

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

**MINUTES: Motion** by Clement, second by Wisniski, to accept with correction the minutes of the July 1 public hearing and regular meeting. Correction:” Move the motion regarding accept the budget revisions in the Truth in Taxation hearing to the regular business portion of the meeting. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2008 regular meeting and the notes of the July 31, 2008 special meeting . Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Received and placed on file. Treasurer Beebe asked the board to have a meeting on Monday, Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m. to listen to a representative from Onekama’s National City Bank to speak on the safety of the township’s assets in that bank.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Pentecost 10 Feet under New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sandy Landback asked the board to speak later about Burnham Avenue.

**USDA/BLAKE FITCH:** Place on September agenda.

**COMMISSIONER ED HAIK:** Haik report the commissioners are starting on a budget- the first meeting will be Sept. 11; the state passed the ORV Act and the commission is getting calls from county residents wanting to adopt it; also working on seeking grants to update fairground facilities.

**COMMISSIONER JANICE MCCRANER:** Absent.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Discussion on letter from Blake Fitch regarding a training class postponed until the September meeting so it can be discussed with fire department officials.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Clement reported that under the new Michigan Planning Enabling Act the board has to create an ordinance re-authorizing a planning commission. Eric Beeman is re-configuring the zoning ordinance to incorporate the new Planning Enabling and the new Zoning Enabling Act. The commission also made minor/temporary changes to the

commission by-laws which includes changing the by-laws to permit the planning commission to have a recording secretary. The board will address the changes at its September meeting.

**CEMETERY: Motion** by Clement, second by Wisniski to have the new portions of Bertelson Cemetery marked and surveyed by Abonmarche at a cost of \$2,975. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Clement, yes; Beebe, no; Mathieu, yes; Meister, yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Meister reported there were 14 changes addressed at the July board of review meeting; the file is now empty.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported the ZBA has a hearing Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. on property # 51-11-410-016-00. Meister instructed Gerhardt to explain to the applicants or their representative that the first site was inaccurate, which resulted in a delay of the hearing until a correct site plan was supplied.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** The board reviewed the zoning administrator's report which included: 7 land use permits issued; permit complication discussed; appeal was set for Aug. 6; 6 violations pending; 2 violations resolved; reminder that the Basic Citizen Planner Series set for seven Wednesdays from Sept. 24 through Nov. 12 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Manistee County Road Commission.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION:** No report.

**MTA:** Wisniski was instructed to ask the MTA to consider having one or two meetings a year at the Onekama Township hall.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Secretary Tom Gerhardt reported on progress of Thomas Koon's Eagle Scout project at North Point Park and listed names of several donors to his project; primitive trails were marked by Howard Hughes and Jon Phillips; Appreciation Day drew about 150-200 visitors to North Point Park; committee's regular meeting, which will include discussion of the proposed 5-year plan, will be at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008 in the township hall.

**LAKESIDE 300 FEET:** Correspondence received from Brian Conway, William Hattendorf, Kimberly Skyelander, plaintiffs, versus The Portage Park Land Co. a Michigan Corporation and/or its unknown heirs and/or successors-in interest, defendants; File # 08-13147-CH. This will be on the agenda at a special township board meeting Aug. 25 at 8:45 a.m. in the township hall. Correspondence received from William and Mary Lee, Brian Conway and Daniel Thomas.

**PPI:** No report.

**PROJECT WATERSHED FOREVER:** Wisniski went with the group gathering water samples from around Portage Lake; letter read from Chairman Mike Acton and Education Chairman DeeDee Miller for the township's contribution toward the cost of printing materials for the watershed group's education efforts.

**BEACH RAKING:** Consensus of the board that it will take responsibility of the beachcomber raking the Lake Michigan turn-around area of one-half to three-quarters of a mile where needed, on Thursday, Aug. 14. At the present time the township does not have a permit from the DEQ.

**BURNHAM AVENUE:** Sandy Landback addressed the board and said that the lawsuit is in a holding pattern. There are eight families in the Pierport area who have joined in opposition and have hired the firm of Olson, Bzdok and Howard to represent them. She said the group appreciates the township board's past support in protecting Burnham Avenue.

**ROADS:** Meister said Potter Road is to be paved next month. Ruts need to be re-filled on the curve of Herkelrath and 11 Mile Roads. Golfmore: Consensus of the board to write another letter.

Meister left the meeting at 11 a.m. Clement took over conducting the remainder of the meeting.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** No report.

**JOINT MASTER PLAN:** No report.

**POTTER ROAD:** Consensus of board to pay for second partial billing of \$18,401.30.

**COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:** Wisniski reported work is being done with gravel on Potter Road, Milarch Road is being torn up in preparation for work.

**BROWN/13 MILE ROAD:** Agreement is signed; waiting for new plat.

**BUILDING RESEARCH:** Clement reported he had received input regarding building research questions; date needs to be set to confer with Beebe.

**LITTLE EDEN/ PENTECOST:** Pillars will be placed on waterfront right-of-way 20 foot next to Little Eden and 10 foot across from Pentecost alley.

**MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION PLAN:** The board was asked to review and submit comments by Aug. 18. A public hearing will be Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse.

**PORTAGE RIDGE:** County planners will have their regular meeting in Onekama Township hall Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. Meister and Wisniski will attend to ask questions about Portage Ridge Subdivision.

**WEST SHORE MEDICAL AUXILIARY:** Consensus of board to give approval for the auxiliary's Tag Day Friday, Aug. 15 in Onekama.

**MI. ENERGY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE**

**MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

**RESOLUTION No. 2008-08**

At a regular meeting of the Onekama Township Board held in the Onekama Township Hall, 5435 Main St., Onekama, MI 49675, on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, the following resolution was offered by James Wisniski, seconded by Helen Mathieu:

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended M.C.L. 30.401 et.seq. authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended among political subdivisions within the State;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, BY Onekama Township that in order to maximize the prompt, full and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster we hereby adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )

COUNTY OF MANISTEE   ) ss.

I, Helen Mathieu, Onekama Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Onekama Township Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, by the following vote:

YEAS: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Helen Mathieu,

David Meister.

NAYS: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes were therefore filed in compliance with Act. No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Township of Onekama on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Onekama Township

**COUNTY MASTER PLAN:** Board asked to review and make comments. The board gave a copy to the planning commission to review and make comments.

**BILLS: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to pay all regular and incoming bills, with the exception of the fire department bill, which needs to be resolved. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

---Liquor Inspections

---Dist. #10 Health Dept.

---Army Corps.

---DEQ#97-06-0310-P

---MSU Extension

--MI Public Service

Commission

**ADJOURN:** 11:30 a.m.

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David Meister, Supervisor

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

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LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

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Roland Clement, Trustee

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James Wisniski, Trustee