

**BUDGET WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING
ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012, 10 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 10 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.

BUDGET WORK SHOP: All budget activity items were discussed. There will be a public hearing on the 2012-2013 budget at the April 3 board meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: Miscellaneous questions and answers on the budget.

COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANT PROPOSAL (2 YEAR) FOR COMMUNITY PARKS: Kathy Ervin of the Explore the Shores Subcommittee of the Onekama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee presented a resolution and opinion of probable construction costs for Langland Park. **Motion** by Beebe, second by Clement to write a letter of support for seeking matching funds of \$87,000 for the grant application. Roll call vote: Helen Mathieu, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; David Meister, yes. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA: Add the Resolution-Development of Langland Park after "Procurement Policy.

ECONOMIC VITALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM: **Motion** by Beebe, second by Wisniski to sign an agreement with the Alliance for Economic Success for Implementation of Economic Vitality Incentive Program Grant from the Michigan Department of Treasury, Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis for the Project Entitled "Disincorporation of the Village of Onekama into Onekama Township" dated Jan. 20, 2012. Roll call vote: Helen Mathieu, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Roland Clement, yes; James Wisniski, yes; David Meister, yes. Motion carried

Note: The complete agreement is attached to the original documents of these minutes.

BIDS:

---**Mowing:**--- Bids will be sought for various mowing duties required in the township. Clerk to notify past employees the township will continue with them as in the past, until results of disincorporation are known.

---**Surveys:** **Motion** by Clement, second by Wisniski, to award the survey bids to Abonmarche for \$1,500 for Glen Park and \$3,800 for Portage Wetlands Park. Roll call vote: James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen

Mathieu, yes, David Meister, yes. Motion carried. Letter of acceptance will be sent to Abonmarche.

FIRE CERTIFICATION: Clerk Mathieu said the rescue certification renewals will take place in the next few months.

APPROVAL FOR CHANGE OF DISINCORPORATION MEMBER: Motion by Mathieu, Wisniski to change Disincorporation Commission member Dan Behring from member to alternate; and change alternate Steve Szilvagy from alternate to member. Motion carried.

MANISTEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Meister presented a notice from the Manistee County Road Commission for a public hearing on proposed road construction, on Monday, April 2, 10 a.m. in the road commission office. Township work on the hearing agenda is Second Street, Portage Point Retaining Wall, Thirteen Mile Road and Memorial Drive.

PROCUREMENT POLICY: Motion by Clement, second by Wisniski to approve the Procurement Policy as presented. Motion carried.

NOTE: The policy is attached to the original document of these minutes. Copies of the policy are available at the township office.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMO: Meister read a memo from the Onekama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee as follows: “The Onekama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee recommends that the Onekama Township Board approve the request from the Explore the Shores Subcommittee of the Onekama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee for matching funds for the Phase I Parks Project grant application.”

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION
DEVELOPMENT OF LANGLAND PARK
2012-01**

WHEREAS, Portage Lake and Lake Michigan are of immense importance to the quality of life and economic well-being of this community; and

WHEREAS, residents as well as visitors to our community place the highest value on the use and enjoyment of the water resources of Portage Lake and Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Portage Lake Watershed Forever Plan and the Joint Master Plan for the Village of Onekama and Onekama Township underscore the importance of access and water recreation to the future of your communities; and

WHEREAS, funding under a grant from the Michigan Coastal Management Program was used to develop design concepts and preliminary engineering for six important parks and access sites within the Portage Lake watershed; and

WHEREAS, those design concepts and preliminary engineering provide a basis for funding improvements to support recreation and general enjoyment of our waters by people of all ages, needs and abilities; and

WHEREAS, funding in the form of grants should be sought to develop these sites as appropriate and economically feasible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Onekama Township seek funding support from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to begin development of one of the most intensely used parks in our community based upon the designs and engineering concepts, that being Langland Park or the Village Park; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be certified and provided as part of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Those voting in Favor: LaVonne Beebe, Helen Mathieu, James Wisniski, Roland Clement, David Meister.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared passed.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of the Resolution by Onekama Township Board at a March 19, 2012 Special Meeting.

BY: Helen Mathieu _____

TITLE: Clerk, Onekama Township, Onekama, MI 49675

DATE: March 19, 2012

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Kathy Ervin.

ADJOURN: 11:40 a.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee