

Minutes of the Clay Township Informal Public Hearing of the Clay Township Board of Trustees held on Monday, September 22, 2003 at 6:30 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 Dr. L. Kasperowicz, Trustee Cindy Kirkpatrick, Trustee Beth Engel.

ABSENT: None.

Citizens present: Thirteen.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV called the informal hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments for or against the extension of the Harsens Island Waterline system for Columbine Road between School and Brown's Field, three property owners have expressed an interest for this water benefit.

Open it up to the public for comments:

None.

Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV: Property owners on Columbine Road by the Harsens Island Elementary School to Browns Field, citizens requesting waterline interest, engineering cost to look at the project and if there is a support for this project.

Joe Connors, 2465 Columbine: Those who want the water should be able to pursue it, opinion has not changed, a couple of the big land owners don't want it, can the line on the map change?

Ronnie Simon: One of those residents wanting the water.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: Something we would have to confer with the engineer on.

Clerk Pellerito: 5,150' one way down from the school to the bridge, moratorium placed on water main extension and a pending reliability study by the City of Algonac are bottlenecks, this is a relatively small project, 2 small stubs, one ML other Harsens Island, approve the permits, question was mass landowners don't want to do it, can we go three people down for 1,152' to extend further? DEQ will they allow only 1,150' or will they want it looped – close to the end, usually they want it looped, downside of proceeding with the 1,100', no cost sharing with the other side of the street, a cost burden for the three residents.

Alice Morrison, 2208 Columbine: questioned why original water line people not interested in the waterline, they were forced, are we being biased?

Clerk Pellerito: Explained the petition process, don't have 51% of the total can stop the project, McLane/Hunt Club big portion.

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Supervisor Joseph H. McKoan IV: Group expressed an interest in receiving the water at a Board Meeting, moratorium right now, should be fixed relatively soon.

Alice Morrison: St. Clair County Planning Commission letter was totally against waterlines for the Island, did the Township ever show that letter to anyone?

Clerk Pellerito: St. Clair County Planning Commission is purely a recommendation Board, we (Township) do not always concur with their philosophy.

Alice Morrison: Our Corporation could have done it cheaper, .

Jon McLane, 2905 Columbine Road: Personally opposed to the water, not opposed to the three parties wanting the water, dead extensions on many side street.

Clerk Pellerito: Information only let the people know.

Alice Morrison: Why couldn't the people on Columbine plug into the water station, continue on themselves, it would be cheaper.

Clerk Pellerito: DEQ would have to say it is okay, explained why, can't do anything until the DEQ says we can do any extensions.

Alice Morrison: Resident next to water station hooked in, why can't the rest tie in.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV: Water line swapped land was given up, equitable and fair return, gave the property and got the water.

Joe Morrison, 2208 Columbine: Why can't they tap in at the Schoolhouse.

Clerk Pellerito: If the DEQ were to allow it, mutually shared benefit, don't think they would have allowed a water line 1100'.

Joe Morrison: Why can't you draw from the schoolhouse, all three houses run three individual waterlines, add three people and keep the cost down.

Clerk Pellerito: Fire protection, hydrants, Township Ordinance, etc.

Whitey Simons, 4722 South Channel: Main line were to be at the edge of the school property.

Clerk Pellerito: It would violate our own Ordinance, DEQ needs to get the permit, health, safety, welfare, flow, three families only.

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Jon McLane: Beauregard very similar, \$4,050.00 special assessment cost.

Clerk Pellerito: Tonight is informal, do you want us to consider, is there the interest, call the engineering in and give us the preliminary, initially approach financial burden.

Marge Cope, 3645 Columbine: Want the water extended at the other side of Columbine Road.

Discussion followed regarding this section.

Mel Alexander, 2238 Columbine: Owns the Hunt Club, definitely believe should get the water for these three properties.

Clerk Pellerito: A simple situation tonight, three families that would like us to proceed with the 1100' and will push forward with that providing the moratorium is released.

Supervisor McKoan IV: Agree should do the water lines for the three families and the other side of Columbine towards Voakes.

Clerk Pellerito: Cannot see a need for any boring.

Eric Mehl, 3307 Green Drive: Like the water at Bar Harbor and Green Drive.

Clerk Pellerito: Calls received for water extension on Frasier.

No more public comments.

Supervisor Joseph McKoan IV will close the informal public hearing at 7:06.

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk