

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, February 18, 2002 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 Dr. L. Kasperowicz, Trustee Beth Engel.  
ABSENT: None.

Citizens present approximately twenty (20).

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to add under New Business, No. 12. Full membership status for John Siecinski with the ML Fire Department. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:**

Motion by Turner, supported by Sharrow to approve the February 4, 2002 Board Meeting Minutes and Synopsis with an amendment on page 3, ^way down the page, discussion after the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: change the discussion to read: "Trustee Kirkpatrick and Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz stated a 5-year warranty on the HDPE water main installed via directional drilling should be upheld and negotiations pursued by Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV to extend the warranty. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **BILLS PAYABLE:**

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$84,946.68 as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PETITIONS: None.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Township Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2002 at Noon in observance of Good Friday.

All winter decorations, artificial flowers, grave blankets will be removed from graves in Oaklawn Cemetery beginning week of April 1, 2002.

ZBA will be holding a special meeting on February 28, 2002.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Contract negotiation update: Met with Dispatch on February 15<sup>th</sup> issues discussed, will be meeting in March and could have it resolved.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Turner to adopt Resolution No. 2 per the Canal Dredging Project at Dyke Road and the Canal North Side of Bayview Shores Subdivision instructing the Supervisor and Assessing Office to prepare a Special Assessment Roll of the respective owners. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Pellerito, Engel, Dr. Kasperowicz, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick to adopt Resolution No. 3 per the Canal Dredging Project at Dyke Road and the Canal North Side of Bayview Shores Subdivision to set a Public Hearing for Monday, March 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clay Township Board Room, 4710 Pte. Tremble Road, Clay Township, MI for, the purpose to make any necessary corrections to the roll to the Special Assessment District. R/C CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Harsens Island Bicycle Path Preliminary cost estimate from BMJ Engineers. Trustee Sharrow: Clay Township Representative Jim Miller on the St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission should be contacted and furnished with the results of this preliminary estimate and begin his inquiry with the County Parks & Recreation board on the funding/grants available.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Kirkpatrick to receive and file the Engineering Preliminary plans for the Harsens Island Bicycle Path. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

St. Clair County Water District IIA-Clay Twp./Harsens Island - Series 2000-Section I: 2-5-2002 Letter from Philip J. Porte, Project Engineer for BMJ Engineers to Pamar Enterprises per the recent leakage/breakage problems associated with the HDPE water main installed via directional drilling, talked about it earlier; District 7B pursuant to the contract will be installed by open cut; DPW Supervisor Jon DeBoyer has indicated this is the best way to proceed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to allow Dispatcher Kathy Shew to attend the Police Records Management Training Course approved by the Chief of Police at a cost of \$385.00 for the two-day training. Kathy Shew will pay for her room and transportation. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the January 2002 Department Reports: Assessor, Building, Zoning, Dangerous Building, Planning Commission and Code Enforcement, Water, Algonac/Clay Library Reports and Clay Police January Monthly Report and the School Liaison Report as submitted. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT:None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow to approve the Harsens Island Fire Department purchase of Storz Piston Valve from Heiman Inc. in the amount of \$699.95 and the Storz Valves and Adaptors from Fire Safe, Inc. in the amount of \$799.50. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion Harsens Island Fire Department would like to proceed with the financing and quotations for a new Pumper truck, old pumper would not be compatible with the new hydrants, would need to use the tanker, interest rates are low.

Supervisor McKoan IV: Wait until new budget.

Treasurer Turner: What Daryl wants to know if he can proceed with pricing.

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Kirkpatrick to allow Daryl DuPage of the Harsens Island Fire Department to proceed with pricing a fire pumper out and get some financing

information. Discussion:

Trustee Sharrow: Like to see Fire Departments bring to the Township Board a 2-year dream plan and let the Board start working on our budget and see what we can afford- good time to talk about it, would like a little more information, financing options and budget workshops are good ideas.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Kirkpatrick to request the Fire Departments submit to the Township Board a 2-year dream plan to review what the new fiscal year budget can afford, in the meantime pursue some financing options to purchase a pumper and present the information to the Board. AYES: All. NAYS: None ABSENT- None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion regarding 2002 Local Road Funding Assistance Program from the County specifically the Phelps Road project, County has approved \$100,000 as their share- ' County needs verification the project will continue, 2-year project, ditching 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, the Township will be proceeding ahead with the Phelps Road Project, the County 2002 Local Road Funding Assistance Program recently approved \$100,000 to be contributed towards Phelps Road. AYES:

Sharrow, Turner, Pellerito, Engel, Dr. Kasperowicz, McKoan IV. NAYS: Kirkpatrick.

ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion on local road situation: Farnsworth and Phillips Road sealed as a future project; after water project completed on the Island, roads should be reviewed for damage from those lines installed.

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Sharrow, to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Fifth/Third Bank to set up a Commercial card for the Township Elected Officials.

Amendments to the motion:

Trustee Sharrow stated restrictions to the use of the credit card: Treasurer would be in possession of the credit card and stored in the safe when not needed, it will be used only if necessary for seminars or conferences relating to Township business, only used for meals and traveling expenses, no alcoholic beverages put on the credit card, and no meals or expenses for any person except for elected officials (Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer) or employees approved of the Township.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz approve the motion with the amendments as stated. R/C VOTE:

AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Pellerito, Dr. Kasperowicz, Engel, McKoan IV. NAYS:

None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Engel to accept the Mainland Fire Chiefs recommendation to allow Fire Fighter Eric Turner to attend the Fire Fighter I course in March at the cost of \$605.00.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Sharrow to approve the Clay Township Mainland Fire Chief Rick Edler attending Weapons of Mass Destruction course from February 24, 2002 to March 1,2002. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the return of the forfeited Building Permit Bond to Mr. Andrew S. Wrobel, owner of 1227 North Channel Drive on Harsens Island. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Turner, supported by Engel to approve the enrollment of Harsens Island Fire Department Officers Bruce Schweikart, Jon Burby and Mark Bieska to attend Fire Officer Classes at the cost of \$3,306.00. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Turner to approve the enrollment of Harsens Island Fire Department Fire Fighters Mike Harry and Pete Nalezty to attend the Fire Fighter I Class in the amount of \$1,120.00. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve John Siecinski #47 to full membership status with the Mainland Fire Department as recommended by Chief Rick Edler. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **BOARD MEETING COMMENTS:**

Trustee Cindy Kirkpatrick: Questioned inoculations and safety classes for DPW employees.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Physicals given to personnel for a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion to be informed what their limited work capacity is.

Community Service people work on private property, not right, owner should write a check for the work done.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: County issue and how they determine who does work, Mike Worden is the head of that program, issue addressed to him.

Trustee Sharrow: Lacking a DARE officer, reading program for teaching the children drug resistance, parents should also read the book; program the Board should think about, would not require sending an Officer to school to teach drug resistance. Board would be interested in a report from Officer Herman Montville and what the school thinks about this program.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Daryl DuPage, Harsens Island Fire Department: Don't quite understand the motion regarding the pumper, it is ok to get quotes and financing?

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: Yes procure your quotes and financing quotes and at budget time will determine where we are going with this.


Alice Morrison, 2208 Cottage Lane: Questioned agreement between Harsens Island and Clay Township.

Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV: Have not seen the papers, will meet with you and review the papers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. AYES:  
All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION CARRIED,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Pellerito", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk