two easement agreements with Gene Trentham and MBD Developers LLC are to be signed by Supervisor Meister.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement that the township accept the ownership of the “Welcome” signs. Motion carried. The board asked for a letter from the Portage Lake Association indicating that the association accepts the maintenance of both signs.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to waive both the land use permit fee and the ZBA appeals fee. Motion carried.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Minutes received and placed on file.

PARKS AND RE CREATION: Parks and Recreation Secretary Tom Gerhardt requested approval of the resolution for The Portage Lake Community Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation in the Village of Onekama, Onekama Township and the Onekama Consolidated Schools.

TOWNSHIP OF ONEKAMA
RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ONEKAMA

Resolution No. 2009-02

WHEREAS, the Township of Onekama has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan that describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009-2014, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held November 17, 2008, at the Onekama Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Onekama has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Township of Onekama voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Township of Onekama hereby adopts *The Portage Lake Community Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation in the Village of Onekama, Onekama Township, and the Onekama Consolidated Schools* as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township of Onekama.

Motion by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to approve the Parks and Recreation Five-Year Plan.

Ayes: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

I, Helen Mathieu, clerk of the Township of Onekama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Board of Trustees of the Township of Onekama at a regular meeting thereof held on the third day of February, 2009.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Township of Onekama

SEAL (if available)

PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER: Meister reported on the Clean Marina program presented recently. Marinas from Arcadia, Frankfort and Manistee City were in attendance.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Meister reported he sent a letter to the Community Foundation regarding a grant application request to develop a corridor on M -22.

JOINT MASTER PLAN: The Leadership Team will meet Thursday, Feb. 5 in the township hall.

PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE: Mathieu announced both roads will be extended and will become public access roads.

BURNHAM AVENUE (Salisbury Investment Holdings, LLC): Motion by Clement, second by Beebe to have the attorney sign the summary disposition in favor of defendant Onkama Township and against Salisbury Investment Holdings, LLC stating that Burnham Avenue, in the Hopkins Addition to the Village of Pierport, is included in the streets and alleys that are “dedicated to the public to be used only as public highways”. Motion carried.

LAKESIDE OUTLOT 1: Motion by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to allow the township attorney to correct (remove Parcel C out of paragraph 4) the agreement. Meeting is scheduled Monday, Feb. 9 with Judge Batzer regarding the issue.

DIRKSEN/BROWN: No report.

PHRAGMITES: Mary Reed presented a copy of a draft ordinance to create an invasive species control program . The board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. to review the draft and meet with Progressive AE management plans for that firm’s presentation.

MRA: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to commit to the MRA program for a two-year period at a cost of \$3,346 per year. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Mathieu, yes; Beebe, yes; Meister, yes. Motion carried.

SUZANNE SCHWING: Schwing discussed the proposed trust fund for and land acquisition in the village. A public hearing on the proposal will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the village hall. Consensus of the board was to send a letter of support to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, supporting the village in acquiring the land.

CONSUMER’S RESOLUTION: Place on March agenda.

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE AGREEMENT: Collection date for the hazardous waste materials is Saturday, Aug. 15. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to sign the agreement to participate at a cost of \$275. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Meister, yes; Beebe, Mathieu, yes. Motion carried.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to sign the easement agreements with Gene Trentham and MBD Northern Developers, LLC for the two “Welcome to Onekama” signs. Motion carried.

TRUTH IN TAXATION: Public hearing will be held prior to the board’s meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 9 a.m.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: The board will meet for a budget work session on Monday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m.

STREET LIGHTS: Place on March agenda.

RECYCLING TRUCK: Motion Wisniski, second by Clement to support the recycling truck at \$55 per week until the cost of paper goes up again. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Village of Onekama ---Gourdie-Fraser ---Manistee Planning Dept.
- DEQ#05-51-0042-P ---DEQ#08-51-0045-P ---Girl Scouts

ADJOURN: 1:30 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee