

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by 9:05 a.m. by Supervisor David Meister.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Trustees James Wisniski, Roland Clement, Treasurer LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Clerk Helen Mathieu.

MINUTES: Motion by Clement, second by Wisniski to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2008 Regular Meeting with the correction as follows: include in the motion for Fee for Renewal of Land Use Permit that a demolition permit and a fee of \$10 is included. Motion carried. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept the minutes of the April 3 Special Meeting, April 7 Special Meeting, April 15 Joint township/Village Master Plan Meeting and April 21 Joint Township/Village Master Plan Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beebe announced summer taxes will be out July 1. Treasurer's report received and placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: None. Meister asked that Burnham Avenue be moved up on the agenda and placed following Zoning Administrator Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Haik reported West Shore Hospital asked for a millage for ambulance service; a special meeting with the County Road Commission and the County Board of Commissioners will be Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the road commission meeting room.

COMMISSIONER JANICE MCRANER: Discussed PILT payments.

FIRE/RESCUE: Meister reported 12 rescue runs, 5 fire runs, 3 meetings and 4 other meetings for maintenance and repairs in April.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Clement reported a public hearing will be held Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. on the proposed ordinance amendment. The regular meeting will follow the hearing.

CEMETERY: Wisniski reported he will turn on the water at the cemetery. Clerk to obtain an estimate from Abonmarche on expansion projects and provide digital cemetery maps.

BOARD OF REVIEW: No report.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mary Lou Millard reported for Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler: No land use or special use permits issued in April; two violations being monitored; four violations resolved.

BURNHAM AVENUE: Meister reported township attorney will answer the suit; letter received from Dick Landback was placed on file.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Meister said he would like a spokesman to give a presentation on how to implement the Clean Marina Act. The presentation would be for all surrounding communities and all marina owners. Commission member Jim Poellet reported he attended the International Upper Great Lakes Study in Muskegon. He said commission members are also visiting other units to stay in touch.

MTA-Local Chapter: The annual MTA dinner meeting will be Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Millard reported: Sand has been cleaned out from gazebo at Portage Point Turn-Around; gate at North Point Park is open, fire department has a key for access if necessary; Awareness and Appreciation Day will be held the Saturday during Onekama Days from noon to 3 p.m. with Jim Mrozinski and his staff supplying the refreshments; input is needed from the public comments regarding joint master plan, to incorporate into the Five Year Parks Plan, currently being prepared for re-submission to the state(plan expires in 2009).

PORTAGE POINT INN: -Awaiting reply from township attorney.

PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED: Covered under Harbor Commission report by Meister.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Correspondence received from Community Foundation regarding grant application for a joint master plan for the Township and Village of Onekama, and information regarding the consultant, Beckett and Raeder, for the project.

WICK-A-TE-WAH/TORRENT ROAD: Wisniski will ask the road commission to put two small loads of gravel on the road end and blade it. With regard to roads, Clement requested a survey from the fire department on which roads are difficult to turn around or are inaccessible for the department.

PORTAGE AVENUE & LAKEVIEW: The board agreed to install Public Access signs on Lakeview and Portage Avenue.

SUNNNYSIDE: Sign was removed; Sunnyside sign will be replaced.

AVENUE E TURN-AROUND: Tabled under June meeting.

GOLFMORE: Board instructed Meister to write a letter to Dennis Krolczyk regarding use of Golfmore Road.

FEE POLICY: No activity.

TIMBER CONTRACT; Board members to look at the lay of the land.

ORDINANCE REVIEW: Board to submit any comments by May 15 public hearing.

VILLAGE LAND PROJECT: Report was given on the project.

BUILDING RESEARCH: Clement doing research.

MTA DISTRICT MEETING: Conference will be Tuesday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those attending will be Mathieu, Beebe, Wisniski, Clement and Millard.

WORKSHOP: A workshop on the new Michigan Planning Enabling Act will be held Tuesday, May 27 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ramsdell Theater. Those attending will be Dan Behring, Schindler, Clement and Tom Gerhardt.

FLOODPLAIN REPORT: Meister reported; said the floodplain group wants to maintain contact with the township.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

---Dist. 10 Health Dept.

---Cty. Treasurer

---Governors Office

---Rep. Pete Hoekstra

---DEQ#07-51-0001-P

---DEQ#08-51-001-P

---DEQ#07-51-0048-P

ADJOURN: 12:42 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee