

Minutes of the **August 13, 2012**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, and members Michael Erfourth, Joni Forster, Shaffer Fox, Paul Heimnick, Scott Newman, Don Schneider, Karen Stadler, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: none

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth. A welcome was given to new members Newman and Schneider.

There were no citizen comments.

The motion by Forster to accept and place on file the minutes of the July 9, 2012, meeting was received; seconded by Newman and approved.

Weckwert arrived at 7:04.

The June 2012 Treasurer's Preliminary Report was presented for informational purposes. Following this the July 2012 Treasurer's Report was presented. Motion by Wilson to accept the July report with support given by Heimnick. Motion carried with dissent by Forster.

Forster suggested that a special line item for approval of the agenda be placed on future agendas. This was agreed to by consensus.

Items were added to the August agenda by Chairman Erfourth. Under old business: Signs at city entrances and Lighting at the Castle. Under new business: the discussion of a meeting time and full time staffing.

Weckwert summarized the report submitted in the agenda packet concerning repairs at the Castle. An estimate will need to be obtained. Newman was assigned the task. The project of electrical tape in the eaves will be suggested to DPW or an estimate will be solicited from Ludington by Erfourth.

The estimate of \$364.30 from ~~HI-Quality Glass for Lexon on the Cabin windows~~ was reviewed by Forster. The windows would be covered in two pieces so they would be operable. Members asked for a quote to be obtained to cover the windows with one piece of Lexon for security reasons allowing the shutters to be left open.

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The entrance signs remain in place as reported by Erfourth. It may be best to leave the old signs in place until new signs are erected. Motion by Forster to give the ownership of the three entrance signs to the city with the recommendation that they be taken down within 60-90 days. Support by Fox and approved.

The issue of Castle lighting was reviewed with Erfourth commenting he would be speaking to Ludington Electric tomorrow to ask about a bid for a new system.

It was noted that honeybees are still active at the Gould House. The pest control company will be contacted again tomorrow by Fox to retreat.

Newman volunteered to purchase a new lamp for Gould House apartment two.

The castle shrubs will be inspected at a special meeting at the castle.

Chairman Erfourth called a special meeting to be held August 27, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Castle. Docent Speers will be asked to attend. The Castle windows, shrubs, plaster and other items will be reviewed at this time.

Members commented concerning the feasibility of an events promoter for the commission.

A comment was made in favor of lighting of the castle and cabin at the holidays.

The Brooks quote for a walking tour brochure was discussed with no action taken. The topic will be discussed further on August 27th.

Motion by Newman to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Supported by Forster.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey
Secretary/Treasurer