

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 (DRAFT)
ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD > REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING > MINUTES

Call to order by Supervisor David Meister at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

In attendance: Meister, Beebe, Blackmore, Wisniski. Absent: S. Johnson – clerk

Minutes for approval: Oct. 1, 2019 Regular Board meeting -
 Motion to approve > Wisniski. Second > Blackmore Motion carried

Minutes of the Special Board meeting of Oct. 23, 2019 -
 Motion to approve > Blackmore. Second > Wisniski . Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Board meeting of Oct. 28, 2019 -
 Motion to approve > Beebe. Second > Blackmore. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report >NONE. Discussion on extending the current contract copy machine or allowing contract to lapse and buying another.
 Motion to buy new copy machine > Wisniski. Second> Blackmore
 Roll call vote: All votes "YES".

Treasurer's Report: Ready for winter tax bills. \$257,00 in general fund account.

Amend agenda: Add Corp of Engineers report. Also, agenda items under "ZBA" are properly 'zoning' and will be addressed be Z.A. /Planner Szokola.

Public comment: Jim Trout observed that the Handicap Parking space in the Twp. parking lot needs to be re-painted and signage installed.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz: F.L.O.W. meeting on Nov.6th in Traverse City > subject is the inter-county compact on septic / sewage. Also asked for concepts / input on possible alternate uses for the Fairgrounds, which is currently quite underutilized. Request for additional radios will be sent to 911 Board – again. Soil Erosion meeting – Nov. 12th.

Corp of Engineers : Report on Channel / Harbor project :> Weather is a factor but work has continued. Currently placement of stone ballast materials and caulking of concrete joints is ongoing.

Fire Department – Discussion on EMS classes. Motion to purchase replacement DIGITAL MONITOR at a cost of \$3,000 > Wisniski. Second> Blackmore. Roll call vote. All voted YES. Motion to purchase new digital monitor PASSED>

Zoning Administrator: Z.A. / Planner Mike Szokola suggested that two applications for variance before the ZBA be processed at the previous fee of \$300 as these were in progress prior to the application fee rate increased. Motion to process the variance applications of Cefaratti and Degucz (Wade) at the \$300 rate. > Wisniski. Second > Blackmore. Roll call vote: Blackmore – yes; Wisniski – yes; Meister – yes; Beebe – no. Motion carried.

Phil Krull asked about vacating the platted road behind his home at the corner of M-22 and Eight mile rd. Motion expressing that the Township does not oppose – as long it is at no cost to the Township > Wisniski. Second > Blackmore. Motion carried.

Report on the Funks – Sept. warning to clean up Lot #22 on Emerald Ridge. Z.A. Szokola reported it looked as if some attempt had been made, but electrical service wires (not energized) were present. Board suggested that the wires need to be coiled and logs removed from the right of way. . Property is not staked by surveyor, which is holding up approval by Homeowners Association as setbacks cannot be affirmed without proper staking of the parcel boundaries.

Armour – nonconforming 5th wheel trailer use: Attorney told that Armour must go to the ZBA prior to filing with the Circuit Court for relief. Deadline is 11/7/19.

Report on Willam Forth ave. in Red Park, which is a certified road. Info passed to Wisniski for future reference.

Planning Commission - Chair Jim Trout submitted Zoning Ordinance amendments to the Board for approval. All have had a public hearing and been reviewed by the Manistee County Planning Commission.

Article 1019 – Location of Accessory Buildings and Structures > amended to limit size of accessory buildings / structures attached to primary dwellings to 1.5 times the ground floor area of the primary dwelling AND requiring similar finish and construction. Motion to amend > Blackmore. Second > Wisniski. Roll call vote. All voted YES. Motion to amend carried.

Article 82 – Ordinance Administration , Z.A > Add explicit language on Z.A. authority to issue “STOP WORK” orders. Motion to amend > Blackmore. Second > Wisniski. Roll call vote. All vote YES. Motion to amend carried.

Article 84–Permits > Add specific language that lack of permits constitute Municipal Civil Infractions. Added section providing explicit language on authority to issue “STOP WORK” orders and the requirements for notification of the Stop Work orders, including the posting of subject properties with “STOP WORK” notices. Motion to amend > Wisniski. Second > Blackmore. Roll call vote. All voted YES. Motion to amend carried.

Amend definition of PRIMARY DRIVEWAY. Motion to amend > Blackmore.
Second> Wisniski. Roll call vote. All voted YES. **Motion to amend carried.**

Article 1032 – Storage of WATERCRAFT, Recreational Vehicles, (etc..).
Amend to split #6 into two parts for clarity, adding the second sentence from #6 to make #7. No other change. Motion to amend > Blackmore. Second > Wisniski.
Roll call vote. All voted YES. **Motion to amend carried.**

>> Public hearing on Short Term Rental ordinance – draft #4 – on November 21st at 7 pm. Primary concerns are parking, capacity / overcrowding of rental properties, and proper handling / disposal of garbage generated by renters.

<< SUPERVISOR MEISTER LEFT THE BUILDING FOR FIVE MINUTES >>

Roads - Marginal roads, certified but not graveled, etc. may get attention as we catch up with higher traffic roads needing repairs. Need bids. Milarch is proposed for work with cost also split by other Townships. Onekama Twp. share would be \$70,759. Motion to authorize funding of \$70,759 for this project > Blackmore.
Second> Wisniski.
Roll call vote. All voted YES.

New Business - Onekama Twp. will need a new auditing firm as the current firm will no longer do this kind of audit service. Clerk Johnson has the names of alternative firms under consideration.

PLA - No report.

Assessor /Board of Review – Dec. 10, 2019 > assessment raise = 1.019 %

Parks /Recreation - Received \$4800 last month

MTA - Wisniski reported that medical air transport must now come from Grand Rapids. Manistee hospital ambulances spend more time shuttling patients to Traverse City which has reportedly delayed responses to Onekama from other services.

Invasive species - Mary Reed reported everything planned for 2019 is done. We have issues with narrow leaf cattails, which are invasive. No problems detected with e. coli in the lake. Kalkaska wants out of the watershed, as mentioned by Commissioner Dontz in referencing the F.L.O.W. meeting of Nov. 6th. Curiously, the high water seems to have lessened the presence of invasive plant species in the lake.

TLSA - Meeting on Nov. 6th.

SAW GRANT - Reported to the Watershed group on six things that have been accomplished.

Public Comment - In response to a question from Jim Trout asking about appointing or contracting a Flood Plain Administrator, Supervisor Meister said that Z.A. Mike Szolkola would be doing this service for Onekama Twp.

BILLS - Motion by Treasurer Beebe to pay all due bills. Second> Meister. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

>> Submitted by Alaina Trout – substituting for Clerk S. Johnson due to family medical issue. <<

Alaina A.Trout

11/6/19