

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harsens Island Lion's Hall, 263 LaCroix Road, Harsens Island, MI 48028.

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.

ABSENT: None.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:**

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the December 3, 2001 Minutes and Synopsis and the Public Hearing Minutes for Bayview Shores Dredging as presented.

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 \$246,064.77 as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PETITIONS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Letter from Christina Ursesecu thank you to Police Chief Eder for the opportunity to experience riding along with Patrolman Keith Ball Clay Twp. Police Department.

11-26-2001 Letter from Corinne Odzark in support of an Algonac Skatepark and feel Clay Township should donate towards the park.

Special Meeting of the Township Board is set up for Tuesday, December 18, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. in the Clay Township Board Room for Special Assessment for Canal Dredging on Dyke Road.

Informal Open House to present the proposed revisions to the Clay Township Zoning Ordinance and Map will be held on Wednesday, 1-23-2002 in the Clay Township Board Room from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Command Contract: Supervisor McKoan IV stated Command Contract very similar to Patrol.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz questioned: 12 hour shift, cost for medical insurance, etc. Clerk Pellerito stated the changes to the verbiage in the Command Contract are the following:

- ? Article IX Seniority - Section 9.1 and Section 9.2 - will retain the probationary clause.
- ? Article XII – Layoff Defined - Section 13-3, Page 8: change the lay off notice to seven (7) days from thirty (30); seven (7) days to fill the vacancy, changed it to fourteen (14), reverting those back to reflect the Patrol Contract.
- ? Article XVI – Promotions - Section 16.1: minor modification, after one-year time, Corporal will become a Sergeant with the following amendment: “Corporal position is a separate position, if a Command Officer is demoted to a position of Corporal, any further promotion will be subject to a recommendation by the Chief of Police and the approval of the Township Board.”
- ? Article 25, Sick Leave – Section 25.3, Page 13: add the following verbiage left out: “Sick leave with pay must be earned before it can be taken.”
- ? Article XXXIV - Uniforms, Section 34.3
- ? Article XLII Part-Time Employees - Section 42. Language will have to reflect the “Deputy Chief’s” position.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the Command Contract ending June 30, 2003 with the corrections as noted above. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Building Expansion Discussion: Storage is top priority, preference is Option "A" plan connecting the existing Township Offices to the Police Building, Township Budget considered when expanding, etc.

Clerk Pellerito: Suggest send Proposal "A" back to French & Associates for ideas; consider gas and power lines, generator location, incorporate handicap electrical doors, additional parking spaces needed.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Engel to instruct the Supervisor to discuss with French & Associates a cost design using Proposal "A". AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the Department Reports for Water, Assessor, Police, Building & Zoning and Library Reports as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Sharrow to reappoint Michael Kras to the Downriver Recreation Commission for a three-year term expiring on 12-15-2004. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner to reappoint Pauline Dueweke to the Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term expiring on 12-31-2005. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner to reappoint Shirley Gooden and Mary Jane Hardy to the Clay Township Library Board for a five-year term expiring on 12-31-2006. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to accept ML Fire Chief's recommendation to approve Adam Raymond Lozen as a new trainee with the department. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Turner, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to approve the purchase of two sets of fire-fighting turnout gear from Apollo Fire equipment at a cost of \$2,100 plus freight for the ML Fire Department. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the Board Room sound system: Not working very appropriately, Mr. Schaeffer from the school offered to correlate speaker equipment with their system for recording the Board meetings; like to see speakers set up in the hallway; podium for public comments.

Board consensus was to grant Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV permission to go forward with the sound equipment upgrade and bring it back to the Township Board.

TruGreen Chemlawn Contract for 2002: Consensus of the Board wait until Spring in order to see what develops with the building expansion, parking spaces installed would remove some of the lawn.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to approve the computer purchase for the Clay Township Police Department from Network Connections, Inc. for a cost of \$1,035 includes the shipping. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion re: Clay Township – 2001 Match Money Program: Clerk included the report so the Board can get an idea what has transpired with the Road Projects and what has to be done yet; Township has paid out approximately \$125,000,

Pat Sharrow: City of Algonac should consider contributing towards the maintenance of Fruit Road and ¼ mile or ½ mile on Nook Road.

Clerk Pellerito: Have asked the City verbally about splitting the cost.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Pellerito to have the Supervisor write a letter to the City of Algonac requesting assistance in splitting of the cost to maintain Fruit Road and Nook Road. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Sharrow to approve the Clerk's Department utilizing a temporary part time election worker during the upcoming elections in 2002 at \$9.14 an hour. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Any update re: Algonac Harbor Club?

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: Ltr. from Harbor Club Attorney, no response, \$75,000 to pay for easement, have not moved on it yet, nothing to report yet.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Like to see that engineering report and who is responsible for all this mess.

Clerk Pellerito: Reasons for this alleged dollar amount is the loss of revenues through the construction process.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: WasteWater Treatment Plant.

Supervisor McKoan IV: Waiting to see what it would cost to refurbish the system vs. rebuilding; DEQ wants some plan by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, to rectify the problems there.

Trustee Sharrow: City of Algonac continues to use a share of our 40% sewage usage at no charge.

Clerk Pellerito: Price of the new meter, will have the specs at the March meeting.

Trustee Kirkpatrick: Repairing the old Sewer Plant vs. a new one, which would be better to go with?

Clerk Pellerito: forcing oxygen into the bottom of that reservoir makes for a better bio product.

Supervisor McKoan IV: Ira has a trickling system, Clay has ample capacity, asked for flow figures and have not received them yet.

Trustee Sharrow: House of Representatives approved the annexation bill, need to write a letter to Senator asking him to support the bill.

Waterline is under pressure from the Ferry to Cottage Lane, testing it now.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Herb Meyer, Harsens Island: Did the HITA ask the Township for assistance with legal funds?

Answer: No.

Bill Travis: Questioned the Zoning Ordinance review, public comments and will there be ample time to review those changes that are being proposed?

Trustee Sharrow: Explained Planning Commission will have a public hearing, followed by a report to the Township Board and probably a joint meeting.

Bill Travis: Concerned there are a number of changes with properties on the Island, zoned to RS.

Trustee Sharrow: Areas where there is no sewer and water, not on the waterfront, one-acre parcels and 150' of frontage.

John Horvath: Objections to the zoning of his property; Board has not seen a copy of the Zoning Ordinance.

Trustee Sharrow: Planning Commission's job to review, preliminary copy now, explained the different kinds of zoning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.  
AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk