

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, November 19, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clay Township Board Room, 4710 Re. Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan 48001.

PRESENT: Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Pat Sharrow, Trustee Cindy Kirkpatrick, Trustee Beth Engel.

ABSENT: Clerk Michael Pellerito (excused), Trustee Dr. L. Kasperowicz (excused).

Citizens present: 16.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:**

Moved by Turner, supported by Engel, to approve the November 5, 2001 Minutes and Synopsis.

Amended motion to make the following changes to the 11-5-2001 Minutes:

page 2, paragraph 4: Trustee Sharrow's comment was "Colony Tower has been declared an historical area - not district."; and page 5, paragraph 3 concerning Fruit/Stone/Cemetery Roads Sewer Cost Estimates: "Board consensus is to not survey the residents until grant money has been established" and page 5, paragraph 8, motion approving Deputy Police Chief Don Drake's Contract should read".....for Donald Drake, Deputy Chief of Police, Clay Township Police Department as a part-time position, contract effective November 19,2001 to June 30, 2002, at this time, his contract will be re-evaluated."

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDED MOTION:

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Motion by Turner, supported by Engel, MOTION APPROVED, to accept the amended 11-5-2001 Minutes and Synopsis as noted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow, MOTION CARRIED, to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$126,031.81 as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

**PETITIONS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Township Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23,2001 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

State Representative Jud Gilbert will hold office hours in the Clay Township Board Room, 11-26-2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the public is welcome.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Contract negotiation update: Nothing for Command.

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Agreement For Conditional Transfer of Property Between the City of Algonac and Clay Township, St. Clair County, Michigan subject to City of Algonac holding a public hearing on the 425 Agreement. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Engel, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Presentation by Charles R. Brockman, President of the Save Our South Channel Lights Association: In the process of applying for a grant through the Clean Michigan Initiative Waterfront Redevelopment, requirement that the request for funding be funneled through a local government in cooperation with a non-profit group; S.O.S. can provide the match, preparation of the request, etc. for possible funding for the Old South Channel Range Lights near Harsens Island; \$20,000 for study to be done, match fund won't cost Clay Township; Michigan Light House Association program \$150,000, 25% grant, \$600,000 if all things are a go; Clay Township needs to adopt a Resolution local government to channel funding through Clay to be the local form of government that will put the seawall around and renovate the lights.

Assessor Barbara Schutt verified the S. Channel Lights are within the jurisdiction of the Township.

Charles Brockman: County line within St. Clair County Michigan bottomlands.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: Reiterated not asking for any money from the Township, Township has to act as a channel for the money to come through at the State of Michigan level.

Trustee Sharrow: Concerned there should be a contractual agreement with the S.O.S. Group stating they would provide the funding.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Resolution to authorize Clay Township as the local government for funding to be funneled for the Save Our South Channel Lights Association Grant Request Form from CMI with the stipulation a contract agreement will be signed that the

S.O.S. will provide their own writing and funding necessary for this grant. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Engel, McKoan.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Turner, supported by Engel, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution No. 1 to set the Public Hearing for Monday, December 3, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clay Township Board Room, 4710 Pte. Tremble Road, Clay Township for the purpose of hearing objections to the canal dredging on Dyke Road North side of Bayview Shores Subdivision, Clay Township, St. Clair County to create a Special Assessment District. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Engel, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Chief Tom Eder stated Police Department renovations, stated changes to lobby, booking room, locker area, etc.; interview room in the lobby; don't have any final plans and figures; community service workers will do the work, cost would be low only for the materials, drywall, two doors, can use most of the existing materials; labor would be free. Mention carpet from DDA coming soon, Chief thanked DDA.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve allocating \$1,000 to start the renovation of the Police Department Building, if more funding is necessary for the renovation, Chief Eder will bring that information back to the Board.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to restructure the sewer billing format of the Water/Sewer Bills to reflect proper billing charges.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Engel, **MOTION CARRIED**, to hire Renee Fewer as a part-time officer with the Clay Township Police Department

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Lot Split #01-15 for 9291 Field Road owned by Chris Derra for a property line adjustment.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Lot Split #01-12 for 6265 Genaw Road owned by Claudia Hintze.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Agreement for Municipal Street lighting with Detroit Edison Company to furnish, install, operate and maintain street lighting equipment at Pearl Beach and Maple Lane, Clay Township, Michigan.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to authorize the Girl Scouts - Michigan Waterways Council, Inc. to conduct its annual cookie sale starting January 19 through February 11, 2002 for taking orders and delivering cookies starting March 11, 2002 in Clay Township with all fees waived.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the October Department Reports for Water, Police, Assessor, Building and Zoning as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz, Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV informed the Board there will be a Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Pat Sharrow: Distribution report quarterly and capacity for the future needs to be reviewed, may not need 40% of the plant.

Moved by Engel, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to install a Fire and intrusion system at the Mainland Fire Department from Dyck Security Services, Inc., installation cost of \$3,396.20 and agree to a 5-year monitoring agreement with Dyck Security Services, Inc. at \$37.00 per month.

AYES: All. NAYS: ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

### **Board Appointments:**

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to reappoint Ron Nelson as Chairman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring 11-15-2004.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Motion by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Brian Potter to complete the four year term of George Koury on the Downtown Development Authority Board, term expires 12-31-2002.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Engel, **MOTIN CARRIED**, to appoint Cindy Kirkpatrick to the Zoning Board of Appeals as Board Representative for a one-year term to 11-15-2002. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Pat Sharrow to the Planning Commission as Board Representative for a one-year term to 11 -15-2002. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Beth Engel to the Downriver Recreation Commission as the Township Board Representative for a one year term expiring 11-15-2002. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Sharrow to reject the nominations for the Planning Commission as submitted by the Township Supervisor, **MOTION DIED, NO SUPPORT**.

Motion by Engel, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Anthony Antkowiak to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring 11 -15-2004. AYES: Engel, McKoan IV, Turner. NAYS: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to reject the second nomination to the planning Commission and respectfully request to reconsider an experience member of the Planning Commission be reappointed since he wishes to serve again. AYES: Engel, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Sharrow. NAYS: McKoan IV. ABSENT: Kirkpatrick, Pellerito.

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to amend the 2001-2002 General Fund Budget as follows:

<u>101-700-934-00</u>	<u>Building Maintenance</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
<u>Old Amt.</u>	<u>New Amt.</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$15,000.00	\$43,940.00	\$28,940.00
<u>101-400-401-00</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>
<u>Old Amt.</u>	<u>New Amt.</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$41,679.34	\$70,619.34	\$28,940.00

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the quote of \$8,200.00 from G.C. Home Improvement Company to re-roof the Police Department Building.

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Trustee Sharrow: Two Planning Commission member's terms expiring, which one will Mr. Antkowiak replace? According to State statute, members remain until re-appointed or replaced, which member should show up at the next P.C. meeting?

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: Let this be a Board decision who to replace.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to replace Planning Commission member Diane Decker with new member Anthony Antkowiak and not Mark Getman. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV: Commend the Downtown Development Authority for their approval of purchasing a new Dispatch Desktop Console for the Police Department and also the purchase of new carpeting for the Police Department.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Richard Baker, Stone Road: Questioned DDA District does it cover the Colony Tower and could they help in it's restoration? Tower is a monument and the gateway to our Township. Is there somehow any future developments between M-29 and the water would allow equal open space to the water for the people that live here? Years ago Chris Craft Property was bought boat launch & public bldg. was for the Township's use; City of Algonac has money in an account, should be looked into.

Police Chief Tom Eder: Thank you to the DDA Council for the Dispatch Desktop Console which will give the Department the ability to contact and talk to the County directly, safety of the citizens is the important issue.

Charles Brockman, Pres. S.O.S.: Questioned who owns the Colony Tower?

Trustee Sharrow: Homeowners Association of Colony Park; according to eng. study to paint and repair \$240,000, not a lighthouse, formerly a water tower to a unique gated community, does need to be saved, land mark in this area.

Charles Brockman: Suggestion if Association were to turn the tower over to a nonprofit group, willing to help with finding the funding and grants available.

Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV: Thank you to the Algonac High School students who are video taping the 1<sup>st</sup> Township Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz.

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk