

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014, 9 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Helen Mathieu appointed Trustee Robert Blackmore to conduct the meeting in the absence of Supervisor David Meister.

Present: Trustee James Wisniski, Treasurer LaVonne Beebe, Clerk Mathieu, Trustee Blackmore.

MINUTES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve the July 1, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Special Meeting with the following corrections: Correct the "v" to "V" in LaVonne Beebe's name in the second motion made; add that Wisniski was absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Mathieu reminded everyone that the primary election is Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beebe reported the balance in the General Fund as of July 30, 2014 is \$264,647.55; balance in the Fire Fund as of July 30, 2014 is \$182,880.46.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Telephone System under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COPY MACHINE: Consensus to obtain more information and bring suggestions to the September meeting.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Absent.

COMMISSIONER JEFF DONTZ: Absent.

FIRE/RESCUE: Blackmore reported the department received \$3,945 from the Revenue Sharing Board for an upgrade to the JAWS truck. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to add \$700 to that amount from the Fire Fund to complete the work. Motion carried.

Capt. Clint Osborn reported that the 1994 Rescue Vehicle 105 has been sold for \$15,000 to a fire department in Woodstock, Maine. Run reports for July were 5 fire runs, 2 JAWS, 28 rescues and 2 meetings. The department participated in the Bear Lake and Arcadia Days parades. Truck 104 Trash pump is repaired. He also reviewed the activities hosted by the department for Onekama Days.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Al Taylor reported the commission will discuss an interim zoning administrator at its August meeting. Township Board received input on a proposed Special Events Ordinance and was asked to have its attorney review it. He said the commission has received approximately 200 responses to the survey on the Master Plan. A workshop for planning and zoning will be held Monday, Sept. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Manistee City Hall. Those wishing to attend should notify Clerk Mathieu.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Assessor Ginny Martz reported the July Board of Review was held on July 22 and acted on 20 affidavits. Copies of the affidavits, table value worksheets, minutes, value change reports were delivered to Equalization and the County Treasurer on July 23. Copies of the warrants were delivered on July 24. Onekama was the first again to turn in the Board of Review information. Copies of the affidavits, value change report and warrant were given to the Township Treasurer and the Village Treasurer on July 23. Taxpayers' July Board of Review notices and the affidavits were mailed out on July 23. She went out in the field with Equalization on July 7. She is continuing field inspection of properties. Pictures have been attached, but the sketches have not been updated. All deeds, transfer affidavits, PRE affidavits and rescissions have been processed. Equalization has made changes regarding address changes by scanning in the address change forms submitted, so they can keep track. They will give changes they get to the Onekama assessor.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Beebe reported for Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot for the month of July: 3 Land Use Permits were issued, no Variances, Special Use Permits, or Violations. Philpot attended the Zoning Administrator's meeting on July 29 in Manistee.

PARKS & RECREATION: Committee Vice Chairman Mary Lou Millard reported: Parks Appreciation went very well, received donations of \$275.50. Permits are being requested for a water well at North Point Park. Chairman Jon Phillips will meet with DEQ representation Sue Conradson on Tuesday, Aug. 5., to see if permits are needed to replace the concrete at Community Dock.

MTA: Wisniski reported the group heard a representative from the Manistee County Council on Aging; heard Sheriff Dale Kowalski discuss a possible "911" millage renewal. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at Stronach Township.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Blackmore read an excerpt from Chuck May in the minutes of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission meeting which states: " The Senate and House have overwhelmingly, and in a bi-partisan way, passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014. The vote in the Senate was 91-7 and in the House 412-4. This act calls for increased spending from the annual HMT, Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, revenue of some \$1.6 billion- increasing spending from the present 50% to 65% in 2015, and 100% by 2025. It designates that the Great Lakes be budgeted as a single, integrated navigation system encompassing all its waterways and harbors—the Great Lakes Navigation System (GLNS). WRRDA stipulates that 10% of all funding increases are to be spent in the Great Lakes- an increase of approximately \$22 million in 2015 and \$75 million by 2025." (President Obama signed the bill on June 10, 2014.) Two others letters were received from the commission and placed on file.

INVASIVE SPECIES:-Chairman Mary Reed reported the second aquatic invasive survey of 2014 was conducted on July 22, and the Lake was treated July 29. Main areas of infestation are around the boat launch areas of the lake, camps and marinas. Treatment maps are available. Chuck Reed completed the ciBioBase survey of the entire lake and downloaded his data. Maps for this year are available. Cost of treatments to date are approximately \$60,000. The committee does not expect to treat any more Eurasian Watermilfoil this summer and will treat phragmites in September. Lake Manager Bre Grabill was a speaker at the July 20 "Tuesdays with Water". The next program, "Where Does Water in Portage Lake Come From?" is Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Farr Center.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: No report.

PLA: Taylor reported the PLA worked with the Lions Club on Onekama Days events, which were successful. The group plans to address the board of the Manistee County Convention and Visitor's Bureau regarding its promotion of area townships' events.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: Reed reported the group's fund-raiser was successful. Speakers at the event were Jamie Meister of the Watershed, Laura Heintzelman of the Alliance for Economic Success and Bob Gezon of Portage Point Inn.

EXPLORE THE SHORES: No report.

INSURANCE ON ARBOVITAE: Mathieu reported proof of insurance from the Bernard family was received.

MEMO ON M-22 AND SMITH ROAD: In answer to inquiries on "blind intersections" in the township, Manistee County Road Commission Manager Mark Sohlden said MDOT's Dan Lund responded the warning signs at the intersections were measured and were signed appropriately; no additional signs are approved.

PAVING BIDS: Tabled until the September meeting.

ROAD COMMISSION: Wisniski reported the commission discussed MERS and the possibility of adding a third mower to do roadside mowing. At a special meeting, the commission's CPA discussed the group's financial condition.

FEMA: Osborn and Blackmore will attend a FEMA seminar Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Manistee County Sheriff's Office.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: The Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Manistee County Road Commission building.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE: Board was requested by resident Tad Duemler to consider a fireworks ordinance for the township and presented a sample ordinance from Glen Arbor for their review.

BEACH MONITORING: Reports received and placed on file.

WICK-A-TE-WAH: The issue was brought up on access from Wick-A-Te-Wah when Leonard Avenue is closed. No additional discussion took place.

REGIONAL SUMMIT: The Manistee County Regional Summit will be Thursday, Sept. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Little River Casino Resort.

SEISMIC TESTING: Blackmore reported the testing is almost completed, an eight square mile area was mapped out.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE: Blackmore reported the office telephone system will go from manual to digital. Ascomnorth submitted a bid of \$5,520 for a six-phone system.

REVIEW BUDGET WAGES/SALARY: The budget will be reviewed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---Manistee Conservation District

---AES

---Charter Communications

---Great Lakes Marine Fireworks

---FEMA

---Explore the Shores

---George Saylor

---Dist. 10 Health Dept.

ADJOURN: 10: 30 a.m.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk