

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2016

The hearing was called to order by President Burger at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: R. Drumm, K. Bauer, A. Hendricks, R. Hudson, W. Miller and Rudi Milasich.
Also present Clerk Ruth Hudson & Treasurer Nikki Jach.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Burger

Rob Carson, Manistee County Planner gave some history of the 5 year Parks Plan. There were 20 different groups (Village & Townships) working on this project along with the Manistee County Planning Commission and Alliance for Success. The Plan combines all area park plans into one county wide plan, but no group will lose any part of their individual plan. He thanked all parties involved for their hard work and cooperation. After some discussion and many comments (Alice Hendricks, Cecelia Huebner, Rod Hudson, Mary Reed and Rudi Milasich) of which the majority were favorable the public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m. and the regular meeting was called to order.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: County Commissioner and newly elected chairman Jeff Dontz gave a brief synopsis of activities in the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Liz & Phil Coryell expressed concerns with regards to the reclassification of their lake front property (Overlay District) when the zoning ordinance was amended in 2014 of which they were not aware. David Meister also voiced his concerns regarding this action. He presented letters from the Gentilozzi Family requesting clarification on the status of their parcel in the overlay district and object to this zoning change which has adversely affected the property value. Meister also presented a letter from the current owner of the Blue Slipper requesting the reduction of equivalents he is being charged. President Burger thanked everyone for their comments and assured everyone this will be addressed under new Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Drumm moved, Hudson supported to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bauer moved, Drumm supported to accept the December 2015 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: None.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Hudson moved, Drumm supported to pay the bills and make the transfers. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING – The Zoning Administrator's Report is on file with the clerk. He commented on the recent concerns over the consequences of the new zoning ordinance (adopted 2014). He

reminded everyone, that no matter the intent, if change is desired, the same process must be followed to change/amend/delete any language to achieve the desired result.

ZBA/reappointment-Hendricks moved, Miller supported the re appointment of Suzanne Schwing to a 3 year term, ending January 2019. M/C.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Hendricks reported a very productive meeting on January 13 with regard to ordinance revisions. Hendricks also informed the Board with regard to the CIP, Planning Comm member Huebner would like to chair a grant committee to secure funds for the for the improvement of the sidewalks in the Village. The council had no objection to this action as long as the Village incurred no costs.

Planning Commission/reappointment. Bauer moved, Hudson supported to reappoint C. Huebner to a 3 year term, ending 2019. M/C.

SEWER –Council received request from Gerald Zimer for reclassification of his sewer service from commercial to residential due to the fact he is turning the former Onekama Health Center building into a residential property. After some discussion Drumm moved, Hudson supported to directed the Treasurer to reduce his rate by one equivalent. M/C. Rich Chimurra also requested a reclassification of his sewer rate but this was tabled, more investigation is needed as to his intent for this property

STREETS –no problems to report.

PARKS / FARR CENTER – no action to report.

EXPLORE THE SHORES – Paper work has been filled for the last reimbursement check.

WATERSHED – Mary Reed reported that the watershed group has received a grant from the Manistee Community Foundation to create a rain garden at Farr Center. They will work with the Portage Lake Garden Club and conservation district to show the public what constitutes a rain garden. The watershed will receive input from the Village Council with regard to the exact placement of said garden.

COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION –Village of Onekama Parks &Recreation Plan

Milasich moved, Hendricks supported to approve the following resolution for the adoption of the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan with the omission of references to a public marina, page 125/section #4. M/C.

Village of Onekama, Village Council Resolution for Adoption of the

Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan

Resolution # 1 of 2016

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the **Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan** is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Village of **Onekama** all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to the **Village of Onekama** include **Sections Chapter 3 Section 3.4.3 Community Description & Recreation Inventory and Chapter 7 Section 7.3 Goals & Projects**, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the **Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan** is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County communities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the **Village of Onekama** component addressing specifically **Onekama Township** residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2017-2022, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the **Village of Onekama, Village Council** is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in **Village of Onekama**, and

WHEREAS, Village of Onekama, Village Council began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the 6 different public input sessions held throughout Manistee County in June 2015, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2015, and the final public comment session held on **January 20, 2016** at the **Village of Onekama Hall** to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the **Village of Onekama, Village Council** has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the **Village of Onekama**, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled **Village of Onekama Council** meeting, the **Village of Onekama, Village Council Township Board** voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the **Village of Onekama, Village Council** hereby adopts **the Village of Onekama Parks & Recreation Plan** as defined.

Yeas: Ken Bauer, Ralph Drumm, Rod Hudson, Alice Hendricks, Rudi Milasich & Wayne Miller.

Nays: None. Abstain: Roger Burger

Absent: None.

I, Ruth M. Hudson, **Onekama Village Clerk**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the **Village of Onekama, Village Council** at the regular meeting thereof held on **January 20, 2016**.

Signature _____ Date: January 20, 2016.

Village of Onekama, Village Clerk

CEMETERY – quiet.

TOWNSHIP REPORT – 2016 Trash day is June 11th 9a.m. to 12 noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Portage Lake Overlay District

The amending of the Village Zoning Ordinance in 2014 resulted in the unintentional reclassification of the property (see public comment) in the Portage Lake Overlay District. Much discussion followed with regard to what action could be taken to correct this problem. More discussion, then Milasich moved, Hendricks supported to forward the following resolution to the Planning Board for their review and approval. M/C. A special Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016

Whereas, Article 9801 provides that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be initiated by resolution of the Village Council;

Whereas, questions have been raised concerning the status of existing and future businesses and vacant lots within Portage Lake Overlay Zone:

Now therefore be it resolved:

The Village Council initiates a request to the Village Planning Commission that the procedures required under the Zoning Ordinance and Michigan Enabling Act be complied with and that a recommendation be made to the Village Council as to whether the Zoning Ordinance should be amended to provide the substance of the below listed items and related matters.

I. Add the following new subsections to existing Section 7003.A

6. Signs

7. Public Administration

**8. State Licensed residential facilities, to the extent required by the Act
Under MCL 125.3206**

**9. Wireless communications equipment collocated on an existing
Wireless support structure.**

II. Add the following new Section 7003.B and re-designate existing 7003.B as 7003.C

B. Special Uses-- Only the following uses shall be permitted by Special Use

Permit, as specified in Article 86

- 1. Retail Trade and supporting Services**
- 2. Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Licensed Professionals and supporting Services.**
- 3. Restaurants**
- 4. Water Transportation**
- 5. Marinas**

Minutes/publish or post?

Miller moved, Drumm supported to have the Village minutes posted 3 places around the Village and put on the web versus publishing in the paper. M/C.

CORRESPONDENCE –Manistee Revenue Sharing Board-Pla Petunia Parade-Pipe Line Safety-Amy DeLeon-Onekama Guild.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS: Bauer moved, Milasich supported to have Drumm sign the state copy of the street map for 2016. M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth M. Hudson/clerk

The meeting minutes were approved without change on February 17, 2016.