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ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010, 9 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Clerk Helen Mathieu.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Consensus to have Trustee Roland Clement conduct the meeting in the absence of Supervisor David Meister.

Members present: Trustee James Wisniski, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Mathieu. Absent: Supervisor David Meister.

MINUTES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve minutes of the June 1, 2010 meeting with the following correction: Under Roads. Correct to read “fee approved for brining of roads at a cost of 10 cents per gallon, 250 gallons per mile at a cost of \$250 per mile. Motion carried.

SIGNATURES IN BOOK: Clerk will have board members sign the minute book.

RESIGNATIONS: Letters of resignation were read from custodian Debbie Miller and Community Planning Commission Member Rudy Gross. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski to accept the resignation of Debbie Miller. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to give Miller \$150 in severance pay. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Mathieu, to accept the resignation of Rudy Gross. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to hire Faye Volkema to be the new custodian. Motion carried. Clerk to place ad in newspaper for planning commission replacement.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Beebe reported that Onekama Township has one property going for back taxes. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to notify the county that the township is not interested in the foreclosure on property #51-11-002-002-09. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA: No additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Absent.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Reported that MSU Extension has reorganized into three jurisdictions. Elaine Bush has a new position with the Extension.

FIRE/RESCUE: Consensus to send copy of these minutes to the fire chief highlighting the issues listed here: placement/use of the pontoon boat, ask if a department representative can attend the township board meetings, reminding that there is no parking on the west side of the building, seek status of proposed new fire truck. Clerk Mathieu reported that a meeting is scheduled with the USDA and township officials Monday July 12 at 11a.m. in the township hall regarding a possible loan/grant for a fire truck. The Revenue Sharing board has awarded grants of \$35,000 toward a new fire truck, and \$1,265 for fire safety equipment.

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported that a letter of agreement has been signed and a clause regarding property is in the Register of Deeds document, and issue is resolved. Commission Chairman Dan Behring in a memo to the board, reported

that a community open meeting to present an update on the Master Plan progress---which meets the master plan goal of having an annual meeting each year---will be held prior to the regular planning commission meeting Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. in Farr Center.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, July 20 at 9 a.m. in the township hall for errors and corrections. No appeals will be heard.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported that the ZBA will have a hearing Thursday, July 22 at 6 p.m. in the township hall for Don Wiper.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Schindler reported one Land Use Permit, no land divisions or appeals, one violation pending, one police power issue, one violation resolved for the month of June. Report placed on file. Consensus of board to approve Schindler's request to attend a training session Sept. 22 and 29, Oct. 6 and 13 in East Lansing. Cost of \$800 will be shared equally with the village; mileage and meals will be split between township, village and Schindler.

COMMUNITY DOCK: Margaret Pollack (Carpenter) and Jim Moody of the Portage Lake Resort Corporation discussed problems with Community Dock structure. The board told the representatives to prepare a proposal and return it to the board for further discussion.

PARKS & RECREATION: Committee Secretary Tom Gerhardt reported that the annual North Point Park Appreciation and Awareness will be Saturday, Aug. 7, from noon to 3 p.m. at North Point Park. A new feature of the day is a "Sharks in the Park" hunt for children 12 and under. They are invited to participate (with drivers to transport them) and visit all eight of the parks while hunting for the sharks. They will end up at North Point Park at noon for a prize of trail mix and also have other refreshments (hot dogs, chips and soda) at North Point Park. Tina Hall and Sally Koon are in charge of the "Shark" hunt. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Beebe to hire Nordlund Co. to survey and mark the monuments at Carden Park, for a cost of \$600. Motion carried. Gerhardt will notify Nordlund. Gerhardt presented a cost estimate from Jason Sievert to do numerous repairs and re-construction at Glen Springs Park. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Mathieu to hire Sievert to do the work with a cost cap of \$10,000. Roll call vote: LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Jim Wisniski, no; Helen Mathieu, yes, Roland Clement, yes. Motion carried. Gerhardt will notify Sievert.

MTA: Mathieu reported that representatives from Manistee-Blacker Airport spoke on the new carrier for the airport and other issues; group discussed having their meeting at various township halls; county jail expansion plans were explained by Sheriff Dale Kowalski; former Mayor Cyndy Fuller indicated grant money might be available for parks, consensus of board to have clerk contact Fuller.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Clement read excerpts from the commission's recent meeting minutes. The group had a speaker to explain his company and the services they could offer towards development of a municipal marina in Onekama. The commission agreed that the lead role in promotion of a municipal marina should be taken on by the Community Development Council. Dennis Blue and Jim Mrozinski attended a summit in Muskegon, presented by the Michigan Port Collaborative. Mrozinski updated the group on the historic light structure. It will be taken to Onekama Marine for repairs and refurbishing. It was reported that the dredging of the channel is complete.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Clement read report submitted by Chairman Mary Reed. Eurasian watermilfoil was treated June 29, lake will be checked in two weeks for additional growth and success of this treatment; final copy of Portage Lake Improvement Management Study 2009 should be received from printer soon; storm drain samples not tabulated; DNRE will be asked to see if committee can get the Pierport Phragmites treatment added to current permit; state has not selected applicator for Phragmites, if grant money postponed again, committee will follow up with PLM and Aquatic Services for a September treatment; committee currently thinking that special assessment for 2010 could be half of

the 2009 assessment, final recommendation and budget date to be submitted to Township Board for its August 3 meeting.

SEWER PROJECT: Bill for \$900 has cleared.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: Tim Ervin of the Alliance for Economic Success issued a news release as a service to Onokama Township regarding the land acquisition by the township from the Department of Natural Resources & Environment.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: No report.

RECYCLE: No report.

DEQ: Clerk to contact DEQ about filling the south end of the property.

ROADS: Mathieu reported on county road commission meeting. She said Angel Slide Dune was discussed with no action taken, it was pointed out that an encroachment easement was given to the Inn on 7th Street, but it still is public access.

PORTAGE LAKE AVENUE, SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW: No report.

20 FOOT PUBLIC ACCESS: Complaints received on boat moorings; licenses will be checked.

AIR CONDITIONER: Awaiting more bids.

WINDOW SEALS: Job is completed.

CARPET CLEANING: Consensus to have carpet cleaned.

SEWER: No report.

POLICIES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Mathieu to accept the new policies for the township policy manual. Motion carried.

WATER WELL: No report.

ORV: No report.

TRASH DAY: Trash Day is Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Workers include Kevin O'Connor, Bob Blackmore, Cordell Williams, Joe Kosiboski, Al Ross, Ken Bauer and Dana Schindler.

OUTLOT 6: No report.

TAX RATE: Supervisor Meister to sign.

FIREWORKS: Permit and proof of insurance received for fireworks display. Location will be off of Easy Street. Sheriff's department and fire department have been notified. Consensus of board to approve fireworks display and permit. Meister to sign permit on behalf of the board.

SUMMIT MEETING: Annual county Summit Meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; location not announced yet.

WEST SHORE MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY TAG DAY: Consensus of board to approve Tag Day on Aug. 13 in township for the auxiliary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---Par Plan ---Dist. Health Dept. #10 ---DNRE

ADJOURN: 12:17 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee

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