

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018, 9 AM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Shelli Johnson, at 9:02 a.m.

Meeting turned over to Trustee Bob Blackmore in the absence of Supervisor David Meister at 9:02 a.m.

Members present: James Wisniski, LaVonne Beebe, Blackmore, and Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting: Amendment to the Minutes. ROADS section should read: Discussions are taking place regarding Milarch Road between 8 Mile Rd and US 31. **Motion** by Wisniski, Second by Beebe, to approve the Minutes with the Amendment, of the December 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. M/C

CLERK'S REPORT: Report given by Johnson of monthly expenses. 2018/2019 Budget suggestions are in need.

Supervisor David Meister arrived and took over conducting meeting at 9:07 am.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report given by Beebe for Month Ending Balances on all Funds.

AMEND AGENDA: Add AES Agreement to Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Not Available

FIRE/RESCUE: Report given by Kaitlin Kubiskey. December recorded 15 EMS runs, 6 Fire runs, 1 JAWS run to Bear Lake, 2 Meetings/Trainings. Annual fit test was done to all Firefighters. Air packs were tested and passed. Carbon fiber bottles are noncompliant and are being sent back for ISI bottles. E100 status was given regarding the valves. Grant money was approved for an ice rescue shuttle system and has been ordered. An application was received from Matthew Erts to join the Fire Department. **Motion** by Wisniski, Second by Blackmore for approve Matthew Erts to join the fire department and to attend the fire academy training. M/C

PLANNING COMMISSION: Nothing to report

ASSESSOR: Report given by Ginny Martz. December BOR was held on December 12, and acted on 7 affidavits. Poverty Resolution for 2018 is needed. (see below)

POVERTY RESOLUTION # 2018-01

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons, who, in the judgement of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Poverty Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u.) to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Onekama Township, Manistee County, adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement.

The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, file in the current or immediately preceding year.

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
3. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, if requested.
5. Meet the *federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget and OR the current poverty income guidelines adopted by the township board. (Note: If you plan to adopt guidelines other than federal poverty guidelines-making it easier for a person to be eligible for the exemption-but cannot be lower than the federal poverty guidelines-making it harder to be eligible).*
6. Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including:

SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD	2018 Max. Total Income
1	\$15,000
2	\$17,500
3	\$20,000
4	\$22,500
5	\$25,000
6	\$27,500
7	\$30,000
8	\$32,500
Additional Person	\$6,600

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Motion by Shelli Johnson, Second by Robert Blackmore to approve the poverty guideline changes for the 2018-2019. Roll Call Vote: James Wisniski - Yes; Robert Blackmore - Yes; LaVonne Beebe - Yes; Shelli Johnson - Yes; David Meister – Yes

Supervisor Meister declared the Resolution PASSED.

Shelli Johnson, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelli Johnson, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Onekama Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on January 2, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution as ordered to take immediate effect.

Shelli Johnson, Clerk

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report from Larry Thompson. 20 Permits were written for 2017.

PARKS & REC: Report by Mary Lou Millard. Al Taylor stated that the committee is looking at proposing a universal access trail walkway off of the 8 Mile Rd access, to Portage Lake, with an observation area. Consensus received by the Board Members to research this.

MTA: Not Available

PLA: Report from Taylor. 2018 is the 25th year for the Petunia Parade. Concert in the Park Schedule is almost complete.

INVASIVES: Report by Mary Reed. Lake Manager meeting is slated for January 23, at 10 am.

WATERSHED: Taylor stated that the Plan Updating continues

SEWER COLLABORATIVE AUTHORITY: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

ROADS: Report from Wisniski. 2 new pick-up trucks were ordered. A new meeting date schedule was sent out for 2018.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Nothing to report

RECYCLE BINS & TRAILER: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

---Spicer Group Watershed Management Plan SAW Grant Proposal was submitted to the Township. **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Johnson to approve Spicer Group

Watershed Management Plan SAW Grant Proposal as presented. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Beebe – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Meister – Yes M/C

---Spicer Group Canoe/Kayak Launch Proposal submitted to the Township Board. **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Johnson to approve Spicer Group Canoe/Kayak Launch Proposal, with minor administrative changes. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Beebe – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Meister – Yes. M/C

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

---Wade Trim SAW Grant Project Wastewater Project Plan submitted to the Township Board. **Motion** by Wisniski, Second by Blackmore to approve Wade Trim SAW Grant Project Wastewater Project Plan. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Beebe – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Meister – Yes. M/C

AES Special Services Agreement submitted to Onekama Township Board, with Attachment A. **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Wisniski to approve the Special Services Agreement with Attachment A for the Kayak/Canoe Launch. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Beebe – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Meister – Yes. M/C

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Taylor stated that the Kayak Launch has a Group forming for raising funds through the Manistee County Community Foundation.

BILLS:

Fleis&Vandenbrink invoice: **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Wisniski to pay invoice 47336 for \$27,147.15 for the SAW Grant work completed. Roll Call Vote: Wisniski – Yes, Blackmore – Yes, Beebe – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Meister – Yes. M/C

Motion by Blackmore, Second by Wisniski to pay all bills and regular incoming Township bills. M/C

Meeting adjourned 11:58 a.m.

Shelli Johnson, Clerk