

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, December 3, 2001 at 7:40 p.m. in the Clay Township Board Room, 4710 Re. Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan 48001.

PRESENT: Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV, Clerk Michael Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Pat Sharrow, Trustee Cindy Kirkpatrick, Trustee Beth Engel, *Trustee Dr. L Kasperowicz – V.K.* ABSENT: None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow to amend the agenda under New Business, Item #13. Discussion on the Resolutions presented to the Board by the DDA. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the November 19, 2001 Minutes and Synopsis with a change on the bottom of page 3, should read "ABSENT: Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz (remove Kirkpatrick as absent)." AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$16,279.56 as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

11-21-2001 Let. From Blue Water Habitat for Humanity inviting Brd. Members to attend a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new home at the foot of Sheldon St. on 12-2-2001. Notice Twp. Offices will be closed Christmas Eve & Day, December 25 & December 26, 2001 and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, December 31 & January 1st.

Kip Plagen wrote a letter stating in support of a skate park in City of Algonac.

Informal Open House on December 12th at the Harsens Island Lion's Hall from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The purpose is to present the proposed revisions to the Clay Township Zoning Ordinance and Map.

The next Clay Township Board meeting is on Harsens Island at 7:30 p.m. 12-17-2001. Detective Sgt. Graham Rummel was presented with an engraved plaque for thirty years of service with the Clay Township Police Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phelps Road Project survey discussion ensued: responses in favor were three; fourteen

don't want it paved, project should not be forced on them if do not want; County willing to allocate \$100,000 towards the project, do not want to lose this opportunity; suggestion to ditch that area.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: where would the water run-off to?

Trustee Pat Sharrow: Road ditches would not go to the swale, follow the established pattern; last time may see County funds; Folkert, Starville, Phelps Roads are all part of our plan to get a better transportation system out of the Township; don't think these people should have to pay, in favor of getting the ditching down, 1st phase, road improvement and needs to be done, one of the last main roads to have paved.

Clerk Pellerito: Never going to be able to do this road at this price, alternative flow out of the Township;

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to proceed with the Phelps Road Project as a potential two-year project. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz, McKoan. NAYS: Engel, Turner, Kirkpatrick. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Relating to any New Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation by French & Associates for the proposed Township Building Expansion; Mr. French presented three (3) design approaches:

Tie the two buildings together with a covered corridor, approximately 2,400 sq. feet, cost app. \$125.00 a sq. ft., add parking. Expand the Board room to Re. Tremble Road, additional offices, 4,000 sq. ft., additional parking.

Expand the existing offices towards Taft Road, 2,200 sq. ft., additional parking.

Lengthy discussion by the Board regarding the pros and cons of the designs; like to see two and three combined; cost discussion; future growth, storage is the most important, conference room needed; board room capacity, Clerk feels the 2,400' expansion can get us through for another decade or so, parking definitely needs to be expanded. Mr.

French explained a design build bid process.

Supervisor McKoan thanked Mr. French for his presentation, the Township Board will absorb this info and bring this back at the next meeting.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to adopt Resolution No. 2 approving the Project and District for Canal Dredging, Dyke Road and Canal North Side of Bay View Shores Subdivision, Special Assessment District, Clay Township, St. Clair County and to instruct the Supervisor and Assessing Office to prepare a Special Assessment Roll. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz, Engel, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT; None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to adopt Resolution No. 3 establishing a Public Hearing for Canal Dredging Canal Dyke Road and Canal Northside of Bay View Shores Subdivision on December 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clay Township Board Room, 4710 Re. Tremble Road, Clay Township for the purpose of making corrections to the Special Assessment Roll. R/C VOTE: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz, Engel, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick to renew the 2002 Membership with the Algonac/Clay Township Historical Society in the amount of \$25.00. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sewer Flow Readings for October, 2001 lengthy discussion by Board Members.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow to procure the information what the average sewer flow readings has been for the last two years and to proceed with the renovation of the sewer plant and not replacement. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to adopt a Resolution to oppose House Bill 4995 and related House Bills 5028 and 5029, which mandate zoning at the Township, County and City and Village Level with a copy send it to the House and Senate. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to pay the Helicopter bill of \$336.00 to Great Lakes Marine for their assistance on an aerial search for stolen four-wheelers. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the Township Board Members attending the St. Clair County Township Association Annual Dinner Meeting, Thursday, January 10, 2002 at Crystal Gardens, Marysville. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Turner to accept the Clay Township Mainland Fire Department September Month End Report as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Water Rate Audit year ended June 30,2001: An increase of \$1.33 per thousand gallons for Clay Township, additional amount of \$15,328.23; have sent the auditors a copy and waiting for their response.

Motion by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to amend the 2001-2002 Budget for Police and Mainland Fire as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

EXPENSES 206-700-975-00	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
ADD \$3,396.20 =	\$8,396.20
REVENUES 206-400-401-00	FUND BALANCE
ADD \$3,396.20 =	\$3,396.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT

EXPENSES 207-700-934-00	BUILDING MAINTENANCE
ADD \$8,200.00 =	\$14,200.00
REVENUES 206-400-401-00	FUND BALANCE
ADD \$8,200.00 =	\$8,200.00

AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to adopt a resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor, on behalf of the Township, acting jointly with the Township of Clay Downtown Development Authority and the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, to file a Great Lakes Coastal Restoration grant application with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of acquiring waterfront property, should said application be approved and funded by the State of Michigan.

R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz, Engel, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Looking into equipment for Township to use, need any generators?

Trustee Sharrow: What will be the winter hours at the Recycling Center on Ainsworth?

Clerk Pellerito: Hours changed, will post a notice in The Voice; Christmas Tree can go out in the regular trash.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Herb Meyer, 2675 Krispin Road: Questioned work done at Boy's Club, any permit?

Pat Sharrow: Zoned single family residence.

H. Meyer: Working on a house, restricted hours.

Mike Kras: No work after dusk on buildings.

Detective Sergeant Rummel: Appreciate the 30-yr. plaque, thanks to Chief Eder, our Police Department has improved in many ways.

Rich Baker, Stone Road: Like to see a grant committee appointed, money available out there; Clay needs parks and some open area on the waterfront, if not for the DNR site would have no access to the water in Clay.

Tom Purcell, 7882 Lake Drive: Remarks regarding water shut off for nonpayment, disagree with the new procedure.

Clerk Pellerito: If the Office has time, courtesy call should be made before shut-off are done.

Supervisor McKoan IV: Thanks for your comment, may be modifying the procedure in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Engel, MOTION CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk