

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 at 4:00 PM**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor David Meister at 4:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**ATTENDANCE:** Bob Blackmore, Ed Bradford, Shelli Johnson and Meister.

Absent: Al Taylor

**MINUTES:**

Board Meeting of December 13, 2023. **Motion** by Blackmore, Seconded by Johnson to approve the Minutes as presented for the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2023. M/C

**AMEND AGENDA:** Add Budget Calendar and Add Boundary Application

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment received regarding the Zoom link on the Agenda packet on the website. Comment also received regarding a “revision link” to the Agenda Packet when things get added. Comment regarding adding dates and terms added to elected officials, and recommendation of hiring a website administrator. Comment received regarding the use of Zoom/Recording for committee meetings (for those committees where the members get paid).

**CLERK’S REPORT:** Johnson reported the Revenue and Expenses for the month, along with the Trial Balance.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Bradford reported the cash balances and investment reports, along with the investments for the month.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Jeff Dontz: Cindy Kaminski and Adam Dontz were reappointed to the Airport Authority Board. Ralph Mortensen was appointed to the Library Board, Lois Goslinoski is appointed as the County Medical Examiner, and reappointments throughout the remainder of the Boards/Committees. The Manistee County Medical Care Facility is to start renovation in the Spring of 2024. Networks Northwest, presented information related to the Materials Management Plan. Charter Communications (Spectrum) provided an update on the rural broadband expansion in Manistee County. A letter of support was signed to do the Eastern side of the County. \$15,000 ARPA Funding awarded to the Manistee County Recreation Commission and the Recreation Manager position. The airport had its 2<sup>nd</sup> best year. WSCC will be offering a CDL class for truck driving.

Janice McCraner: Absent

**ASSESSOR:** Report from Meister. **Motion** by Bradford, Seconded by Blackmore to adopt the Resolution Establishing Poverty Guidelines for Exemption from Property Tax Contributions for 2024. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 \ M/C

**Motion** by Bradford, Seconded by Blackmore to approve the Resolution to Set an Alternate Date for the 2024 March Board of Review First Public Meeting. M/C

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BUDGET PRIORITIES:**

- Supervisor and Treasurer are due for new computers in 2024.
- Discussion needed for contracting or hire an employee for grounds keeping, cleaning, etc.
- Upgrade the Camera System
- Working on invasive species – terrestrial and aquatic. Getting them out of Parks & Rec and into Invasives as a whole.
- Roads: starting a list for repairs. Complete the list of surveys; maintenance road ends

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EMAILS:** Moving forward with this.

**ORDINANCE 1020-1 ORV:** Tabled to February.

**PROPERTY FOR RECYCLE CONTAINERS:** Waiting on the owners to work through Probate.

**DEVOE PROPERTY:** Court date set for January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

**FIRE:** Report by Chief Rob Johnson. Johnson explained the Cost Recovery Ordinance. This will be placed on the February Agenda. There was a total of 332 Runs for 2023. The EMS and fire equipment, including our trucks, were solid in performance for the year. The drone appears to be a good purchase as we were asked to fly 5 different missions for various reasons. At this time, we have 1 person certified in flying the drone. We are working on getting a few more members certified.

**HARBOR COMMISSION:** Report received from Jim Simons. The State of Michigan is requiring more sediment data, so the dredging project is on hold.

**PARKS & REC:** Report given by Bick Pratt. There wasn't a quorum for the last meeting, so they are working on budget items.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Report received from Dave Wallace. There isn't any news on PPI, so they are letting it rest until they reconvene in April.

**BOR:** Report from Wallace. **Motion** by Johnson, seconded by Blackmore to accept the Boundary Adjustment Application Form with the Onkama Township logo and contact information, along with the fee at no cost. M/C

**ZBA:** There is still an Appeal hanging from the December 21<sup>st</sup> decision of the Planning Commission.

**RECYCLE:** Waiting on the property purchase.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Work session on the Budget is February 21<sup>st</sup>. Request to put the documents on the website explaining the 5% tax increase, as we did last year.

The True Cash Value of the property that the Township is in the process of purchasing for the recycle bins is \$124,000. The Township's purchase price is \$80,000.

Kudos to the new phone system!

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

**Motion** by Johnson, Seconded by Blackmore to pay the incoming regular December Bills. M/C

**ADJOURNED AT 6:00 pm**

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Shelli Johnson, Clerk