

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clay Township Board Room, 4710 Pte. 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.

ABSENT: None.

Citizens present: Approximately thirty (30).

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SYNOPSIS, EXECUTIVE AND BUDGET MEETINGS:

Moved by Turner, supported by Engel, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the June 7, 2004 Minutes and Synopsis and the Executive Minutes as presented. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Special Budget Meeting held on June 14, 2004 as presented. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Moved by Turner, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$63,464.69. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

PETITIONS:

Joanne Shirkey, 3300 Green Drive, Harsens Island presented a petition with signatures from property owners on Green Drive, Bar Harbor, St. Clair, Harsens Island for the establishment of Harsens Island Special Assessment Water Line District 7-E.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the petition of property owners on a portion of Green Drive, Bar Harbor and St. Clair, Harsens Island requesting the establishment of Harsens Island Special Assessment Water Line District 7-E and from Joanne Shirkey for the Water Assessment and at the next meeting to proceed with public hearings as required. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Notice Clay Township Offices will be closed Monday, July 5th for the July 4th Holiday.

The Algonac Rotary Club is participating in a community event, Back to School, 2004.

5-28-04 Letter from Communications Workers of America addressing the issue of Comcast is the monopoly provider of cable service in our community.

The last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the August Primary Election is July 6, 2004.

June, 2004 Letter from Chuck Brockman, SOSCL: Thank you to the Board for their ongoing efforts in saving the Old South Channel Lights.

June 7, 2004 Letter from Larry Young, Manager Port Huron, MDOT re: Update the M-154 Harsens Island Bike Path mill and resurface from South Channel Road to Bates Highway.

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Clay Twp. Clean-up Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26, 2004, locations Browns Field, Harsens Island and ML, D.P.W. Yard, Ainsworth Road.

Household Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Saturday, June 26, 2004, location is the ML Fire Department, 9620 Ainsworth, call for an appointment (810) 367-3061.

Algonac-Clay Historical Society is hosting Annual Log Cabin Day on Sun. 6-27-04.

Comcast making changes to the digital channel lineup in this area, adding the Indemand PPV channels to Comcast On Demand.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contract negotiation update: Working on the Police Chief's contract, will have something at the next meeting.

Moved by Turner, supported by Kasperowicz, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the 3rd payment of \$48,623.40 to Kessler Tank Co., Inc. for the Colony Tower Renovation. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Turner, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the 2004/2005 Fiscal Budgets for Clay Township as follows:

● General Fund	\$ 2,184,228.00
● Colony Road	133,880.00
● D.A.R.E.	2,425.00
● Drug Enforcement	1,600.00
● Mainland Fire	430,367.00
● Police Department	1,918,064.00
● Downriver Recreation	170,135.00
● Oaklawn Cemetery	79,875.00
● Russell Island Fire	4,873.00
● Harsens Island Fire	185,015.00
● Garbage Fund	507,942.00
● Downtown Development	306,000.00
● Sewer	627,024.00
● Water	2,456,239.00
● Employee Health Care	110,000.00
● Road Maintenance	34,770.32
● Special Lighting	<u>1,259.00</u>
Total	\$9,153,696.32

VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2004-2005 BUDGET:

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Engel, to adopt a resolution that would establish the salary of the Township Supervisor at \$20,000 a year for the statutory duties for that office and to the person serving that office, would be paid and an additional \$100.00 per day for all duties other than statutory where there is a reasonable amount of time spent doing them and which they would report to the Township Board.

Discussion:

Lengthy discussion among the Board members concerning the proposal, reasons why it will not be successful, voiced strong objections to a two-part salary,

Supervisor McKoan IV: Township has ran this standard way for many years, until there is a twp. manager would be the time to present a new proposal.

Trustee Sharrow: Board will make a decision; feel taxpayer money can be wasted sometime.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Kirkpatrick to adopt the Resolution to establish the Supervisor's per annum salary remain at \$40,000.00.

MOTION DIED, NO SUPPORT.

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Resolution to increase the Supervisor's per annum salary to \$50,000 in place of all per diem charges for services. R/C VOTE: AYES: Kirkpatrick, Turner, Dr. Kasperowicz, McKoan IV. NAYS: Sharrow, Pellerito, Engel. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Dr. Kasperowicz, supported by Kirkpatrick, to adopt the Resolution to increase the Clerk's per annum salary to \$63,500 in place of all per diem charges for services.

Discussion: Trustee Sharrow questioned Clerk's salary increased before because of the increased workload. Trustee Kirkpatrick: School elections will be under the Clerk's direction starting in January.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, **MOTION FAILED**, to adopt the Resolution to increase the Treasurer's per annum salary to \$61,000 in place of all per diem charges for services.

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

Moved by Engel, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Resolution to increase the Treasurer's per annum salary to \$54,000 in place of all per diem charges for services.

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

Moved by Engel, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Resolution to have the Township Board of Trustee's salary remain the same as last year at \$2,280.00 per annum plus \$50.00 for any special meeting that is held on a night other than a regular meeting night. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Turner, Engel, Dr. Kasperowicz, Pellerito, McKoan IV. NAYS: Kirkpatrick. ABSENT: None.

DDA Presentation: Richard Wagner, Chair and Mark Thompson, Vice Chair representing the Downtown Development Authority, past years the DDA has been struggling for a theme and setting some goals, recently hired SyDesign as the architectural company to streamline our ideas. Presented to the Board the concept of refurbishing the Mainland Fire Department Building in a design that would carryout the theme of the DDA on Ainsworth Road where several municipal buildings are located.

Township Board members questioned Mr. Thompson how long would the project take, what is in the DDA budget.

Board consensus was; liked the concept, strongly feel the DDA's first priority should be the bike path, dollars invested in safety is a high priority.

Chair Richard Wagner: Definitely will be moving forward on the bike path, cannot wait for the MDOT plans, contacted Project Control to do a bike path in phases and also pursue grants that are available.

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Wanted to see how the Board feels about pursuing the theme before acquiring hard numbers of what the cost would be.

Clerk Pellerito: A nice program idea, should be a benefit to our community, should not make a commitment until we see hard numbers on the cost of the Fire Department Building façade.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, **MOTION CARRIED**, to concur with the Mainland Fire Chief's recommendation to bring Daniel Stringer and Paul LaBelle, Jr. on as full members of the Mainland Fire Department. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Pellerito, supported by Dr. Kasperowicz, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the acceptance of Ms. Danielle Asselin as a new trainee on the Harsens Island Fire Department. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Engel, **MOTION CARRIED**, to receive and file the Planning, Zoning & Code Enforcement Monthly Report for May 2004, Building Report, Water Department Maintenance Report, Algonac-Clay Branch, DRC and the WWTP Monthly Operation and Maintenance Report. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Moved by Sharrow, supported by Kirkpatrick, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Resolution pledging support to the Algonac Community Schools application for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the development of an educational nature trail system. R/C VOTE: AYES: Sharrow, Kirkpatrick, Turner, Engel, Dr. Kasperowicz, Pellerito, McKoan IV. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Clerk Michael Pellerito: Asked the Board for their opinion re: how many tires should be allowed at the clean-up locations? Agreed five (5) tires should be the limit.

Petition presented tonight re: Harsens Island Water District 7-E, follow-up with the proper resolution to establish the public hearings.

Next Board meeting will set the date on the truth in taxation hearings in August.

Trustee Dr. Kasperowicz: Reduction in the permit fee schedule, Michigan is losing 40,000 jobs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Keith Churill: Thank you to the Township for their support for putting the North Channel Offshore Challenge Boat Race, City of Algonac and Clay Township working together on this event, amount of people viewing the race was great. City of Algonac approved it for next year's dates: June 3, 4, and the 5, 2005, requesting the Township Board place it on their next agenda to consider approval of the event for next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kirkpatrick, supported by Sharrow, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve adjournment of the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. AYES: All. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk