

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010

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The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Supervisor David Meister.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Beebe to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 minutes with the following correction: under State Treasurer Information, correct to read Meister “will ask the clerk” instead if “instructed the clerk”. Motion carried

TREASURER’S REPORT: Beebe reported that National City Bank will become PNC in April, the township will then get all new account numbers. Report received and placed on file. The board discussed the recent auditor’s report from Kalcher, Vanderwal & Torrey, P.C., dated June 1, 2008 for the year ending March 31, 2008. The report found no issues or problems with the township books.

AMEND AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Haik reported the commission appointed members to the airport and library boards, are seeking a member for the Dial-A-Ride board, retained the same officers from 2009 for 2010 at an organizational meeting, discussed public safety procedures and building onto the jail.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Absent.

FIRE/RESCUE: Meister presented report: there were 7 rescue runs, 5 fire runs, 1 meeting for the month of December; working on ice rescue training-ice equipment is ready; looking into selection of jackets and shirts for members who have none. Wisniski questioned removal of fire equipment to Bear Lake, leaving Onekama unprotected, questioned whether it was toned out. Meister to talk with Chief Hrachovina. Department needs to contact the Lions Club to place an ad in its brochure during Onekama Days, to commemorate the celebration of the 60th year of the Onekama fire Department. Consensus of the board to permit Meister to use a fire truck pumper to make an ice skating rink in the village park.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Public hearing for Community Master Plan is Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in Farr Center; ads are scheduled for the newspaper, a

brochure is ready; by-law amendment change regarding fiscal year and calendar year will be discussed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Questioned raised as to whether the Community Development Committee should have a board member on it. Consensus of board that it is not necessary; board will request reports from the group when it meets.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Meister reported the work is completed for 2009. Sales Ratio adjustments for use in determining the 2010 Starting Base is at 52.03 %.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Consensus of the board to continue with the existing board members until the Community Appeals Board is organized.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported 2 permits issued, 1 variance granted, 3 violations pending, 1 violation resolved. Schindler presented summary reports for 2009 of permits issued and zoning board of appeals decisions.

MTA: Motion by Beebe, second by Clement to approve expenses of MTA conference, hotel accommodations, per diem and mileage for LaVonne Schafer Beebe, Amber Flippen, Helen Mathieu, Mary Kuipers, James Wisniski, Dan Behring and Mary Lou Millard. They will attend the MTA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids from Jan. 26-29. Motion carried

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: No report. The board recognized and praised the efforts and hard work of the Harbor Commission, especially Chuck May and Dennis Blue, in helping to expand the Small Harbors Coalition to include all harbors of the Great Lakes.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No report, no meetings until April.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: No report.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: No report.

DEQ: Permits received and placed on file.

SUZANNE SCHWING: Schwing reported on the Portage Lake Wetlands Project, stating that a public informational meeting was held Dec. 16. She said that a \$140,000-\$150,000 match is needed to apply for a grant. Consensus of the board to allow Schwing to pursue placing a millage on the November ballot for purchase of open space on the lake. (The proposed millage would be ½ mill for 2 years). More discussion will take place at the February meeting.

ROAD COMMISSION: Manager Jerry Petersen will attend the board's Feb. 2 meeting at 9 a.m.

ORV: A meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the county road commission building.

PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW (Dirksen/Brown); No report.

SANITARY SEWER: Representatives from the RDA, DEQ and Alliance for Economic Success will discuss the possibility of expanding the sanitary sewer system around the lake with the township and village on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the township hall. The public is welcome to attend.

RECYCLE: Bids were too high; will be re-submitted. Beebe will attend a meeting on the project on Friday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. in the road commission meeting room.

WATER WELL: The board approved payment of \$2,588.96 to Rollin Well Drilling for fall maintenance of the water well. Rollin will check a capped well in the west and back of the store in the Spring for possible use.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT: Meister said there is nothing at this time in the ordinance to assure public use of land placed in a conservation easement, although the property owners can still use the land but cannot develop it.

PAYROLL TAX CLASSIFICATION REPORT: Clarification given on Payroll Tax Classification regarding assessor's pay.

PHRAGMITES: Mary Reed is expecting the final report.

A. T. & T.: The board will review a proposal from Charter Communications versus A. T. & T. at its February meeting.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010, 2011: Consensus of the board because Nov. 2, 2010 is Election Day, the board's meeting will be Monday, Nov. 1 for that month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Schwing asked for a certificate of resolution showing that the township supports her letter. No action was taken.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---MRA	---Par Plan	---Revenue Sharing Board
---Cty. Controller	---Army Corps	---Manistee Twp.
--Road Commission	---MTA	---Charter Communications
--Rep. Dan Scripps	---County Planning Commission	

ADJOURN: 12:30 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee