

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Wisniski, second by Blackmore to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting with the following correction: include "Clerk reported \$50,146.32 was paid to PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. for spraying of invasive species". Motion carried. **Motion** by Blackmore, second by Beebe to approve minutes of the August 6, 2015 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Mathieu reported she and Meister will sign the L-4029. She presented the budget report for the previous five months.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beebe reported that due to the meeting being on the first day of the month, no statements are available. If anyone wants information on the reports, they can see her after Sept. 7.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Manistee Community Foundation under Unfinished Business; add Wastewater, after Watershed, add Josh Shields after Amend Agenda, add Sarah Archer after Public Comment.

JOSH SHIELDS: Josh Shields, forester with the Manistee Conservation District, addressed the board on the issue of Oak Wilt Disease which is becoming prevalent in Manistee County. He said Oak Wilt is caused by a fungus which requires a living tissue to survive. When the oak tree dies, the fungus moves to another tree. The wilt produces a spore mat which lures sap-feeding insects, particularly "picnic" beetles, who carry the spore as they feed on other healthy trees, causing the disease to further spread. He said it is important to avoid pruning and other activities that are likely to wound oaks from April through July. Removal should be done in the dormant season. Treatment choice depends on cost, availability of equipment, environmental conditions and human infrastructure. Shields can be contacted for more information at the Manistee Conservation District, 8840 Chippewa Highway, Bear Lake, MI, 49614; Phone: 889-9666.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Suzanne Schwing and Rudi Milasich.

SARAH ARCHER: Sarah Archer, Recycling Manager for Manistee County updated the board on its recycling. She said the assessment is the same for 2016-- \$16 per household. Onekama's volume is down 15 per cent from last year. Alan Ross continues as the site manager. She presented the Interlocal Recycling Agreement for 2016 for signatures.

COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Absent.

COMMISSIONER JEFF DONTZ: Dontz reported that the County Road Commission has one of the lowest injury totals in the state. Sen. Darwin Booher spoke at the recent commissioners' meeting. The group's tentative \$10.7 million budget may be voted on at the next meeting. The commissioners sent a resolution for the township to sign, supporting the channel dredging project.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015.

FIRE/RESCUE: Capt. Clinton Osborn reported 14 fire runs, 19 rescues, 6 JAWS runs, 8 stand-by duties and 2 meetings for the month of August. Truck 103 has been picked up by the purchaser, Hamilton, Kansas Volunteer Fire Department; pump testing on Truck E-100 will be done today (Sept. 1); Truck 101 has been repaired and returned. Truck 107 was damaged (minor damage) at one of the stock car races during the fair and will be repaired. Osborn attended the Liquid Propane Gas Emergencies training in Manistee, and attended the Submerged Vehicle Escape and Rescue Training in Lansing. The Par Plan grant application for two backup cameras and two monitors is being prepared and is due Oct. 1. The department will send a letter thanking the Ford dealer in Manistee for a bill adjustment for a truck repair. Blackmore said the new truck, which is in Chicago, was involved in a hailstorm in the area along with 200 other vehicles and will be repaired. He said the structure fire in Bear Lake on Aug. 23 resulted in a cost of \$200 for fuel, plus wages.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting in August.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Assessor Ginny Martz reported she met with Sabrina Carr from the State Tax Commission for a follow-up review of their AMAR corrective action plan. Required documents were presented. She worked with the Equalization Aug. 19 on its appraisal studies for Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial of real property. All deeds, transfer affidavits and PRE and rescind affidavits have been processed. A "Notice of Docket Number" from the Michigan Tax Tribunal received by e-mail Aug. 27; the petition will be answered in one week. September 30 is the cutoff date for sales that are used in the sale studies, land value studies and ECF studies.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No activity.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Meister read Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot's report: 2 Land Use Permits issued. Property on Lake Park Road had no camper on site when inspected. Instead of a violation notice, a letter was sent informing the property owners that this was a Zoning Ordinance violation and a repeat offense would result in a violation notice. Letter sent to property owner informing him after the fact Land Use Permit is required. First and second violation notices sent to Mike DeVoe; response sent to Meister.

PARKS & RECREATION: Chairman Jon Phillips said the well is in at North Point Park at a depth of 55 feet; bids are being obtained for tree-cutting at Glen Park; Appreciation Day was a success.

COUNTY-WIDE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mary Reed reported the committee will meet in October. She, Phillips and Tom Gerhardt are working on a listing of goals for a county-wide park plan.

LANGLAND PARK: Meister reported the Project Committee will present information on the project to the Parks & Recreation Committee, who will review the proposals.

MTA: Wisniski reported that Barry Lind of the Manistee County Airport Authority was the guest speaker. He has asked a representative from the "211" group to speak at the group's meeting Oct. 28 in Marilla.

PLA: No report.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Chairman Mary Reed reported Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment is completed and no live milfoil was found in treatment zones. End of year survey and final water quality testing is scheduled for September. There is a large abundance of purple loosestrife on Portage Lake. Wetlands and Wildlife will survey and treat the phragmites and purple loosestrife between Sept. 10 and Sept. 17, depending upon the weather and when contract is signed. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Blackmore to sign the Herbicide Application Contract for \$7,500. Motion carried.

Meister presented Mary Reed with a plaque from the Township Board honoring and recognizing her hard work and diligence as a volunteer serving on and directing numerous boards, committees and various projects in the community.

ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS: The Onekama Township Parks & Recreation Fund, under the auspices of the Manistee County Community Foundation, was discussed. Consensus of the board that the Fund needs better promotion and clarification to the public.

WATERSHED: Reed reported the series of three informational meetings on water quality have been completed and were successful. Nominations are needed for people to join the Watershed Council. The group is working on DEQ grants to update the Watershed Management Plan.

WASTEWATER: Meister said the meeting on a proposed sewer project was postponed due to no figures being available as yet.

ROADS: Wisniski reported the road commission will repair the bad spots on Farr Road; Erdman Road work continues.

CEMETERY/TREES: Bids need to be revised.

SUMMIT MEETING: The annual County Summit Meeting is Thursday, Sept. 17 from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Norman Township. Wisniski and Mathieu will attend.

PAR PLAN GRANT: Application due Oct.1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13:

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP
Resolution No. 2015-13
Portage Lake Channel Repairs**

WHEREAS, the federal government is responsible for maintaining boater access to approximately 120 federally authorized small Great Lakes harbors, including Portage Lake and the Portage Lake Channel in Onekama Township; and

WHEREAS, the Portage Lake Channel of more than 2,000 feet provides access to a designated harbor of refuge that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has the responsibility to maintain; and

WHEREAS, when the USACE stopped repairs to the channel due to the absence of Federal funding, the channel was left with a designated "High Risk of Failure;" and

WHEREAS, the Portage Lake Channel supports at least 200 jobs in the area and is essential to the renovation and sustainability of Portage Point Inn and Marina and the additional 100 jobs it is projected to support; and

WHEREAS, three existing marinas with about 250 boat slips depend on open, safe access to Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, if the channel fails, one estimate indicates that business and property value losses would be over \$18 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and repair of the Channel is also identified as a critically high priority in the Federally approved Portage Lake Watershed Forever Plan and in the Strategic Plan for Manistee County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Onekama Township Board of Trustees supports this resolution being transmitted to the entire Congressional Delegation of Michigan, Governor Rick Snyder, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Michigan State Director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, calling for a collective approach to repair the Portage Lake Channel and to maintain it in perpetuity to preserve the economic well-being and quality of life of Onekama Township and Manistee County.

Moved by: Robert Blackmore, Supported by James Wisniski.

Ayes: James Wisniski, Robert Blackmore, LaVonne Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared adopted Supervisor David Meister.

CERTIFICATION

I, Helen Mathieu, Clerk of Onekama Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution NO. 2015-13, adopted by the Board of Trustees of Onekama Township at its Regular Meeting duly called and held on the First day of September, 2015.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Onekama Township

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14:

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution

WHEREAS, Onekama Township, Onekama, Michigan, has experienced risks that may damage commercial, residential and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and impair infrastructure, and present general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the community of Onekama Township has prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan that outlines the community's options to reduce damages and impacts from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by community residents, business owners, and federal, state and local agencies, and has been revised where appropriate to reflect their concerns:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Onekama Township.

Moved by James Wisniski, Supported by Robert Blackmore

Ayes: James Wisniski, Robert Blackmore, LaVonne Beebe, Helen Mathieu, David Meister

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted by Supervisor David Meister.

CERTIFICATION

I, Helen Mathieu, Clerk of Onekama Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2015-14. Adopted by the Board of Trustees of Onekama Township at its Regular Meeting duly called and held on the First day of September, 2015.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Onekama Township

L-4029: Meister signed Form L-4029.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Rudi Milasich.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 12:05 p.m.

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Onekama Township

