

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011, 9 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Supervisor David Meister.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

**MINUTES: Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2011 Regular Meeting with the following corrections: change “Thursday” in the second title line to “Tuesday”; under Avenue E, add middle initial “M” to Wendell Brooks’ name; include the inadvertently omitted Page 2 into the official minutes and any copies; under Fireworks Permit, add Lions Club to those sponsoring the event. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Beebe reported a balance in the General Fund as of July 31, 2011 is \$460,655.12; Balance in Fire Fund as of July 31, 2011 is \$262,213.28. Consensus of the board that the township will pay the 35 cents for the ACH transaction fee until further notice.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Bistro under New Business; add Community Dock under Unfinished Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD:** Reported that the new planning director is in place, a “meet and greet” for Director Rob Carson will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3. Sue Wagner was appointed to the County Planning Commission. The county commissioners will appoint a deputy drain commissioner. The drain commissioner is going forward with the Kettle Hole Project. A public hearing on ORV’s will be held Aug. 23 in Norman Township. Deadline for grant applications to the Revenue Sharing Board is Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. The commissioners’ next meeting is Aug. 16.

**COMMISSIONER DUANE ANDERSON:** Anderson reported that Manistee County is number five out of 10 counties in the nation that is a “safe” county as far as having a minimum number of disasters or accidents.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Chief Lawrence Hrachovina reported 14 fire runs (including 5 mutual aid runs for Jaws), 23 rescue runs, 1 meeting, 1 work session for July. Twelve area fire and rescue personnel attended a training session July 25 on the Jaws truck. Richie Gillette will take a fire fighting class. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to accept Scott Roberts as a new fireman. Motion carried. The new fire truck is still “on track” for a December completion. The body components are being designed and are in the process of being cut. Two fire extinguishers will be inspected. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Beebe to purchase Automatic Electronic Defibrillators for the department, at a cost of \$1,596. Motion carried. Hrachovina also said the department will do fire coverage at the county fair Aug. 24 and 25; will purchase candy for dispensing during the Onekama Days Parade; will install a draft pump and suction hose on the pontoon boat and will continue working on it. The department is working on grant applications for the Jaws truck, miscellaneous items for trucks and the boat. Brown Township has received a revenue sharing check which will be distributed when the new fire truck arrives.

**RAY FRANZ:** Meister talked to Franz, who said he would request a ruling from the Michigan Attorney General as to whether or not he can still participate with the rescue and fire department, based on his legislative obligation. His equipment is being stored until an answer is received from the Michigan Attorney General. Meister said “his presence will be greatly missed as he was normally the first responder on the scene and

has helped many people during his years of service. We hope to receive a favorable ruling from the Attorney General”.

**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION:** Chairman Jim Trout reported that consultant John Iacoangeli has received the proposed zoning ordinance document for review and to consider the comments from planning commission members. A reply is anticipated in two weeks for this initial review and an estimate of costs, if any. Planners will review it then, after which it will go to the township and village boards for their review. Completion is expected approximately 6-8 weeks after the boards’ review and any changes necessary. The commission approved a request to amend the Compass Pointe Special Use Permit to permit the Compass Pointe Condominium Association to erect entrance stanchions on either side of Sapphire Drive. Trout said the commission is also gathering information regarding Wind Turbines and Medical Marijuana.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Assessor Ginny Martz reported the July Board of Review acted on 15 petitions; warrants are checked, balanced and signed; copies of affidavits and taxable value work sheets have been delivered to the county; minutes faxed to the county; village warrants and affidavits have been delivered to the village.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** No activity.

**INVASIVE SPECIES:** Chairman Mary Reed reported 20 acres have been treated for Eurasian Watermilfoil and it will be checked in four weeks; letters will be sent to lakefront owners regarding spraying in the fall for phragmites and a public hearing will be scheduled. She also announced that Portage Lake Watershed Forever is sponsoring an H2O Expo during Onekama Days Saturday, Aug. 6 from noon to 5 p.m. in the village park.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Zoning Administrator Kristine Philpot reported 3 Land Use Permits issued, 2 others are pending for the month of July; one violation negated by receipt of a land use permit application.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Vice Chairman Mary Lou Millard reported North Point Park Appreciation Days will be Saturday, Aug., 6 from noon to 3 p.m. This includes the Sharks in Our Parks” event from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with participants ending up at North Point Park for a prize and refreshments. There is an additional new sign at Carden Park, donor is unknown. The Onekama Community Access Initiative Leadership Team will look at refined renderings and support graphics on Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Farr Center. An open house will follow that day from 4 to 7 p.m. at Farr Center to receive input from the public. Rip tide warning signs have been installed on the north and south sides of the Channel.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION:** June meeting minutes received and placed on file.

**MTA- Local Chapter:** The group had a quorum and met in July in Arcadia. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 24 in Bear Lake, where wind turbines will be discussed.

**ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS:** No report.

**PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER:** Will have H2O Expo during Onekama Days from noon to 5 p.m. with speakers scheduled to discuss “State of the Lake”, “Invasive Species”, “How’s Fishin’?”, ”Flushed With Success”. Pontoon rides on Portage Lake are also planned, a “Sooper Yooper” contest winner will be named and a kayak winner will be announced.

**DEQ:** Clement is working with the DEQ regarding unanswered questions on the land behind the fire hall..

**BROOK STREET: Motion** by Mathieu, second by Wisniski, to accept the County Road Commission’s bid of \$45,190.42 to re-do the street and replace the culvert. Roll call vote:

James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, yes; David Meister, yes. Motion carried.

**ROAD COMMISSION MEETING:** No one was able to attend.

**AVENUE E:** County Road Commission will be asked to install zig-zag guard rails at the channel and blade the shoulders back to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE, LAKEVIEW (Dirksen/Brown):** No activity.

**RECYCLE:** Recycling fees discussed.

**COMMUNITY DOCK:** Bill for stairs and dock is \$2,185. Portage Lake Resort Corporation is paying \$1,185; township is paying the \$1,000 balance.

**BIDDING POLICY:** Clement and Wisniski are reviewing other area policies; will have a policy ready for the township’s September meeting.

**MILEAGE:** Payment amount of 51 cents per mile will remain as is.

**BISTRO:** Hugh Rollin said he contacted Bryan Prielipp of the Health Department, who indicated he had no problem with township water being pumped to the Bistro until its well is repaired or replaced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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| ---Charter  | ---Manistee Chamber of Commerce | ---NWMCOG      |
| ---MRA      | ---PLA Newsletter               | ---MTA         |
| ---Par Plan | ---U.S. Census Bureau           | ---State of MI |

**ADJOURN:** 11:43 a.m.

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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