

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, March, 18, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Clay Township Hall, 4710 Pte Tremble Rd., Clay Township, MI 48001

PRESENT: Supervisor, Joseph H. McKoan IV, Clerk Michael P. Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Pat Sharrow, Trustee Cindy Kirkpatrick, Trustee Dr. Leonard Kasperowicz, Trustee Beth Engel. ABSENT: None

Citizens present: Approximately 65

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Kirkpatrick to add #7 under Old Business, DEQ permit for Smith Street Bike Path Extension. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow to add under New Business #14, Road Commission Gravel Haul and #15, HI Fire Department Grant.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:

Motion by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve the March 4, 2002 Board Meeting Minutes and Synopsis, Public Hearing and Executive Meeting minutes. Correction page 2, Sharrow made motion to accept Legal council's advice.

AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

BILLS PAYABLE:

Moved by Turner, Supported by Engel to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$89,073.91. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oaklawn Cemetery decorations to be removed by April 1, 2002.
Township offices close at Noon, March 29, 2002 in observance of Good Friday.
Thank you letter to Chief Eder and Department from Sam Dalloo.
Chamber of Commerce will have maps of Algonac and surrounding areas with pictures and ads.
Chamber of Commerce looking for Volunteers for their Easter Egg Hunt.
There will be a joint meeting of the Board and the Planning Commission on March 27, 2002 at 7:30 pm to review changes to Ordinance 89.

Representative Lauren Hager introduced by Supervisor McKoan. Rep. Hager explained redistricting of St Clair County and announced he will be running for State Representative from our area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contract Negotiations: Dispatch meeting, March 22nd. Meeting with Troy Feldman March 29th concerning Central Dispatch. No news from Command.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick to approve instructing Montgomery & Associates to move ahead with Harsens Island Bike Path grant. Sharrow questioned deadline for Grant application, June. Is Grant application for 80%? yes. Turner, we have money coming back from ISTE A from a previous project.
AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

H.I. change order #1 H.I. Series 2000-Sec 2, is for \$21,000 for Green Drive. BMJ did not include in bid process, people were assessed, and it was on map.

McKoan, Catch 22, it must be done, people need water. Only leverage is not to Hire BMJ again or get some kind of agreement with them concerning this \$21,000. Kirkpatrick, have you spoken with BMJ in regards to this? McKoan, Will have future negotiations them. Sharrow, income was calculate, cost was not, BMJ has been sloppy, very disappointed. Motion by Kirkpatrick to accept change order and for Supervisor to contact BMJ to see if there is any money available that can be refunded or a reduction in their fee, supported by Sharrow. AYES: Six NAYS: One ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Change order #2, H.I. Series 2000-Sec 2 in the amount of \$3.91. Change in materials and price difference. Motion by Pellerito to accept change order, Supported by Turner. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Change order #3, H.I. Series 2000-Sec 1 decrease in the amount of \$38,761.00 for material changes. Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick to accept changer order. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Algonac Skate Park. Brad Durasa explained cost of \$75,000. Algonac has pledged \$30,000, a \$10,000 Grant has been approved and \$11,000 from Fundraisers, \$24,000 still needed. Asked for Clay's support. Mr. Durasa presented survey showing support of 100 people. Trustee Engel supports the project, Trustee Kasperowicz is concerned about liability, Trustee Kirkpatrick favors the project. Trustee Sharrow, Clerk Pellerito and Supervisor McKoan explained the monies are not in this budget. Moved by Sharrow, Supported by Turner to request the Downriver Recreation present their budget to the Board and it will be considered at the 2003 budget workshop.

Waste Water Treatment Plant update. Ken Kingsley has presented a proposal to demolish the existing plant and build new. Clay had a third party do an inspection, they indicated a new bio-disk system and/or building may not be needed. Invited to visit a plant at Windsor to review their system. Other Municipalities are favoring Kingsley plan. What direction does the Board want to go? Engel, we decided after the tour that we didn't want to just accept the Kingsley plan without more investigation. Pellerito, we need to explore all options and costs, Engineer has gone to the County Board of Commissioners with the plan without Municipalities approval. Kirkpatrick, concerned because Engineer couldn't answer her questions at the meeting. Pellerito, all three municipalities need to go to Windsor. Sharrow commented that the two other municipalities have been using our share of capacity and Clay should not have to pay 40%, may have to put it before a judge for decision. Kirkpatrick, are requirements same in Canada as USA? Pellerito, don't know. Board wants to keep moving forward as they have been.

DEQ Smith Street Bike Path Extension application requires additional \$1,500. Moved by Pellerito, supported by Kasperowicz to approve. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of Life Saving Award by Chief Eder. Circumstances leading to the award read by Eder, award presented to Kevin Beattie and Ray Allor for saving Tonya Sampson

Motion to approve purchase of 5 Pagers for H.I. Fire Department by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick. Sharrow, purchase does not include Warranty. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Turner to approve H.I. Fire Department new members, Kevin Allen, Michael Harry and Peter Nalezty, supported by Engel. Kirkpatrick questioned Mr. Allen's physical condition to fight fires. Pellerito, Mr. Allen on disability? Yes. Approval with condition that Mr. Allen not to fight fires, do only non-physical duties. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Turner to approve H.I. Fire Department Trainees, Dan Kernohan and Jennifer Paczkowski, supported by Kirkpatrick. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Engel, Supported by Sharrow to deny the request for SCUBA classes because they have not taken the Firefighter I class. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

POAM Grievance 02-95, motion by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow to deny. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Governor John B. Swainson award information received, if anyone has a nomination, see Clerk Pellerito.

The 2002 Transportation Planning workshop is to be held June 13, 2002. Anyone interested see Clerk Pellerito.

Motion to Receive and file department reports by Kirkpatrick, supported by Engel. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to grant Shriners request for their Hospital Fund Drive by Pellerito, supported by Engel. Motion amended to waive all fees. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve purchase of a trailer for ML Fire Department Hovercraft by Kasperowicz, supported by Kirkpatrick. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Request by Planning & Zoning Administrator for additional duties. Sharrow in favor with the understanding that no Grant applications will be made without Board approval. Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve lot split 02-01 by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Road Commission agreement for Limestone haul. Moved by Sharrow to approve \$18,364.32, supported by Kirkpatrick. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Harsens Island Grant received for \$1,080, 100% match, for Turnout Gear. Moved by Turner, supported by Kasperowicz. AYES: All NAYS: None ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Kirkpatrick received an Email from someone on Harsens Island concerning the Hunt club and numerous gunshots at 8 am, can anything be done.

Sharrow, letter from Montgomery & Associates regarding Cluster Zoning. We already have that zoning. Any Board members want Wade-Trim to prepare more? No

Turner questioned if there is a list of changes in the Zoning & Ordinance. Sharrow, really need to read it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DuPage and Bruce questioned the denial by the Board for SCUBA classes. Board will revisit at future meeting.

Harry Mikolowski and Mike Sauers expressed concerns about Airboats on Middle Channel and Dickinson Island.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Kasperowicz to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 pm. AYES: All NAYS: None.

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk