

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to correct the March 3, 2009 minutes with the inclusion of the now updated 2009-2010 calendar. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Clement, second by Beebe to amend budget # 101-890 \$7,000, to 101-101 Contingency. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA: Add Closed Session after Public Comment; Dirksen/Brown to Unfinished Business; Ralph Drumm on Docks after Cemetery; repeal Ordinance 2008-02 to New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AFLAC: AFLAC representatives Lisa Wilson and Pam Gilbert addressed the board and explained policies offered by AFLAC.

LT. DALE KOWALKOWSKI: Sheriff Kowalkowski asked the board to support a resolution to allow the county sheriff's department to apply for federal stimulus money for additional deputies. The resolution was referred for discussion under New Business.

COMMISSIONER ED HAIK: Haik said the commissioners discussed the law enforcement duties of tribal police on non-tribal land. He also said the commissioners are considering the purchase of 2 hybrid cars; the next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, April 28 in the evening, at 6 p.m. in the courthouse.

FIRE/RESCUE: Tom Kleinsorge reported: For February there were 3 meetings, 1 inspection and 2 runs for fire; 11 rescue runs, 1 meeting and 2 special meeting for rescue. For March there were 6 runs, 4 meetings and 1 inspection for fire; 6 runs and 1 meeting for rescue. Truck 103 needs a window, truck 104 needs the electric updated, a request for five radios, 5 complete sets of wildfire gear and 5 wildfire coats was submitted. A representative from Frontline Fire Service will be at the May 4 meeting to discuss specs for the new truck. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by

Mathieu to approve purchase of five or six radios, 4 sets of wildfire gear and 5 wildfire coats. Motion carried. **Motion** Beebe, second by Wisniski to accept Jeremy Breitner as a new fire department member. Motion carried.

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Mathieu announced that the calendar meetings have been updated, the commission will meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, with the exception of February and March when no meetings will be held unless needed. New chairman Dan Behring discussed the organizational meeting, saying the group is committed to help the community grow positively and there is a great age representation on the new commission. The group reviewed proposed by-laws and will possibly act on them in May, will make a transition from the Leadership Team to the commission with a second draft of the Master Plan for review possibly in June; participated in the first educational workshop hosted by Onekama Township Board for townships in the county. (Planning Commission's term schedule will be determined at the township board meeting in May).

ASSESSOR: Meister reported Ginny Martz has joined the staff of County Wide Appraisal.

CEMETERY: Consensus of board to have everything marked and mapped in the old cemetery by Abonmarche.

RALPH DRUMM/DOCK: Drumm reported on the installation of a handicapped accessible dock in the village park. He asked the township to participate in the share of the cost. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Wisniski to pay \$2,196.95 as the township's contribution for the dock in the village park. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Chairman Tom Gerhardt reported a ZBA hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. in the township hall on a request from Doug Callaway for MBD Northern Developers LLC to reduce the road right-of-way setback for a "Welcome" sign on M-22 (Crescent Beach Road, south side) east of Ellen Road. The second portion of the hearing is a request by Supervisor David Meister regarding definition/interpretation of Easement, Private Road and impact on road frontage.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported 2 land use permits, no special use permits, no appeals, or land divisions for March, 3 violations pending.

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION: Will meet with the Small Harbor Coalition on May 12.

PARKS & RECREATION: Vice Chairman Mary Lou Millard reported that the group will plant 1,000 seedling trees on Arbor Day, April 24, at North Point Park. Rain dates are April 25 or 26. Volunteers are needed to help with the project. Those able to help can contact Jon Phillips at 845-4516 or Howard Hughes at 889-4559. She reported that 12 blue bird houses and two new signs will be installed in the park. Secretary Tom Gerhardt requested the board approve the cost of updating the 5 Year Plan draft copies to make them final copies for committee members. **Motion** by Mathieu, second by Beebe to approve the cost of updating the copies to hardbound and in color. Motion carried.

Consensus of the board to send a letter of support to County Planning Director Sue Wagner, on behalf of Village Board member and parks committee member Alice Hendricks, who volunteered to be a part of the Manistee County Parks and Recreation Committee.

PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED: No report.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: No report.

PORTAGE LAKE AVE., SUNNYSIDE: Nothing final.

ROAD COMMISSION: No report.

LAKESIDE/OUTLOT 1: Waiting for final decision.

BURNHAM AVENUE: Meister reported Judge Batzer let the township and the road commission out of the case, saying the two groups did nothing contrary to the use. The litigation attorney fees will be reported at the May meeting by the clerk.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Mary Reed reported Lakeshore Environmental Services needs a signed contract. **Motion** by Wisniski, second by Clement to have Supervisor Meister sign the Professional Aquatic Consulting Services Contract for Portage Lake at a fee of \$7,000 per year, paid on a quarterly basis. Roll call vote; James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, yes; David Meister, yes. Motion carried. Reed also announced that a free Phragmites Workshop will be held Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to noon or 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hagerty Center, 715 E. Front St., Traverse City. It is hosted by the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay.

UTILITY RESOLUTION: Check with other townships.

LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE: Place on May agenda.

BEACH CLEANUP: Mathieu reported Barry Peterman told her to re-send last year's application and the necessary fee.

SUMMIT MEETING: The meeting will be May 14, place to be announced.

STREET LIGHTS: No prices received yet.

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN: Wisniski will try to arrange for the plan representatives to attend the MTA dinner and outline the plan.

REPEAL OF ORDINANCE # 2008-02. Motion by Clement, second by Wisniski to repeal Township Ordinance # 2008-02 which established a Township planning commission.
Reason: Since the time of the 2008 ordinance, a Community Planning Commission has been authorized and the township will no longer have a township planning commission. Roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION: Request for Funding of Law Enforcement Service in Rural Manistee County.

RESOLUTION 2009-3

WHEREAS: The United States Department of justice through the Office of Community Policing Services has announced the availability of \$1,000,000,000 from The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for the needs of Local law enforcement to United States communities.

WHEREAS: The Office of Community Policing Services has released information to apply for police officer funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.

WHEREAS: The Office of Community Policing has waived all matching funds and the limit on monies per deputies.

WHEREAS: The Manistee County Sheriff has requested input from Manistee County Townships on the need to fund law enforcement services in outlying Manistee County townships.

WHEREAS: The Onekama Township Board requests the Manistee County Board of Commissioners through the Manistee County Sheriff apply for funds at a level of three new Deputy Sheriffs.

WHEREAS: the Manistee County Sheriff has pledge 80% service of three officers to the rural Manistee County area if the three positions are created.

NOW COMES the Onekama township board, by this resolution requesting that the Manistee County Board of Comissioners apply for funding in the amount of \$600,000 over three years, for three years and further that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners pledge to supply the fourth year of funding under the rules of the COPS grant.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to support Resolution No. 2009-3

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Mary Griffiths.

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

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to go into closed session regarding extra hours' work for a township employee, using CL15.261 in accordance with Open Meetings Act" Reason (c/d) at 12:L01 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Beebe, second by Wisniski to reconvene the regular meeting at 12:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniski, second by Clement to pay Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler \$2,898.96 for extra hours starting April , 2008 through March, 2009. Roll call vote: James Wisniski, yes; Roland Clement, yes; LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, yes; Helen Mathieu, David Meister yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

---Manistee Ch. of Commerce ---DEQ # 07-51-0028-P ---Dan Behring

---County Wide Appraisal ---DEQ# 08-51-0048-P ---PLA

---DEQ#09-51-0002-V ---Superior Energy ---Par-Plan News

ADJOURN: 12:55 p.m.

David Meister, Supervisor

Helen Mathieu, Clerk

LaVonne Schafer-Beebe, Treasurer

Roland Clement, Trustee

James Wisniski, Trustee