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**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011, 9 A.M.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Beebe reported the balance in the General Fund as of August 31, 2011 is \$426,335.29; balance in the Fire Fund is \$260,348.77.

AMEND AGENDA: Move Randy Baker and Fire/Rescue report after Commissioner Anderson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Absent.

COMMISSIONER DUANE ANDERSON: Absent.

FIRE/RESCUE: Randy Baker reported 6 fire runs, 2 meetings, 1 training meeting, 8 other events including Onekama Days and County Fair coverage for August; 20 rescue runs, 2 in Brown Township. Fire/Rescue will head the homecoming parade at OHS Sept. 23; Rescue asked to be at all football games this year, grant for approximately \$7,000 turned in for updating older equipment . Progress on International truck still on track for December—sub frame is out of fabrication and body components are designed and cut. Baker outlined the need to make new road maps, which will now include the Jaws truck runs within the county, for the fire/rescue department to utilize. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to subcontract Baker to make the road maps for the fire/rescue department and pay his bill of \$450. Motion carried.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Trout reported that planners requested the board ask the road commission about mowing of secondary roads. The board said mowing has been brought up before but the road commission’s reply is they have no funds to do this. Trout also said the revised coming zoning ordinance should be back from the consultant in possibly two weeks for the

commissioners' review. Planners will also continue to look into the issue of wind turbines. The board re-affirmed using Bzdok & Olson as attorneys for the planning commission. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski to approve the Capital Improvement Program for 2011-2015. The board thanked the CIP committee for its hard work on this project.

BOARD OF REVIEW/ASSESSOR: Assessor Ginny Martz reported she has looked at 80 per cent of the "Ag" parcels and pictures are attached. Sketches are not completed. Deeds she has received are up to date. Work has started on inspection of parcels in the village. Cutoff date for sales is Sept. 30; Equalization Department is running about 6 weeks behind on these deeds. She said she has been changed from a "Level Three" Assessor to "Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer".

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No activity.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Meister read Zoning Administrator's report which said 3 land use permits were issued, 1 violation received and 1 permit still pending for month of August. He also read a letter of response to Tom and Judy Lewis. They inquired regarding a charter boat docked at Portage Point Inn and street parking. The zoning administrator replied to them that no violation has occurred by the charter being docked there, and the number of parking spaces available now is the same as the number indicted on the SUP when it was approved.

PARKS & RECREATION: Vice Chairman Mary Lou Millard reported that the committee heard a presentation on Disc Golf courses, will discuss it further at the September meeting; North Point Appreciation and Awareness Day was successful with 250 attending at the park, and 52 children participating in the "Sharks in the Park" event. The committee is requesting that the board approve placing a chemical toilet at North Point Park next summer. Consensus of the board to grant the request. The board also instructed the committee to select a possible name or names for the wetlands area, and submit the names to the board for its selection and approval. Committee member and Portage Lake Harbor Commission Chairman Jim Mrozinski reported the 1930 pierhead light is in place and a balance of \$240 remains from the \$2,800 allowed by the board to finish the project. He would like to see the balance or some other funding used to place white gravel around the base of the light. Conceptual drawings viewed by the Onkama Community Access Initiative Leadership and the public will be available for viewing by the parks committee at its Sept. 15 meeting at 8 a.m., place to be announced. The drawings may also be displayed at the school for more public viewing and input. In answer to the question "who owns Langland Park?", Clerk Mathieu said it is technically a "no man's land" but there are individuals who are permitted to care for it. They are the county road commission who is in charge of the road, and the township, who is in charge placing the chemical toilets and removing the sand around the gazebo.

MTA: Wisniski reported the members discussed a County ORV Ordinance. Several townships indicated they are satisfied with their own ordinances. Paul Adamski is the

new deputy drain commissioner. Consensus of the board is to continue with the township medical marijuana moratorium.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: No report.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Meister read report submitted by Chairman Mary Reed: Phragmites treatment dates are Sept. 8,9,10,11 and 12; resurvey of lake by Lakeshore Environmental is Sept. 15; Eurasian Water Milfoil samples tested, all samples were hybrid; permission slips received from landowners in Pierport and permit received from DEQ to treat the phragmites on Lake Michigan in Pierport; purple loosestrife is increasing and will be treated with the phragmites treatment this year, the DEQ will be asked for another addendum to the permit to allow treatment of the Eurasian water Milfoil to at least 20 feet. Currently the DEQ only allows for treatment to a 10 foot depth. Additional treatments of EWM may be needed this fall, based on the discovery of significant EWM over the summer. The committee will wait until completion of this fall's surveys to submit a new estimated budget and data to support it.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: E-mail correspondence received and placed on file.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: Communication is continuing between the parks and watershed committees, with some members of both groups also on both committees. Watershed committee members are: Kathy Ervin, chairman; Al Taylor, Alice Hendricks, Daniel Behring, Dave Nesburg, Dave Van Eerden, Dee Dee Miller, Eric Beeman, Frank Beaver, Frank English, George Panches, Greg Goudy, Herb Lenon, Howard Hughes, Jim Mrozinski, Jim Simons, Junior Kaufman, Mark Tonello, Mary Reed, Mike Acton, Richard Tomlinson, Roger Cody, Tim Morley, Tim Wade. Onekama Community Access Site Leadership Team members are: Kathy Ervin, chairman; Susan Barnard, Jon Phillips, Tom Gerhardt, Alice Hendricks, Phil Joseph, Mary Lou Millard, Margaret Panches, Mary Reed, Al Taylor.

DEQ: Clement said no permits are needed by the DEQ to place fill in the back of the township hall. He and Meister will meet Thursday at 9 a.m. to discuss plans for the area. Clement will contact Parkdale Block for a price on cement blocks.

BROOK ST.: For clarification purposes, Clerk Mathieu pointed out that an agreement has been signed by the Onekama Township Board and the County Road Commission for repair work on Brook Street and culvert. The estimated amount is \$45,190.42. The entire amount will be paid by Onekama Township.

ROAD COMMISSION: Wisniski reported that a grievance was reviewed and denied regarding the placing of signs on County Road 600 Bridge by the foreman. Tom and Judy Lewis, property owners on 5th Street, requested permission from the county road commissioners to establish an easement for docks and boats on 5th Street. Their request was denied. There are 28 employees in the commission with a new employee being added. The landowner for Angel Slide is Northwoods Development LLC; the county road

commission will work with Northwoods. Commission meeting dates are Monday, Sept. 12 at noon, Thursday, Oct. 13 at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. Wisniski also asked the commission to place criss-cross barriers at Avenue E, the commission will work on guard rails at Avenue E.

PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW: No new information.

RECYCLE: The board discussed a recycling assessment for businesses and camps.

PROCUREMENT POLICY: Placed on October agenda.

BATESMORE: Photos were shown of a shanty left in place on Batesmore Avenue. Consensus is that if the shanty is on township property, township can remove it. A policy is needed to have the owner pay expenses. A sign is O.K. if it is on the owner's beach property.

MRA: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to support the MRA Contract for 2011-2012 for \$3,346, amount to be paid annually. Roll call vote: Wisniski, yes; Mathieu, yes; Clement, yes; Beebe, yes; Meister, no. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATION: Meister reported that a petition signed by 63 qualified voters residing in the Village requesting a vote on the question of whether the Village should disincorporate into Onekama Township will be on the village agenda for its Wednesday, Sept. 21 meeting at 7 p.m. A resolution to form the Commission would be presented to the Village Council at that time. If the Council establishes the resolution, it would appoint three members and request that Onekama Township round out the commission by appointing three additional members. A vote of the electorate to disincorporate would not happen until---at the earliest--- February, 2012, giving time for the commission to complete its analysis and for voters to participate in and review the analysis prior to a ballot proposal.

SUMMIT: Manistee County's Eighth Regional Summit will be Thursday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Norman Township Community Center.

LETTER: Letter received from Portage Ridge property owners of Parcel # 51-11-440—021-00, Unit 21, who wish to donate their property to the township. Issue will be on October agenda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Wisniski reported the commission said there would be no pay raises except for the Sheriff's Department; Jim Mrozinski and Rochelle Rollenhagen were re-appointed to the Brownfield Development Committee.

TABLES: Clerk given approval to purchase tables for the township meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Charles Greaves.

WELL: For the record, Township Hall Fire Department Water Well was installed May 2, 2011. Parcel #51-41-100-091-10; Permit No. 51-4972.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Case No. 14299 (Okla Jackson- Summons & Complaint
- Case No. 14307 (Pamela Evans-Summons & Complaint)
- Manistee Clerks” Assn. ---DEQ ---Portage Lake Resort Corp.
- District 10 Health Dept. ---Bob,Connie Bennett ---Charter Business
- Portage Lake Harbor Commission ---CRA

ADJOURN: 12:05 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee