

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2015**

**The meeting was called to order by the chair Bonnie Miller at 1:05 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Bonnie Miller, Sandy Beauvais, Ceceilia Huebner, Rudi Milasich, Bob Hall and Alice Hendricks.

**Public Comment:** None

**Training Video** provided by Bob Hall, Zoning Administrator –**Topic: Defining Assets**

- There are two types of assets: Community and Strategic
- Community Assets are economic, social, drivers of community activities
- Strategic Assets are government capacity and green (sewer and water)
- Critical things we can build on'
- Relevant to growth strategies
- Knowledge Asset – people with degrees
- Understand Assets and placement e.g. Ag, fruit and vineyards
- Unique Events Festivals in various seasons
- Natural Resources – fishing, hunting, water sports, hiking, camping, winter sports
- Special Places Traverse City, Leland Old Mission, Ski areas, Snowmobile trails
- Recognize the difference between local vs. regional
- What are game changers and community assets
- Large scale equals increased economy
- Work together by leveraging assets
- Broad regional strategies by determining how to position to be a strong bedroom community.
- What can we offer that others do not have?
- Are we a destination area?
- Offer exciting places
- Bigger thinking
- Fear of losing control with leveraging with larger communities
- Looking outside the box is often successful
- Control power is a factor in coming together
- Planning committee has leverage
- Get together with regional assets to consolidate plans
- Was what can we achieve together
- Need a Community Goal and Events
- What else can we do -- projects for the community
- Tangible Assets
- Simple project - need to get people together

**Amend Agenda**

Community Service

## **Minutes of May 13, 2015**

A motion made by Heubner, second by Beauvais to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Milasich requested the members review changes to Ordinance 2-2015 regarding the Planning Commission as he plans to present it to the Village Council for approval.. He requested that if members had questions or changes to contact him prior to the Village Council on June 17.

### **Nuisance Ordinance**

Milasich suggested changing Sections 2 and 4 regarding park hours from 11 pm to 11:59 pm. There was discussion and concern regarding noise and sale of liquor in the park and that the ordinance would be applicable to various groups.

A motion was made by Heubner, second by Beauvais, to change the village park evening hours from 11 pm to 11:59 pm. Vote in favor: Heubner, Miller and Beauvais. Motion carried.

### **Community Service**

Heubner previously brought up concerns about sidewalks that are being over-run with grass on Rt. 22 and other streets. The sidewalk between Saco's and the Villager Hall/Farr Center is particularly bad and obvious to everyone. She suggested using young people in the juvenile court take on this project. They will need transportation, supplies, equipment and volunteer supervisor (Ceceilia). This could be the start of a larger project to make the village look better. A motion was made by Heubner, second by Miller to request the Village Council's approval of this initial project. Motion carried.

### **Master Plan Progress**

The commission needs to announce to various entities that we are going to commence on the procedures to work on amending our existing Master Plan. Milasich volunteered to write the letter. Note: need to review commission by laws for process. A motion made by Miller, second by Beauvais to formally start the process of amending the current Village Master Plan. Motion carried.

### **Future Master Plan Work Sessions**

Work sessions will be held on Mondays from 7 to 9 with actual dates to be determined. Milasich volunteered to help with suggested changes with his computer during the meetings using "Word".

### **Ordinance #42 Junk**

Milasich will get this ordinance in proper form from our April meeting.

### **Mesick Report by Heubner on their Street Scape**

Several years ago Mesick was able to update their business district roads, sidewalks, utility service etc. The topic of improving the Village of Onekama's business district comes up often. Why can't we do what they did? Heubner volunteered to check with a Mesick government representative and get some answers to our questions.

- 390 people in village
- 2006 Street Scape
- MEDC funded most of it
- MDOT grants are available
- Rural Dev, U. S. Dept of Ag
- Replaced water main
- Sewer and water infrastructure
- 51 street lights, poles, bricks, trees and sidewalks
- Engineer from Kingsley did the designs and helped obtain the grants.
- 30% match was \$650,000,00
- Private property owners paid 1/2 by a 5 year special assessment.
- Community service was used
- Did the project in phases
- Approximately 3/4 of a mile were improved

Above are some answers to questions that have been asked.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting: July 8, 2015 1 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice E. Hendricks