

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020
9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Shelli Johnson at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Physical Attendance: James Wisniski, Bob Blackmore, LaVonne Beebe, Johnson
(Phone Attendance: David Meister at 9:20 am.)

Johnson turned over the meeting to Trustee Blackmore.

MINUTES: **Motion** by Beebe, Second by Johnson to Approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. M/C

CLERK'S REPORT received by Johnson. Revenue & Expense Report and the Trial Balance Report distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT was received by Beebe for individual Fund Balances for month ending June, 2020.

Motion by Beebe, Second by Wisniski to add Resolution 2020-15 approving the Township Treasurer to do business with Michigan Class (MI Class) Financial Institution, adding it to the Township Policy and updating and replacing Resolution 2015-01.

AMEND AGENDA: Move Planning Commission and ZBA to top of the Agenda. Add Republic Services to the Agenda for Discussion via conference call between 10:00 and 10:30 am.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report received from Chairperson Jim Trout on the Public Hearing for the property in Pierport. **Motion** by Beebe, Second by Wisniski to Not adopt the proposed amendments to Article 38 that would add "Event venues, wedding planning, animal production" and other categories and uses as permitted in the district by Special Use. Roll Call Vote: Beebe – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Wisniski – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Meister – Yes M/C. **Motion** by Wisniski, Second by Johnson to adopt the amendment to allow the single Special Use of a PUD in the SUR district. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Beebe – Yes, Meister – Yes M/C.

ZBA: Report received from Chairperson Trout. A variance was granted to Godzinga for property on Kendall St.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER JEFF DONTZ: Report by Dontz on what is happening around Manistee County. Dontz reported that there was a bid of \$26,800 to remove the house on the end of Merkey Rd. There was \$25,000 hazard pay awarded to the Sheriff's Department. Child care budget passed. There was a presentation on high water levels. The Drain Commissioner is doing an excellent job for the County. It was decided that the fair is not going to take place this year.

FIRE/RESCUE: Report written by Captain Kaitlin Kubiskey. 1 EMS Meeting, 1 Maintenance Meeting, 1 Fire Meeting/Training, 12 EMS Runs (1 MA BLFD) 3 Fire Runs (1 AA BLFD), 1 Fire/EMS Run, 1 Fire was to Brown Township. E100 repairs have been complete. A Huge Thank you to Bear Lake Fire Department for allowing us to borrow their backup engine while ours was out of service! We did take it on a couple of 9-1-1 calls so it was extremely useful to have! We have a great partnership with Bear Lake and are very grateful for this relationship. All trucks have been DOT inspected and had oil changes done. This was delayed due to E100 having exhaust and heat/ac issues. The ISO Representative will be here to update any changes that we may have since the last survey. Joel Faber is now Fire 1 Certified and has started his probationary period. Congratulations Joel! Jared Bair and Kubiskey helped with final practicals and class practicals throughout the entire academy. Firefighter 2 will begin in January of 2021 per the request of the students. Fire 2 focuses on how to run a fire scene from start to finish, foam application, extrication, and more specialized operations outside of putting out a fire. Drivers Training is scheduled for August. Joel Faber and Anthony March are signed up to take this course. Onkama was awarded the Revenue Sharing grant in full for both Norman Township and Onkama. We have also applied for the DNR grant, which requires a 50/50 cost share. Items were wildland gear (coat and pants) and two additional dual band radios. Awards are announced in December. The Department has started to move forward again with a new brush truck to follow the replacement 10-year plan. This was delayed due to the COVID restrictions. We met with a representative and are waiting for a response.

ASSESSOR: Report received from Ginny Martz. July Board of Review is scheduled for July 21st at 9:00 am. We currently have 12 affidavits to act on. The warrants for the Township Treasurer and the Village Treasurer were checked and signed on June 30th. Kristyn from the Equalization Department updated the GIS lines on the Township Computer. A docket number was received from the Michigan Tax Tribunal and we are working on a response. A stipulation for an entire Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal was received last week. It is for the DTE Michigan Lateral Company case and involves a statewide appeal, concerning the values of the gas gathering pipeline system. The stipulation was signed and returned. It will affect the values for 2019 and 2020.

PARKS & REC: Report given by Chairperson Rich Lapinski. **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Beebe to approve a bid from Swidorski Excavating LLC for \$2,420 for work to be done at Langlund park. M/C The Manistee County Community Foundation awarded Onkama Township \$40,000 grant that can only be used if we get the DNR Land Trust Fund Grant). The trash continues to be a concern at Langlund Park. Talk about getting receptacles out there vs dumpsters. History of who was using the dumpsters in previous years. Republic Services (Matt) joined via conference line @ 10:09 am. Matt explained the difference in options of organized collection of refuse vs. unorganized collection. Unorganized is where the residence is responsible to solicit the service and allows for seasonal transition. There are approximately 603 homes in the Township. Matt took the time to explain the Cart style system and the individual bags, estimate costs, special assessments, ordinance modifications if needed, recycle programs, and many, many questions by board members and audience members.

PLA: Report given by Al Taylor. There will be a scavenger hunt during Onkama Days with the Parks & Rec. There will also be fireworks, a fun fish, and rib dinner during Onkama Days. **Motion** by Johnson, Second by Wisniski to approve the Fire Works Permit and Date it for August 8/9, 2020. M/C

INVASIVE SPECIES/WATERSHED: Update given by Mary Reed. A Drone survey was done and we will get the results as soon as possible. Ecoli testing was done. It is actually being done every other week. Swimmers Itch notices are going out for educational purposes. Sampling surveys were done. Reports of phragmites coming in. Wetlands & Wildlife were contacted. Spicer's were also contacted regarding the SAW Grant.

RECYCLE: Too many people are abusing the Recycle Bins by not recycling correctly and/or putting trash into the bins. There are signs posted; and Sarah Archer and the Township have publicized on what can and cannot go into these bins. Each week trash is getting pulled out. RAW WASTE OIL has been dumped into the bins and many more unacceptable items. It is making a mess out of the abuse it is taking. The Township is looking to have the County put these bins at a different location. The abuse is costing the program money. The Township believes that Recycling is an important asset to the community and program to continue. **PLEASE READ THE SIGNS OF WHAT MATERIALS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. PLEASE STOP THE ABUSE.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: **Motion** by Beebe, Second by Wisniski to sign the yearly lease with Charter Communications for the Local Franchise Agreement. M/C

Correspondence received regarding the Wave Attenuator, and Pier Port Wedding Venue.

BILLS TO BE PAID: **Motion** by Wisniski, Second by Beebe to pay all regular and incoming bills for July. M/C.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wendell Brooks commented on traffic issues on Ave E and it is violating ordinance 2006-1 of viewing only.

Meeting adjourned 11:34 a.m.

Shelli Johnson, Clerk