

Minutes of the **October 17, 2006**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**  
held at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members Lance Ellenberg, Joane Ford (7:03), Phil Heavilin (7:05), Marti Lameti, Bonnie Snyder, Charles Wascher and Gary Wilson (7:03).

Members absent: Scott Newman

Chairperson Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Wascher to accept and place on file minutes of September 19, 2006; supported by Ellenberg and carried.

Wilson and Ford arrived.

Motion by Snyder to approve the September 2006 Treasurer's Report; supported by Wascher and carried.

Heavilin arrived.

General discussion was held on the General Fund Payable. The majority of the payable is from Gould House foundation work by Cusack Masonry, done in 2001 following notification that Kenel Konstruction would not do the work. Ford asked if the original bid award to Kenel specified the source of funds for the work. Tobey will research council and commission minutes. Ford will discuss the issue with the City Manager.

Ford reported that a letter to Council requesting permission to demolish the Gould House garage would be sufficient for approval. Tobey responded that it may be best to have a cost available that will be provided with the request for permission. Motion by Heavilin for Tobey to proceed with obtaining an estimate and submitting letter to Council, if estimate does not exceed \$2,000.00. Support was given by Ford and motion carried.

Ford reported that repair work on the Castle roof had not been completed as promised. Building Official Archer has been contacted again and will make repairs to the slate Castle roof next week with the aid of DPW crews.

Wilson noted that he had provided an e-mail to members with potential contractors for Castle work. Heavilin responded that work needed to be done at the Courthouse as well and would try to coordinate to obtain bids for work.

Brewer reported that Ivan Conger would pick up the remainder of his "Kazan" books at the Castle, since the commission was not agreeable to his sale price. Those that have been sold at the castle will be billed to the commission at \$4.00 each. She also reported that Lucille Couzynse had agreed to work on the Curwood website. It was again noted that references for Amber Fuller as site designer would be obtained and distributed by Brewer. Contact with Richardson has reported slow but steady progress. The endowed chair at MSU has not been completed. Website completion, Curwood articles in the Argus with pictures from the Hoddy collection, and the tie in with the Michigan Conservation Association needs to be completed before grant applications are submitted.

Brad Martin with Donning Publishers has reported progress with the book project. Several local entities have shown interest. Appointments will be set by Martin with each of the nine potential sponsors later in October.

Members were reminded that Castle docent funding needs to be reviewed again by the end of the year. General discussion resulted in the consensus that members wish to see the docents continued and that a fundraiser would be needed to supply the funds above the budgeted expenditures for the year. Lameti noted that the Castle will be decorated for the holidays by high

school art students. She suggested that advertising be done to notify the public of the decorations and that an effort to secure admission donations for the purpose of docent funding be made during this time.

The December meeting will be an open house reception at the Castle, especially to thank the various organizations and individuals that have helped the commission over the past year. It was determined that this would be held December 12 at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Ford to expend funds up to \$200. to obtain supplies for this event. Support was given by Lameti and approved.

Motion made by Heavilin to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer