

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012 9:00 A.M.

The regular June board meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Meister with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: President David Meister, Clerk Helen Mathieu, Treasurer LaVonne Beebe, Trustees Roland Clement, and James Wisniski. There were also ten citizens attending.

MINUTES: **Motion** by Beebe, second by Clement to approve the regular township board minutes of May 1, 2012. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept the special township board minutes of May 15, 2012 with the following corrections (PSC agreement 6th day of May 2011 **to MAY 2012**) and in ZONING ORDINANCE Planning Commission any) **omit “any”**. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve special township board minutes of May 25, 2012 as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Beebe presented a written report to the board and to the general public. No questions, report placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Windows XP.pro quote, Revenue Sharing, Jerry Peterson, PLA- Al Taylor; Wetland (Erickson Property), Recycle Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MANISTEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MANAGER JERRY PETERSON: Peterson presented the board with a new estimate on Rogers Memorial Drive amounting to \$87,606.75. (Onekama Township Match \$61,324.73). **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the new plan of the drainage overlay on Memorial Drive estimated shared cost of \$61,324.73. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Wisniski, Clement, Mathieu, Beebe, Meister. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Peterson will check on width of beach cleaner and adjust the entry to Lake Michigan. Second Street black topping is completed, parking lines will soon be done. Brook Street construction will start in two weeks. Delay is due to gas lines re-installation. Portage Point “Angel slide” description will be completed shortly.

MARK NEE-MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—MUTE SWANS INVADING MICHIGAN’S WATERS: Clement and Mathieu invited Mark Nee to give Onekama residents some information about the Mute Swans aggressiveness on Portage Lake. Nee gave the board a presentation of Mute Swans and the problems they present. Mute Swans Threaten Humans---Mute Swans Endanger Native Wildlife---Mute Swans Destroy Wetland Habitat—Most aggressive waterfowl in the world. They are not a game species.

USDA does the work of disposal. Those who support Mute Swan Management are: National Audubon Society; Michigan Audubon Society; Ducks unlimited; American Bird

Conservancy and many more. To learn more about the invasive mute swan problem, visit www.michigan.gov/muteswans or call 517-373-1263

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD AND COMMISSIONER DUANE ANDERSON WERE NOT PRESENT

FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: May 2012 – Six(6) fire runs, two (2) meetings, three (3) work sessions on the new E-100, and one (1) truck safety day at school grounds. Eleven (11) rescue runs, one (1) rescue meeting, and one (1) P.R. girls on the run. E-100 is somewhat equipped and can go on runs, has radio installed. On June 11th, E-100 will be taken to the Revenue Sharing meeting and hopefully have picture taken with Onekama Township, Brown Township and the Revenue Sharing Board. On May 25th the department had a truck safety day at School (Jaws; Rescue, New E-100). The Pontoon boat will be set for water pump installation to supply water for fires along lake front and for boat fires. Also the fire/rescue department is pricing Tablet software to eliminate paper reports to the state, etc.

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Trout reported a meeting date change for the commission. Date change –from June 21st to June 19th at 6:30 p.m. Two public meetings will be held. The first hearing will be to receive input on a proposed amendment to Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance “Sustainable Community Standards” Wind Energy Conversion Systems, and Solar Energy Panel installations. The second hearing is to receive input on a proposed modification of language regarding the definition of non-conforming lots in the current zoning ordinance. A regular commission meeting will follow the public hearings.

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION: Al Taylor gave information on PLA fund raising .

Website: www.onekama.info is a community information web site. PLA is planning the 16th Annual Fundraiser, June 23rd at Little River Casino – Many activities are listed in the May 2012 PLA Newsletter.

Also Taylor asked the board if the Disincorporation Commission was done with their job. Answer was “Yes”

BOARD OF APPEALS: No meetings were held.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Assessor Martz reported that the July BOR is scheduled for July 17, 2012 at 9:a.m. and at the present time there are 8 parcels to be acted on. The new computer was delivered and set up last month. Wednesday June 6th all PRE’s will be turned in to the County Treasurer’s office. Response to appeals and forms have been received from the state on foreclosed properties. Larry Griggs, State District Supervisor visited Onekama Township and reviewed the Personal Property Roll. Onekama was one of two selected in the County.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Meister read the Zoning Administrator’s report. There were five (5) land use permits issued in May. One complaint was received regarding boat

storage on Lakeview Road at Pierport. There was a mistaken complaint to Onekama zoning regarding property on 13 Mile road, it was referred to Arcadia Township.

HARBOR COMMISSION: Portage Lake Harbor Commission has requested that the board send letters to our Senators and Representatives: Subject: Tipping Point on Harbor Maintenance Funding. Future of Small Harbor Communities in your District and State are at Stake!! Clerk will follow through and send letter.

BERTELSON CEMETERY: Trash site and compost placement was discussed. Clerk will check on whether we have a policy for cremation sites.

PARKS & RECREATION: Tom Gerhardt reported that the committee would like to place some sort of gazebo at North Point Park in memory of Steve Applegate. He will get more information by next month. Tom indicated that Glen Springs has been listed on the State Register of Historic Sites and that the dedication hopefully will be Sunday, August 5, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. during Onekama Days. It was the consensus of the board to allow \$500.00 for expenses for dedication supplies.

REVENUE SHARING: Information on the Revenue Sharing Grant for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator has been received from School Superintendant Kevin Hughes and forwarded to County Controller/Administrator, Tom Kaminski. In the event of a significant disruption of power, the school building is capable of serving as the primary shelter for our community. The Township received \$63,125.00 for the emergency generator for Onekama Schools. Meister will attend the June 11, 2012 meeting for an additional request for the Fire Department.

MTA LOCAL CHAPTER : Annual dinner was as usual very good. President James Espvik spoke and introduced special guests Cindy Davis from Michigan Townships Association; Sheriff Dale Kowalkowski; Alan O'Shea, who is running for state representative; Jerry Peterson, Manistee County Road Commission; and Sarah Archer, from Iris Waste Diversion. Each guest spoke on important issues. Also attending were 45 elected officials and guests from 9 townships.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: E-Mail reports placed on file.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Meister read Mary Reed's report: This is the fourth year of the Portage Lake Management Plan and the treatment of phragmites has been a success. The biggest challenge continues to be Eurasian water milfoil. Because of the increased water clarity in Portage Lake from zebra and quagga mussels the ewm is now growing in deeper areas where treatment is difficult. Lakeshore Environmental's initial water monitoring and survey schedule for the 2012 season to date is: Storm drains: sampled March 30th, 2012; Tribs: sampled April 12, 2012; Lake AVAS plant survey by Lakeshore Environmental: June 2, 2012; Divers on the lake will sample pre-treatment EWM for MDEQ protocol on June 2, 2012.

DISINCORPORATION:

**RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD'S
SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
DISINCORPORATION PLAN, DATED MARCH 26, 2012, IN THE EVENT
ELECTORS APPROVE DISINCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE AT AN
AUGUST 7, 2012 ELECTION**

**TOWNSHIP OF ONEKAMA
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2012-09**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Onekama, County of Manistee, Michigan, held in said Township on the 5th day of June, 2012, there were:

Present: David Meister, Helen Mathieu, LaVonne Beebe, James Wiskiski, Roland Clement.

Absent: None

The following resolution was offered by Roland Clement and seconded by James Wisniski.

WHEREAS, during the spring and summer of 2011, Onekama Township ("Township") and the Village of Onekama ("Village"), in conjunction with the Alliance for Economic Success and the Citizen's Research Council, held informational meetings and discussions on the question of how the Village and the Township could consolidate governments, and an option discussed and considered, was the disincorporation of the Village into the Township; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to those meetings and discussions, a Petition was circulated amongst the registered electors of the Village on the question of initiating the disincorporation of the Village into the Township pursuant to MCL 74.18a, and on August 24, 2011, the Petition was certified with the required 15 percent of Village registered electors; and

WHEREAS, the certified Petition provided the Village Council the option, pursuant to MCL 74.23-23i to appoint a Disincorporation Commission ("Commission") to prepare a Disincorporation Plan ("Plan"), so that the question of disincorporation could be presented to the electors in accordance with the terms of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2011, the Village Council decided to appoint the Commission to prepare the Plan so that the question of Village disincorporation could be presented to the electors in accordance with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was formed, and worked on the Plan, during weekly meetings, throughout the Winter of 2012, and the Commission approved the Plan on March 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was intended to provide an orderly and detailed process for the disincorporation of the Village and to include the elements listed under MCL 74.23e including, but not limited to:

- A. Land Use and Planning
- B. Indebtedness and Litigation
- C. Real and Personal Property and Other Assets
- D. Public Records
- E. Employees and Contracts of Employment
- F. Jurisdiction Over Streets
- G. Jurisdiction Over Traffic Control
- H. Special Assessments
- I. Public Utilities and Public Services
- J. Authorities
- L. Fiscal Impact
- M. Dispute Resolution
- N. Other collateral matters including how the current Village Ordinances would be continued by the Township, how the Village's sewer system would be continued after disincorporation, and how the bonds and other funding mechanisms for the sewer system would be continued; and

WHEREAS, the Plan approved by the Commission on March 26, 2012 did include comprehensive and detailed instruction with respect to the foregoing matters; and

WHEREAS, before the Plan could be submitted to the electors as part of a Village disincorporation ballot question, both the Township Board and the Village Council had to approve the Plan pursuant to MCL 74.23f; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2012 the Township Board approved the Plan. However, the Village Council did not approve the Plan; and

WHEREAS, because the Village Council did not approve the Plan, the Plan will not be referenced as part of the ballot question for Village disincorporation set for an election scheduled on August 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, because the Plan will not be referenced in the ballot question for Village disincorporation, questions have arisen as to how the Township Board will proceed should the electors approve disincorporation of the Village at the August 7, 2012 election pursuant to MCL 74.18a; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to inform the electors of its intentions with respect to the Plan should the electors approve Village disincorporation at the August 7, 2012 election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Onekama Township hereby declares the following:

1. The Township Board takes no position on the question of whether the Village of Onekama should be disincorporated into the Township.
2. If, however, the question of disincorporating the Village into the Township, passes at the election on August 7, 2012, the Township Board commits to implement the Village disincorporation in conformance with all aspects of the Plan, consistent with the Township Board's prior approval of the Plan on April 3, 2012, including, but not limited to, utilizing any existing Village fund balances, which may be transferred to the Township upon disincorporation, in the manner outlined in the Plan.
3. Further, the Township Board will direct all Township officials, boards and employees to take all necessary and advisable actions to implement disincorporation of the Village in accordance with the Plan in as expeditious manner as possible.

Adopted this 5th day of June, 2012.

YEAS: Roland Clement, Helen Mathieu, James Wisniski, LaVonne Beebe, David Meister.

NAYS: None

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Onekama, County of Manistee, and State of Michigan, at a meeting held on June 5th, 2012, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: June 5th, 2012

Township Clerk

WATERSHED/WETLAND COMMITTEE: Money is available: ENTIRE BLOCK SIX (6), SCHIMKEY'S ADDITION TO BROOKFIELD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2-B OF PLATS, PAGE 42. Tax parcel no. 51-11-690-022-00. Closing date June 13th 2012. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to approve the transaction and allow the Clerk and Treasurer to write a check for the purchase price of \$37,258.83, the title company closing fee shall be split equally between the parties. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Wisniski, Clement, Mathieu, Beebe, Meister. Nays: None Motion carried. The closing shall be held at the offices of Manistee Abstract & Title Co. Inc. 63 Maple St. Manistee, Michigan. David Meister will attend the meeting.

ROADS: Covered at the beginning of meeting with Jerry Peterson.

GLEN PARK: Survey completed

ROOF INSPECTION: Thermal-Tec will come and inspect the roof of the Township hall and station on Wednesday, June 6. (10 Year Warranty is soon to expire)

DDA: Proposed Downtown Development Authority: Questions have been raised as to what authority Manistee County has with respect a Township DDA. After much discussion, project will be brought up in September.

FERNDALE DRIVE: Jeff Eadeh has asked for permission to expand and clear Ferndale Drive to his property (Lots 23 & 24 of Block 61 Portage Park Addition). **MOTION** by Wisinski, second by Clement to allow the clearing of Ferndale by Eadeh, providing access to his lots at no cost to the township as per our established policy. Future improvements would have to meet road commission specs. Motion carried.

RECYCLE REPORT: Beebe reported on recent recycling meeting and the camera man will re-look security camera placement. Plastic bags may now be recycled in the green bin.

BOOKEEPING SOFTWARE: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to update QuickBooks software. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Milasich asked about the status of the grant money for the disincorporation plan. The grant has been approved but it has not been received.

BILLS: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to pay the bills. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

PRECINCT INSPECTORS 2012/2013/2014

MOTION by LaVonne Beebe, second by David Meister to accept the following election workers for 2012/2013/2014: Karla Brown, Darlene Richmond, Carla Sievert, Nancy Behring, Sue Kahl, Eleanor Wall, Debra French, Nancy Schultz, Faye Volkema, Joann Hilliard, Mary Kuipers, Mary Lou Millard, Bonnie Miller, Marge Clement, Helen Mathieu, LaVonne Beebe, Robert Blackmore, Mary Pattison, MaryAnn Gross, Mary Lynn Burchard. Motion carried.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk