

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, October 15,2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harsen's Island Lions Hall, 263 LaCroix Road, Harsens Island, MI 48028.

PRESENT: Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV, Clerk Michael Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Pat Sharrow, Trustee Cindy Kirkpatrick, Trustee Dr. L. Kasperowicz, Trustee Beth Engel.

ABSENT: None.

Citizens present twenty-five (25).

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to amend the agenda under Old Business: No. 2 - BMJ Update on the Harsen's Island Water Project; New Business: No. 11 - Discussion regarding a Community Gathering on November 11,2001. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the October 1,2001 Board Meeting as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$181,647.23. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATION:

10-9-2001 Ltr. from Sgt. Thomas Cowhy, Marysville Police Dept. expressed thanks to Corporal Foster K-9 partner Dingo for assistance on the drug search of the Marysville Schools on 10-4-2001.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contract negotiation: Meet with Command, resolve soon.

Boldt, McLeod & Johnson Representative Philip Porte explained to the Board and citizens the status of the Harsen's Island Water Project, good news it has started, bad news is there has been a great deal of rain creating poor ground conditions, started with Section 3, Bruckner's Island, favor directional drilling as it

is a more cost effective method; estimated completion time around the end of November or middle of December. Section I has began at Ferry Dock, contractors would like to do directional drilling in these areas, saves time at the end and saves trees from being cut down; going the other way from the Ferry, probably won't happen until after December. A little update to keep the Board informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Relating to any New Business on the Agenda: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Earle, 9609 S. Channel Drive, Harsens Island: Working on trying to establish a bike path on the Island for 2-1/2 years, many bicycles use the Island during the summer, it is getting very dangerous, cars having a difficult time passing the bicycles; State Grant program available, need proper assistance to submit a grant application; contact Montgomery & Associates for help in the matter; requesting the Township Board's approval to hire Montgomery for this purpose.

Kenneth Montgomery of Montgomery & Associates: Explained work his company has done for other municipalities regarding the Bridge to Bay Bike Path Grant Applications, seven successfully for Bridge to Bay Trails; State Highway M-154 has a variety of right of way widths, explained methods that may work for the Island; total of 6.1 miles, recommend two sections of 3 miles, cost \$300,000, explained the breakdown of funding; \$60,000 of local match - \$15,000 County Grant Application.

Would assist you in putting the application together for \$4,500 to \$5,000, would meet with your engineering consultant, professional services to pay for a quality job.

Treasurer Connie Turner Designated millage for County Parks & Recreation per year, Clay Township's share is approximately \$32,000, possible to designate this portion towards a bikepath.

Trustee Sharrow: Township Downriver Recreation Commission should be consulted before we commit, they may have other projects.

Kenneth Montgomery: Two years before construction would start on this.

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the resignation from George Koury on the Downtown Development Authority Board. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, **MOTION CARRIED**, to set the Halloween Begging Hours for Clay Township from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Lot Split #01-14 for a vacant lot on Re. Tremble Road owned by Robert Commire. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the September Department Reports for Assessor, Building, Zoning, Water, Police, Harsen's Island, Library and the St. Clair County Prosecuting Report as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the return of the \$500.00 Performance Bond to Dale Bryeans for 9231 Maple. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission Fall 2001 Workshop: Board Members wishing to attend notify Clerk Pellerito.

Treasurer Connie Turner: Fifth Third Bank has submitted proposals showing how the Township can save money by switching bank accounts to Fifth Third Bank.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to allow the Treasurer Connie Turner to transfer the Township funds from the Citizens First Savings Bank to the Fifth Third Bank. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to allow the Fifth Third Bank to finance the purchase of new Sutphen Custom Rescue Pumper for the Clay Township Fire Department. AYES: AH. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

DPW Request to purchase a new computer system: Table the computer system.

Trustee Pat Sharrow: Discussion regarding the Township having a community gathering on November 11th, Sunday in the High School Gym for the purpose of remembering Veteran's Day and two-month anniversary of the Terrorist attack suggest have sing along patriotic music, Township will advertise and sponsor it.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Township sponsoring a community gathering on November 11, 2001 to be held at the Algonac High School Gym. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Clerk Pellerito: Do we want to bring back a decision re: Harsen's Island Bike Path authorizing Montgomery & Associates to prepare a grant.

Trustee Sharrow: Contact DDA to see where they are with a bike path.

Kenneth Montgomery: DDA working with MOOT to get their corporation to reconstruct the highway enclose ditches and include a bike path.

Trustee Kirkpatrick: Water line going in, would that reduce Eng. cost on bike path?

Clerk Pellerito: Could be some savings there.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan: BMJ familiar with the road right of ways, Montgomery already been working with MOOT on DDA Project, community willing to fund it.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Update on the easement cost at the Algonac Harbor? How much money do we have coming out of that?

Supervisor Joseph McKoan: No further progress, get an update at the next quarterly meeting; \$90,000 escrow, used ½ ours and ½ city.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Drug screening on all our police Officers, like to see a 40 hour week.

Trustee Sharrow: Web site information per MTA might be our answer, could we investigate this possibility?

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Questioned a police matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Herb Myers, Harsens Island: Questioned retirement plan for the Township Officials.

Clerk Pellerito: Explained it is a non-voluntary contribution, collect only the years in office.

Joanne Shirkey, Harsens Island: Former mail delivery person and stressed a bike path would be wonderful and very helpful.

Richard Earle: Can't see the bike path costing \$100,000 per mile, tried many routes, familiar with the route suggested, bike path is needed.

Anne Grout: Volunteer to be part of a River watch in these extraordinary times.

Dick Earle: River watch for about four years now, Sheriffs boats and the Coast Guard are on lookout.

Ann Grout: Noticed something suspicious and called the Border Patrol, have a good view of the Mayberry Cut.

Police Chief Eder: Feel free to call anytime if see something suspicious.

Herb Myers: Asked where the bike path on M-29 would be starting from?

Kenneth Montgomery: M-29 3-lane cross section down to the DDA District St. John Drive 3.2 miles.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Michael P. Pellerito

Clay Township Clerk