

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Clerk Helen Mathieu. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. She turned the meeting over to Trustee James Wisniski in the absence of Supervisor David Meister.

Members present: Wisniski, Roland Clememt, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Mathieu.
Absent: Supervisor Meister.

MINUTES : **Motion** by Beebe, second by Clement to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Mary Reed regarding Phragmites and Jim Mrozinski of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission after Public Comment; add Junk and Blight Ordinance to New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Absent.

MARY REED: Regarding treatment of phragmites in Portage Lake, Reed , a member of the Portage Lake Association, reported it was recommended that an Aquatic Vegetation Analysis Survey be conducted for the lake. The Watershed Forever Project suggested a sub-committee be formed for the project. The committee is Herb Lennon, Jim Simons, Dan Behring and Reed. She said phragmites cover 75 per cent of the shoreline. Aggressive treatment for 2009 could be approximately \$7,500 to \$12,500. the group would get bids from other agencies. There will be a special meeting of the village and township boards and the committee on Invasive Species, Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the township hall.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Mrozinski reported the group will support the plan to eliminate phragmites; underwater photos of the sea wall in the channel have been sent to the Army Corps of Engineers. He reported there are 49 members in the Michigan Small Harbors Coalition; their next meeting is Jan. 20, 2009 and will discuss reaching a consensus to pursue protecting the \$5 million dredging provision proposed by the Senate subcommittee in the 2009 budget. The water soundings after dredging the channel confirm that the channel received a good, consistent dredging of 13 feet.

FIRE/RESCUE: Fire Capt. Tom Kleinsorge reported 14 rescues, 1 rescue meeting, 1 training on Mass Triage; 3 fire runs, 4 fire meetings, 4 special activities, 3 equipment repair nights during October. Truck 100: Fire truck search committee will go to Frankfort and look at their truck; Truck 105: is fully repaired and back in service; Truck 102 needs eight lights replaced, at a cost of \$120 per light. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Clement to permit the fire department to purchase the lights. Motion carried. Applications for the fire-fighting class have to be turned in by Nov. 17. Clerk Mathieu reported letters have been sent to utility companies regarding payment after a certain length of time when firemen are on standby duty.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

---By-Laws Committee: Commission Chairman Dan Behring said the Michigan Enabling Act required an update in the by-laws. sub-committee has a draft prepared for the commission to review at its next meeting ;

---Membership: Behring said the commission should try to have members representing various fields such as agriculture, education, business and other interests from the community and also represent various geographical elements. He suggested the board consider the possibility of a 9-member commission.

---Code of Conduct: Consensus of the board to approve the Code of Conduct.

BOARD OF REVIEW: The Board of Review will meet Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. for corrections . No appeals will be heard at this time.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No appeals scheduled.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported: 1 Land Use Permit issued, one Land Use Permit denied, 2 Permit Complications, no Special Use Permits, no Land Divisions, 3 Violations Pending, 1 Violation resolved. A summary of the County Planner and Advisory Committee Meeting was included in Schindler's report. The complete report is placed on file.

OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Mathieu announced that the township board members will meet at noon Thursday, Nov. 20 in the township hall to be sworn in for their new terms.

MTA-Local Chapter : Wisniski reported the townships in attendance had cake and coffee honoring Fred Alkire, for his many years as local chapter president.

PARKS & RECREATION: Parks Committee Vice Chairman Mary Lou Millard reported: a public hearing is scheduled Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the township hall to receive final input for the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, with a special meeting to follow to approve any changes and recommend its adoption by the governing bodies in the plan- township, village and school boards. Howard Hughes and Jon Phillips are in charge of purchasing 1,000 trees from the Manistee Conservation District for \$160, to be planted on Arbor Day , April 24 by teams of

volunteers with the help of consultants with tree-planting experience. The committee will resume its meetings on Thursday, April 2 at 8 a.m. in the township hall.

Wendell Brooks addressed the board and provided photos regarding bonfires on the beach and parking lot at the Turn-Around. His family would like to purchase and install metal fire rings to be used for any bonfires, and would also pay for appropriate signage. Consensus of the board to consider the offer after some research and get back to him with a decision in the Spring.

LAKESIDE 300 FEET: No report.

PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER: Chairman Mike Acton praised the Phragmites Committee for its efforts . The Endowment Fund has raised its limit to \$1 million and is working on a spreadsheet and budget, and will categorize the most important issues. Once the budget is established and categories set, people can donate to a specific category. The Endowment Fund presented the township with a \$900 check to support costs of e-coli testing.

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION REPORT: Wisniski reported that FEMA helped repair roads after the storms; the commission is considering meeting only once per month.

POTTER AND MILARCH ROADS: Board discussed road work, lack of shoulders on both roads.

PORTAGE RIDGE: Consensus of the board and its evaluation is that the responsibility lies between the developers, property owners, and the county.

BROWN/13 MILE: No plat as yet.

DIRKSEN/BROWN: Township Attorney Tom Grier notified Clerk Mathieu that the Dirksen/Brown vacation order in the area of Island Park has received the attention of the Manistee County Road Commission and the State of Michigan (Outlot 6). They would like a new plat drawn up in that area. Clerk Mathieu asked the board if it would like to petition also by asking for Portage Avenue (60 feet) extended to the water's edge as a public road end. Also for consideration from the State the 60 feet from Island Park and 50 feet of Sunnyside.

Motion by Beebe, second by Clement to petition the state to continue Portage Avenue (60 feet) to the water's edge south of parcel # 51-11-370-126-00, lot 5, and parcel # 51-11-370-128-00, lot 3, Section 28, Plat of Portage Park Resort and consideration of 60 feet of right-of-way from the center of Island Park and 50 feet of Sunnyside as road end public access. Motion carried.

BUILDING RESEARCH: Clement asked to obtain a cost figure for concept/preliminary drawings.

COUNTY ORV HEARING: The ORV hearing will be Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Casman Academy gymnasium in Manistee.

PARKING LOT LIGHT/FIRE DOOR OUTLOT: Clerk was instructed to hire electrician to make the repairs.

JUNK/BLIGHT ORDINANCE: Discussed reasonable ways to work with residents.

WIND TURBINES: Wisniski requested the Planning Commission's zoning ordinance committee refine and improve the wind turbine ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Land Policy Institute
- DEQ
- Manistee Conservation District
- Village of Onekama
- Cty Commissioners
- Abonmarche
- CMS
- Charter

ADJOURN: 12:07 p.m.

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David Meister, Supervisor

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee