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ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2015, 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 Wisniski, Robert Blackmore, LaVonne Beebe, Helen Mathieu.

MINUTES: Motion by Blackmore, second by Wisniski, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 1, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Wisniski, second by Blackmore to approve the minutes of the Sept. 15 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Mathieu reported there is no election in November, 2015. The Presidential Primary will be March 8, 2016. The State Election will be Aug. 2, 2016 and the General Presidential Election will be in November, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beebe reported General Fund expenditures for the month of September were \$24,735.30, with an ending General Fund balance of \$200,553.04. Expenditures for the month of September for the Fire Fund were \$12,713.81, with an ending Fire Fund Balance of \$233,703.61

AMEND AGENDA: Add Roger Burger after Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ROGER BURGER: Burger asked the board for financial help in boat launch pier repairs in the Village Park. Meister said because of state laws, the township cannot give monies to the village.

CONSUMER'S ENERGY: Wisniski reported that Consumer's Energy has begun a project to cut and trim trees near power lines in Onekama Township, including the Village A Consumer's representative will be at the November meeting to further explain the project.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Absent.

COMMISSIONER JEFF DONTZ: Dontz reported the Little River Watershed Plan was presented, but there are zoning issues with it. The commissioners adopted a \$10.8 budget. West Shore Hospital is discussing the feasibility of affiliation with Munson Hospital.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Meister read the minutes of the Harbor Commission's Sept. 24, 2015 meeting. Jim Simons obtained information from the DNR on a fish cleaning station. Chuck May and Jim Mrozinski met with Sen. Debbie Stabenow and suggested an aside of \$20 million per year be created for Great Lakes dredging and repairs. Frank English reported two new invasive species have been identified in the Great Lakes and there also appears to be an Asian Carp found in Lake Erie.

FIRE/RESCUE: Fire Capt. Clinton Osborn reported for September there were 8 fire runs, 9 rescue runs, 8 JAWS, 1 meeting for the month of September. Thomas Koon and Kaitlin Kubiskey would like to take the Fire Academy training this year; Osborn signed up for Fire Instructor 1 classes in December; hose testing will be conducted this month. Chief Lawrence Hrachovina signed 90 per cent of the new policies and

signed and returned a letter of completion for Participating Plan Risk Control. The department received its request for 4 pagers, 2 radios and a headset. The Revenue Sharing board meeting is Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.

Meister left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Meister returned to the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Trout presented the Planning Commission's proposed Rules of Behavior for township parks per a request from Par Plan, the township's insurer. The suggested rules:

1. Hours of use are dawn to dusk, excepting the Langland Park/Turn-Around Beach.
2. Other than in designated areas, motorized vehicles are prohibited.
3. Trash must be carried out and properly disposed of.
4. Camping is not allowed in Township Parks.
5. Open fires are allowed only in designated fire rings at the Langland Park/Turn-Around Beach.
6. Hunting is not allowed in any Township Park.
7. Plant life must not be disturbed.

Motion by Blackmore, second by Wisniski to change No. 5 to read "Open fires are allowed only at Langland Park/Turn-Around Beach", and to schedule a public hearing on the complete list including the change, for 8:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, prior to the regular township board meeting. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW/ASSESSOR: Assessor Ginny Martz received a "Notice of Docket Number" from the Michigan Tax Tribunal. She has 28 days to answer the petition; it will be answered next week. All deeds, transfer affidavits, PRE and rescind of affidavits have been processed. Properties have been field inspected and pictures are attached; sketches and data are not updated. New and ongoing construction inspections will begin next week. The assessor's office has received notification from the State Tax Commission regarding major changes for the manufacturing and essential services personal property; all details not worked out yet. Manistee County Equalization Director Roger Elbers said even though the department is not required to send personal property statements, the department will continue mailing the statements for the next several years.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No activity.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Meister reported for Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot: One Land Use Permit issued. Property on Bayview Drive did not have a camper on site when the site was inspected. A letter was sent to the owner noting that having a camper there was a Zoning Ordinance violation and a repeat offense would result in a violation notice. A letter also to another property owner informing them that having a camper on a vacant property is a Zoning Ordinance violation.

PARKS & RECREATION: Chairman Jon Phillips reported bids were received for tree work in Glen Park.

Motion by Blackmore, second by Wisniski to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to accept the bid from Canfield Climbing Clippers for \$4,000 to remove hazardous trees and debris in Glen Park. Motion carried.

COUNTY-WIDE PARKS RECREATION COMMITTEE: Phillips reported the committee will meet Monday, Oct. 12 in Kaleva. The plan is being written; it should be completed by December.

LANGLAND PARK: Al Taylor reported Tim Knutson of Beckett & Raeder did the scheduling for permitting; this may take until May. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Blackmore to write a check to cover the cost of an application for sand removal. Motion carried.

MTA: Wisniski reported on the Manistee County Summit Meeting. Among guest speakers were Mark Fedder, Executive Director of the Manistee County Historical Museum, who told of the history of Manistee County residents; Bob Peretin of Packaging Corporation of America who outlined the history of trees to paper, Kenneth Babcock, Meijer Store Manager, who discussed plans/partnership in the community

PLA: Chairman Al Taylor reported the Onekama Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Village Park. Events include a pet parade, kids' activities and rides, craft events, and refreshments.

INVASIVE SPECIES: No report.

SEWER: Meister reported the committee is working on an application to the USDA, to obtain an accurate figure for a bid.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: Reports received and placed on file.

WATERSHED: The Portage Lake Watershed Forever Plan is being updated.

EXPLORE THE SHORES: No report.

ROADS: Wisniski reported work on Erdman Road is nearly complete. The road commission will hire two workers for the winter. Clerk Mathieu will give a report in November on the balance remaining in the account for roads. Wisniski said the township needs to select roads remaining in the township to be repaired.

PERMISSION TO REMOVE TREES: **Motion** by Wisniski second by Blackmore to permit Todd Jacobs to remove trees cut down by Consumer's Energy on Township Property No. 51-11-011-015-00, at no cost or liability to Onekama Township. Motion carried.

THERMAL-TEC: Clerk to notify Thermal-Tec the township no longer needs its services.

TERRORISM INSURANCE: **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Blackmore to not sign the insurance request. Motion carried with a 4- 1 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Al Taylor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---DEQ

---Consumer's Energy

---Army Corps of Engineers

---County Board of Commissioners

ADJOURN: 11:55 p.m.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

