

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010, 9 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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 Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2010 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and Regular Meeting with the following correction: in the Recycle report by Mary Pitcher, change the word “assigns” to “signs”. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Avenue E, under Roads; Mutual Aid, under Fire Reports; recess for Recycle photo at 9:45 a.m.; Dana Schindler request for closed session, place after New Business; move Portage Lake Harbor Commission up to follow Commissioner Hilliard report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Absent.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Absent.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Chairman Jim Mrozinski reported that the commission received approval from the DNRE to install the lighthouse at the DNR boat launch. He said it will be cleaned and repaired at his marina, and a nine or ten foot tall concrete structure will be built and the lighthouse placed on top of it. Some form of lighting, including solar power, is being considered to light it. The commission has \$5,500 from the Portage Lake Association and need \$12,500 to complete the job. The lighthouse may be moved to the site around July or August. He also said the Asian carp situation is extremely serious for the Great Lakes. He said the commission helped form the Great Lakes Harbor Coalition and through this group, may get funding to help get the harbors dredged. Commission member and Vice Chairman Dennis Blue reported on the Michigan Port Collaborative Committee. Blue explained what the committee does which is to elevate the recognition and economic vitality of the Great Lakes port communities and to develop coastal communities as the “Michigan’s Front Door”. He submitted the following resolution to the board:

MICHIGAN PORT COLLABORATIVE
“COMMUNITY COMMITMENT”
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

Whereas, THE MISSION OF THE Michigan Port Collaborative is to elevate the recognition and economic vitality of our State’s Great Lakes port communities. The Collaborative is committed to protecting and promoting our Great Lakes and developing our coastal communities as the “Michigan’s Front Door”, and

Whereas, The Michigan Port Collaborative defines a Michigan Port Community as a Great Lakes coastal community that hosts a marine cargo shipping port, a marine commercial port (non-cargo), and/or a recreational harbor; and

Whereas, Onekama Township is home to a commercial (non-cargo) and recreational port and therefore clearly meets the Michigan Port Collaborative definition of a Port Community;

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Whereas, Onekama Township recognizes that membership in the Michigan Port Collaborative will benefit and enable this and other Michigan port communities, our private and non-profit partners, as well as State and federal leaders to

---Speak with a clear voice in Lansing and Washington, D. C. on Michigan port funding and policy priorities;

---Effectively market and promote each Great Lakes community and its region;

---Leverage and enhance port and regional assets and funding to maximum advantage;

---Access the growing information, experience, creativity, talent and knowledge of the Collaborative and its individual public, private and non-profit sector members; AND

Whereas, Onekama Township is committed to the long term goals of the Michigan Port Collaborative, which require that Collaborative Member Communities demonstrate that they are working to develop their Port and region in ways that protect and promote:

---Our Great Lakes, their unique coastal habitats, and that citizen stewardship of them;

---Exceptional and diverse recreational and educational opportunities;

---Attractive, user-friendly public access to port activities, which must be effectively linked to local assets and the community business districts, with emphasis on walkability, integrated and effective transportation service, and signage;

---Universal, barrier free and remote access to Michigan Ports, their services and activities;

public awareness and respect for Michigan's rich maritime culture and history, from the pre-historic days of indigenous people, through Michigan's settlement era and through modern time;

---Environmentally sustainable practices, including reducing waste and pollution in the port community, including marinas, tourism businesses, commercial, cargo shipping and other operations in the port Community;

---Wise land use planning and redevelopment of contaminated properties along our Great Lakes waterfront and in our Port Communities; and

---Effective strategic and marketing planning; AND

Whereas, the Michigan Port Collaborative requires Michigan port communities seeking membership in the Collaborative to apply to the Collaborative and submit within six months of application both of the following:

1). An inventory of local and regional assets, resources and needs that will enable the port community to provide a maritime tourism and working waterfront experience for their port businesses, residents and visitors.

2). A resolution adopted by the community's governing body that demonstrates the port community's commitment to:

---Build effective public/private/non-profit partnerships at the local and regional level;

---Achieve the long term goals and meet the membership criteria of the Collaborative;

---Actively participate in the Michigan Port Collaborative and its mission; and

---Name a community individual as its liaison to the collaborative.

Whereas, the Michigan Port Collaborative is working to create a governing structure to further refine and develop member proposals and support for both short and long-term membership criteria and the concept of a Michigan Port Collaborative designation process which may include

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incentives and rewards for Collaborative members, as well as ways to help the public readily identify Collaborative members and positively "brand" the Collaborative and its partners.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that this resolution serves as the membership application for **Onekama Township** to the Michigan Port Collaborative and conveys to the Collaborative this Port Community's commitment to prepare a community and regional asset inventory as well as meet the Collaborative's membership requirements within six months of the effective date of this resolution; and

And be it Further Resolved by Onekama Township that this resolution shall be entered in the public record and a copy of this resolution shall be promptly conveyed to the Michigan Port Collaborative and the county, regional, state and federal officials who will benefit from this Port Community's membership in the Collaborative.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to approve Michigan Port Collaborative Resolution 2010-10. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

i, ele IIIHelen Mathieu, Clerk of Onekama Township, do hereby that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2010-10 adopted by the Board of Trustees of Onekama township at its Regular meeting duly called and held on the 3rd day of May, 2010.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk, Onekama Township

Motion by Beebe, second by Wisniski to pay \$200 in expenses for Mrozinski and Blue to attend the Port Collaborative meeting May 20 and 21. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE: Wisniski reported on information for a new fire truck and the department is awaiting concise specifications. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to have the supervisor sign the Manistee County Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: The commission's meeting has been changed to Thursday, May 13 instead of May 20. A Village Wind System Ordinance public hearing is scheduled by the commission for Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.; the commission's Capital Improvement Program public hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. May 13, followed at 7 p.m. by the regular Planning Commission meeting.

HUGH ROLLIN: Board discussed water well situation with Hugh Rollin.

The board recessed at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: Kathy Irvin updated the board on the committee's activities, which includes how to get more education and activities on the watershed into the community,

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discussed the Explore the Shores program through the Alliance for Economic Success. The group is looking at village and township parks. She said \$40,000 is needed for an engineering study of each of the parks to see how they fall under grant requirements, and the group is asking the township for its support. She will bring a resolution indicating support of the project to the June meeting.

BOARD OF REVIEW/ASSESSOR: Assessor Ginny Martz reported all the Homestead Exemptions have been turned in to the county.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No activity.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported three Land Use Permits, two violations pending in the township; reminded those wishing to attend the Global Economy seminars to sign up. Report placed on file.

PARKS & RECREATION: Secretary Tom Gerhardt reported that the committee will meet Thursday, May 6 at 8 a.m., at which time the committee will review goals. He asked for a copy of the budget and

expenditures for 2009 and also asked if the township had an abstract for Glen Park. Howard Hughes reported that 56 people helped plant 1,000 white pine trees at North Point Park on Arbor Day. Jon Phillips donated a painting wheel and paint to the township for use when needed.

MTA-Local: Wisniski reported that Manistee Township is considering obtaining its own rescue unit; the annual MTA dinner will be Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bear Lake United Methodist Church. Wisniski, Clement and Mathieu plan to attend.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Chairman Mary Reed reported: Native marsh marigolds are growing where Phragmites once had been, supporting the fact that the chemicals used did not kill native plants; a Spring Newsletter from Lakeshore Environmental will be included with the summer tax bill; Professional Lake Management will send an advance notice letter to all riparians prior to first treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil; permit received for 2010 treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil and Phragmites; public hearing should be scheduled in late July or August where people may show cause why their property should not be included for Phragmites treatment.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: Meister reported a group which included county and township officials from most areas in the county met to discuss ways to keep the fairgrounds viable.

RECYCLE: County has not reimbursed the township yet for a fee.

DEQ: Meister read a letter from Dennis Wickstrom in support of the land acquisition; board discussed land purchase totaling \$7,040. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve the land acquisition contract for \$7,040. Roll call vote: James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, yes; David Meister, yes. Motion carried.

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AVENUE E: Consensus of the board to have the County Road Commission add Avenue E to the 1st Street pier on the township's road work list.

USDA:

Meister reported that he received a letter from the USDA stating the grant funds had been utilized, but money could still be available if someone opts out of their grant; fire truck grant application will be re-written for \$100,000.

WATER WELL: **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to pursue getting an individual water well for the township. Motion carried.

E-MAC RESOLUTION: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to approve Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact Resolution No. 2010-09.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-09

MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

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 Board of Trustees, 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: James Wisniski, Roland Clement, elen Mathieu,

Helen Mathieu, LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, David Meister.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ADOPTED BY: The Onekama Township Board

DATE: May 3, 2010

CERTIFICATION

I e certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by Onekama Township Board of Trustees on May 3, 2010.

BY: Helen Mathieu

TITLE: Clerk, Onekama Township, Onekama, MI 49675

DATE: May 3, 2010

POLICIES: Board to review the revisions at June meeting.

SCHWING: No report.

ORV: Motion by Beebe, second by Wisniski to pursue the state ORV ordinance format, send it to the County Road Commission and ask to be placed on the commission's May 13 meeting for discussion of this and the roads the township would like for use by ORV's. Motion carried.

NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Clerk to contact source and obtain the plan.

REVENUE SHARING: Application has been submitted.

ESCROW: Place on June agenda.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---Coastal Zone Mgmt. ---Portage Viewpoint ---MI Planner

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to go into closed session regarding request from Dana Schindler, using CL.15.261 in accordance with "Open Meetings Act" Reason (c/d) at 12:02 p.m.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe, to reconvene the regular meeting at 12:44 p.m.

The board members instructed Supervisor Meister to confer with Onekama Community Planning Commission Chairman Dan Behring.

ADJOURN: 12: 46 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu,

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee