

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor David Meister at 4:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE: Bob Blackmore, Ed Bradford, Amber Sedelmaier and David Meister.
Al Taylor was present remotely.

MINUTES:

Special Meeting of March 20th. **Motion** by Taylor, second by Sedelmaier to approve the Minutes as presented for the Special Board Meeting of March 20, 2024. M/C

AMEND AGENDA: Add a closed session at the end before public comment regarding property purchase. Move Tyler Dula's letter after closed session. Add Library after County Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tyler Dula emailed a letter to the Township asking for a letter of support for the watershed grant. A letter needs sent by April 30th. \

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Revenue & Expense, Invoices and Trial Balance Reports were given. Ed and Amber got together to revamp the financial reports to make them easier to read.

CLERK'S REPORT: The February 27th election went smooth. Mandy Kaczmyryk has been hired as the new Deputy Clerk. She has already completed some training and started working in and out of the office but will officially start April 15th.

SHORT TERM RENTALS: The Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer have been working on the Short Term Rental Certificates. They will be sending emails out for reminders to renew after they catch up.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bradford reported that interest rates are remaining high. He is working on getting the BS&A cloud update. Taxes were settled with the County and we are waiting for the final settlement check. He would like to discuss township emails.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Jeff Dontz: The county treasurer gave a quarterly update at their meeting. There were only 8 parcels that were foreclosed on. None of them were homesteads. In 2022, no one filed any claims on any foreclosures. In 2023, only 5 made claims on the foreclosures. SEV for the County is \$2,294,000,000 that's up 17.75%. Taxable value is up 8.93% \$1,507,000,000. Anticipate a Headlee rollback of some sort this year. Rick Rowe is leaving as the leader of Veteran Affairs. His Deputy George Scott is planning to take over the new role starting April 20th. West Shore Community College will be doing CDL training. Manistee County is 98% booked for hotels this summer. Essential Air service received 3 bids on air service and had a special meeting to decide. Boutique Air was chosen.

LIBRARY: Pamela Evans gave a report on the library. Library visits are up. There were 5,666 library visits in 2023. They have changed it so there are no late fees. They offer a variety of things like projectors, internet hot spots, telescopes, etc. Meister would like a copy of the budget from the Library. They also offer a book bike for events. The library will have a mileage renewal on the August ballot. It was requested a copy of the statistics be left at the Township. A copy of the statistics will also be placed on the Township website for the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Camera System: Bradford would like to see other quotes.

CPA Services: **Motion** by Blackmore Second by Bradford to hire Richard and McDougall to do taxes. M/C

Parks Committee Credit Card: **Motion** by Bradford, second by Sedelmaier to grant Frances Pratt a credit card to use on Parks and Rec purchases. M/C

Survey/Mark Midway Road end: Bradford would like to get Midway Rd surveyed to acknowledge the public road end. **Motion** by Bradford, second by Blackmore to authorize Spicer to Survey not to exceed cost of \$1000. M/C

Food Trucks: Meister stated that he received a request for putting a food truck out at Langland. Al made a comment about the public wanting it to stay “rustic”. Bradford suggested sending this topic to Parks and Rec. Parks and Rec will make a recommendation and get back to the board.

ORV Ordinance: Leave as is. Will be taken off the agenda.

Cost Recovery Ordinance: put off until next month.

Board and committee Emails: Concerns were addressed about planning commission not having an email. The attorney will be consulted on if each member of a committee needs an email, or just one for the committee. Committees will also be contacted to see who needs an email.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

FIRE: Report by Chief Rob Johnson. 15 runs for the month, which puts at or around 66 runs for the year. Prior YTD was 76 runs. Runs consisted of 3 structure fires, 1- PI accident, rest were medical. 3- runs into Brown Twp, 4- mutual/auto-aid calls. Grand Traverse Mobile is in the process of installing the new 800 radios in each of our trucks, including the boat. Currently the brush truck and rescue are done. This will aid in better communication during multiple department responses and a better reception in everyday communication with Central Dispatch. The boat will be moved from the storage area to the fire department within the next two days this will allow us to wash and wax before putting it in the water for the spring/summer/fall, and so Grand Traverse Mobile can install the 800 radio. Onekama Marine went thru the boat and tuned up the outboard motor, which will allow us to have a baseline on routine maintenance moving forward. They were able to remove some old wiring that isn't being used for anything, which allows for a neater cleaner look.

ASSESSOR: Working on finalizing Reports to send to the state. Postcards for field work will be mailed out.

ROADS: Milarch Rd will be done this year. **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Bradford to approve local agreement for the local road Improvement on Milarch rd in the amount of \$86,076.96 Roll call vote: Blackmore: Yes, Sedelmaier: Yes, Taylor: Yes, Bradford: Yes Meister: Yes. M/C

HARBOR COMMISSION: Submitted a request to Dredge. They are just waiting on the permit. It has been dredged before/ They plan to use a hydraulic dredge. Bradford asked where the spoils go and they will stay on site.

PLANNING COMMISSION: They have not had their meeting this month.

PARKS AND REC: Report by Bick Pratt. **Motion** by Bradford, second by Sedelmaier to approve Trail feasibility quote in the amount of \$ 13,250.00. M/C. **Motion** by Bradford, second by Blackmore to accept the Complete Streets Resolution #2024-006. Roll call vote: Blackmore: Yes, Sedelmaier: Yes, Taylor: Yes, Bradford: Yes Meister: Yes. M/C. **Motion** by Blackmore, Second by Sedelmaier to accept Anthony's Outdoor service bid for Langland Sand Management. M/C. **Motion** by Bradford, second by Blackmore to approve Anthony's Outdoor Services for the Carden Park Upgrade. M/C. **Motion** by Blackmore, second by Sedelmaier to approve Anthony's Outdoor services to mow the township and Carden Park. M/C.

Recycle: Working on EGLE Grant for Onekama Township. July 27th is the tire scrap event. 8am-12pm at 14407 Industrial Park in Kaleva. Limit of 10 available. Once a flyer is available it will be posted on the website.

BOR: No report.

PLA: Concerts lined up for Concerts in the Park.

INVASIVES:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Norbeck would like to make sure planning commission emails are readily available on website. Tyler Dula would like to see special assessments on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

Motion by Blackmore, seconded by Bradford to pay the incoming regular April bills. M/C

Motion by Blackmore, Second by Bradford to go into closed session to regarding property purchase, using MCL 15.261 in accordance with "Open Meetings Act" reason. M/C.

Entered closed session at 7:16.

Returned from closed session at 7:32.

Motion by Blackmore, Second by Bradford to come back into open session. M/C.

ADJOURNED AT 7:33 pm

Amber Sedelmaier, Clerk