

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009, 9 A.M.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Trustee James Wisniski, Trustee Roland Clement, treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe and Clerk Helen Mathieu.

**REVISED MILLAGE CHANGE:** Millage change from April, 2009 due to rollback was discussed.

Regular meeting called to order by Meister at 9:10 a.m.

**MINUTES: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to correct Section 13 of the Ordinance No. 2007-01, Amendment 2009-01. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beebe reported she needs \$250 for a BSA program, \$900 for installation and \$610 for the support system. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to approve the program and support expenses and near the end of the fiscal year amend the treasurer's budget. Motion carried.

**FORM L4029:**

**BUDGET REVISION 2009/2010**  
**ADOPTING REVISED MILLAGE RATES**  
**2009-04**

WHEREAS, Onekama township board advertised, held a public hearing and meeting to adopt the township budget on June 2, 2009;

WHEREAS, Onekama Township adopted an allocated millage rate of 1.4283; and voter authorized millage (roads) rate of 0.9522;

WHEREAS, Onekama Township Board has received the millage reduction fractions under 211.34d (Headlee) and 211.24e(Truth in Taxation) and have discussed all options for revision of the millage to be levied;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that

Onekama Township board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll on allocated millage of 1.4283 mills for township operations, and 0.9522 mills for roads.

Resolution offered by LaVonne Beebe.

Second offered by Roland Clement.

Roll call vote: James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; David Meister, yes; LaVonne Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, yes.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by favorable vote of members of said Onekama Township Board on June 2, 2009.

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

Mathieu reported that the fire millage renewal will be placed on the November ballot.

**AMEND AGENDA:** No addition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received from Don Osswell.

**COM MISSIONER ED HAIK:** Absent

**COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD:** He reported that the commission gave AmTec a seven-year tax abatement; the federal government gave 700 acres from the county and gave to the tribal trust.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Tom Kleinsorge reported the department needs to purchase a bag of splints for \$148; on June 10 from 5 to 6 p.m. a sales representative from Front Line Services will have a demonstration pumper at the township for firefighters to look at, and from 6 to 7 p.m. the board and community is invited to view the pumper; an application to FEMA has been submitted for a truck grant and an answer will be known sometime between July and September. Permission was requested from the board to use turnout gear from members not attending meetings. Consensus of board is to send a letter to these members asking for return of the gear for use by others. Kleinsorge said due to new confidentiality laws a change in the computer will reflect an abbreviated list for rescue and fire run lists. All fire trucks and vehicles used by individual firemen have to be inspected for DOT purposes. The trash pump needs repair. Consensus of board to have the department purchase traffic control vests for all department members.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION:** Clerk Mathieu reported on the terms of office presented to the commission and approved by it as follows: Nancy Story, 2 years; Susan Barnard, 3 years; Ken Bauer, 1 year; Evie McNeil, 1 year; Dan Behring, 3 years; Roger Cody, 2 years' Rudy Gross, 3 years; Doug Mortenson, 1 years; Jon Phillips, 2 years.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Meister reported no board of Review meeting until July; Ginny Martz will be the new Assessor of Records as of July 1 and should be in the Onekama office three days a week.

**MTA-Local Chapter:** The group met for its annual dinner held in the Bear Lake United Methodist Church. Tom Frazier of the MTA in Lansing spoke on some of the ramifications of the recent Executive Order of Governor Granholm and how they will affect townships. Meister told the MTA group that wording has been changed on the assessment of the Tribal Property/Casino that will free up money from P.I.L.T. funds to allow for distribution to all townships in Manistee County.

**MTA Principles of Governance:** Mathieu reported that the township has received and signed the certificate of Onekama Township Principles of Governance to “maintain the highest standards and traditions of Michigan townships, and embrace these principles to guide our stewardship, deliberations, and constituent services as we commit to safeguard our community’s health, safety and general welfare”.

**CEMETERY:** Mathieu said the work is nearly complete on finding all gravesites. Consensus of the board to place markers on graves with no identification and the marker would say “Unknown”.

**INVASIVE SPECIES SUB-COMMITTEE:** Mary Reed reported a community education session was conducted May 19; another educational community forum is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. in Farr Center; Lakeshore Management conducted a survey of the lake with results expected in 4-5 weeks; she submitted a spreadsheet and discussed the 5-year plan with DNR officials, who indicate grant money may be available for the phragmites issue.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Chairman Tom Gerhardt said there is a public hearing Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the township hall on Parcel #51-11-033-016-00 at 2579 Crescent Beach Road, for a zoning ordinance regulation variation from Sectin 1012 B (2) on Local Private Roads allowing construction of a primary dwelling and driveway following a single land division. The appeal was filed by Glenn and Mary Griffiths.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported 2 Land Use Permits issued including a permit for Matt Pomeroy which also resolved a violations issue; 4 township violations pending; 6 village violations pending; 2 violations resolved. The report has been placed on file.

**Review of zoning administrator’s contract:** Placed at the end of the meeting.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION:** Meeting is June 2.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Secretary Tom Gerhardt the committee will meet Thursday, June 4 at 8 a.m. in the township hall; Alice Hendricks and Sue Osmus were appointed to represent the committee on the Manistee County Parks Recreation Committee; School Supt. Kevin Hughes asked for a committee member to join others to confer in the future on what programs, etc. can be offered at the school for the community and Tina Hall volunteered to help. Howard Hughes and Jon Phillips installed 14 bluebird houses, including two made and donated by Ralph Drumm. One of these was placed at Feldhak Park, the other near a pine tree at Farr Center. The other 12 were placed in North Point Park. Two signs were installed at North Point Park, one was removed, but later found. The Awareness and Appreciation will be Saturday, Aug. 8 from noon to 3 at North Point Park. Jim Mrozinski and his Onekama Marine crew will again provide free refreshments. Hughes offered to develop a time frame for next year for the 5-Year Plan. The group accepted Bob Bennett’s resignation with regrets. Mathieu said a donation of \$75 was received for North Point Park.

**PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER:** Mary Reed said Herb Lennon presented an educational program on phragmites.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** No report.

**MAIDENS RD., CHRISTENSEN RD.,** : Placed on July agenda.

**PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW:** Mathieu read correspondence. **CTY. ROAD COMMISSION:** Wisniski reported the commission discussed contracts.

**PARKING LOT SEALANT:** Bids received from Norm Griswold and Brian’s Superior Sealcoating. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the bid from Griswold for \$1,050 to sealcoat and

stripe the township parking lot. Motion carried.

**LAKESIDE OUTLOT 1:** No report.

**BURNHAM AVENUE:** Issue discussed with board and some residents at this meeting.

**BEACH CLEANUP:** No permit as yet.

**STREET LIGHTS:** Consumer's Energy working on it.

**CTY. EMERGENCY MGMT. PLAN:** Resolution to be prepared and presented at the July meeting.

**RECYCLING TRAILER:** Effective June 3, 2009 the recycling project at the township parking lot is concluded until further notice, due to circumstances beyond the township's control.

**TRASH DAY:** Trash Day is Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the village barn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

---Rep. Dan Scripps            ---MAMC Conference            ---NWMCOG

---MI Dept. of Labor            ---Charter Communications    ---DEQ License # L3115-51

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT:** **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to extend the zoning administrator's contract and have it drawn up for the July meeting.

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David Meister, Supervisor

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Helen Mathieu, Clerk

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LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

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Roland Clement, Trustee

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James Wisniski, Trustee