

Minutes of the Clay Township Board Meeting held on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay, Township, Michigan 48001.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jon Manos, Clerk Michael Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Patricia Sharrow, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee Jay DeBoyer, Trustee David Dare.

ABSENT: None

Citizens present: Approximately twenty (20).

AMENDMENTS: Motion by Turner, supported by Sharrow, to amend the agenda, #8 New Business, Knights of Columbus request to conduct their annual fundraiser for Mentality Impaired Citizens in Clay Township March 18, 19 & 20, 2005.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Turner, supported by Sharrow, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2005.

Sharrow: Make notation that it was requested to include only revenue decrease and wage increase comments from Plante and Moran.

DeBoyer: 3<sup>rd</sup> page, #7, should be \$2,600.00, not \$26,00.00.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED WITH CORRECTIONS

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Turner, supported by Sharrow, to approve the Bills Payable in the amount of \$33,875.56.

DeBoyer: Questioned \$6,210.00 to Plante and Moran, who authorized and why divided to each department.

Pellerito: Plante and Moran breaks it down.

DeBoyer: For presentation?

Pellerito: Yes, and a small portion for F65 form.

Manos: They were brought up also for Water plant. I did make Board aware that we were dealing with Plante and Moran.

Makuch: Report is a good tool, didn't know amount of bill, it did hit Harsens Island budget.

Board should be made aware of expenditures

DeBoyer: I am directly responsible for financial security of Township, it surprised me.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sharrow, Makuch, Turner, Pellerito, Manos, DeBoyer, Dare.

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Michigan Department of Agriculture will be here Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Clair County Road Commission meeting also March 10, 2005.

St. Clair County Drain Commissioner Fred Fuller or Deputy to attend a future Board meeting to discuss their work plans and drainage concerns.

Montgomery & Associates regarding Harsens Island Bridge to Bay path grant application has been removed; bike path has been eliminated.

Letter from Dr. Kasperowicz stating interest in serving on Planning Commission.

Senator Gilbert has requested that Clerk Pellerito testify in Lansing at the Senate subcommittee at 3 p.m. tomorrow re Soil Erosion bill.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Relating to any New Business on the agenda.

None

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### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rezoning #123-12, Algonac Cast Products, 9300 Stone Road

Sharrow: This is a small lot, owner believed had been zoned Industrial, was not. Wanted it all zoned to match other adjacent land he owns. Abuts Residential to East & West, school across the street. Clay Township Planning Commission recommends denial, as does St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Sharrow, to deny rezoning #123-12, from R-1 to I-1, Light Industrial.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Makuch, Turner, Manos, Pellerito, DeBoyer, Dare, Sharrow.

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. 2006 Road Commission Budget.

Pellerito: Our time to ask for anything that we would like them to consider in their upcoming budget, such as partnering with them on roadwork or anything we would like to see them move up on their list as far as B class road.

Manos: Have they ever contacted us on the inferior job done on the Island?

Pellerito: No

Manos: Genaw Rd, looking to partner with Cottrellville. Cottrellville looking for \$100,000 Match Money. Road is in Cottrellville. Looking at some form of a Special Assessment along with Grant. Township participating with a lesser percentage split to get initial cost down. Will find out tomorrow if they are eligible for \$50,000.00 Match Grant.

Pellerito: Looking for Primary roads such as Marsh or Swartout.

Turner: Benoit?

Sharrow: Have discussed, probably two-year project. Time to do an East/West road, Benoit or High.

Pellerito: Had some underground work done on M-29 in 1998 and recently received a bill from State. Unanimous agreement with Algonac, Cottrellville and Marine City that contract has been closed and we owe nothing. Also, believe Ira Township about to redo waterline along M-29.

3. Moslem Shriners request to solicit:

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow, to approve Shriners request and waive all fees.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mainland Fire request for Boat Dockage:

Manos: Chief Edler has come up with dockage for \$1,200.00 per yr. for two wells right across the street.

Pellerito: This is not in the budget, will have to come back and create a line item for this.

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to approve \$1,200.00 for boat storage for two wells to store both boats at Colony Marine.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. SEMCOG Outreach:

Pellerito: Up coming training at Voyager, no charge, on March 24, 2005 from 5 to 7 p.m. Will need to know by the 18<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

6. MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle:

Manos: A benefit to invest in this program with MERS.

Pellerito: Some highlights, would be in compliance with GADSBY 34, need to do by 2007.

Important to put this money, (\$500,000) invest it where it cannot be touched by future Boards.

Would only be used for Retiree Health Care costs. Asked about cost of actuary, haven't received an answer. Will do a resolution committing our assets to the plan and follow IRS guidelines.

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7. Department reports for February: Mainland Fire Dept, H. I. Fire Department.

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to accept and file the Mainland and H.I. Fire Departmental reports.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REQUEST TO CONDUCT DRIVE:

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow, to approve Knights of Columbus request and waive all fees.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Manos: Received a letter from St. Clair County Agriculture Preservation requesting a resolution of support in order to receive matching money. Will bring it back for your review.

Sharrow: Will have to consider whether we have enough agriculture land to put into preservation.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

Pellerito: Met with Ira Township and Algonac on Wastewater Treatment plant, new roofs are on. Superintendent Hines has an idea to use a waste product used in steel plants, iron and sodium solution, which we use now to coagulate the materials so we can skim them off. We're paying for this now, Hines has insight to buy this for about 1/3 of the price. If it works it will be an annual savings of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Plant is up and running to its maximum potential. Hoping to see a handle on operational costs.

Bids ready to go out next week for 7E for Harsens Island waterline. First payment supposed to be due end of March, will be May. Will bring back bids the second meeting in April.

Turner: The Agricultural Department will begin cutting trees on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, ISO went to Harsens Island and did their check, will go again and check with Water Department and Dispatching and send it to Chicago and probably won't be done until September.

Manos: Some of Island residents have had their insurance rate lowered, not all.

Turner: A few have filed out a form from the Fire Department.

Manos: We have to take this to the people. Talk to your agent.

Sharrow: Mike, has Val Kulba been discharged?

Pellerito: No, still working, contemplating retiring.

Sharrow: No longer Deputy?

Pellerito: No

DeBoyer: BMJ invoice, I understood Project Control is the Township engineer.

Manos: When we have a specific project can have Project Control do that. BMJ has put in miles of waterline and were involved with Water Plant in Algonac. Asked BMJ to review water meter on Fruit Road.

Sharrow: Are we still paying BMJ off?

Pellerito: No one of their repairs blew loose and is leaking, Water Department in contact.

Manos: If use them again will be to get the benefit of the information they already have, we aren't using them on any new projects.

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Sharrow: We aren't committed to any one engineer, aren't tied to just one.

DeBoyer: A fire this week, was on site, Rick Edler and his group did a fantastic job, they are first class and an asset to this community.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dr. Leonard Kasperowicz, 6603 Dyke Rd., Algonac, MI  
Comment on Office Manager and family run government.

William LaParl, 9395 Pearl Beach Blvd, Algonac, MI  
Comment on Deputy Clerk

Rick Baker, 8645 Starville Rd., Algonac, MI  
Questioned if the south end of Island Drive is county owned.

Turner: It is a county primary road.

John Pierce, 891 N Channel, Harsens Island, MI  
Comments about the Emerald Ash Borer in U.S. and Canada. Program is a waste of money.

John Horvath, 2040 Golf Course Road, Harsens Island, MI 48028.  
Comments about building permit and Certificate of Occupancy received in December. Have not received bond money back as yet.  
Letter about Soil Removal renewal and bond requirements, would like to have fee prorated because just received bond in November.  
Comments in regards to tree removal because of Emerald Ash Borer.

Richard Baker, 9212 Stone Road, Algonac, Mi  
Thanked Supervisor for department reports.  
Questioned status of parks in Township  
Comment on Building Administrator authority.

Cindy Kirkpatrick, 9641 Wright Drive, Algonac, MI 48001  
Questioned why she has not been considered for Planning Commission or other board, sent two letters.  
Questioned Project Control status.  
State of Michigan does not have any nepotism laws.  
Comment on Board relations.

Rocco Prinzivalli, 9938 N River Road, Algonac, MI  
Challenged Treasurers report in Clay Connection.  
Commented on: Deputy Clerk and Office Manager.  
Community Fund Plan  
Attorney Dalton, when started in Clay Township?  
Building Department  
What happened with DDA?

Manos: Requested written registered survey, haven't got it yet.

Harry Mikolowski, 5472 Middle Channel Drive, Harsens Island, MI  
Comment on the bill being introduced by Senator Jud Gilbert.

Edward Janowicz, 2676 Cottage Lane, Harsens Island, MI  
Comment on the poor condition of the road since last fall when treated. Is anything going to be done?

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Manos: Talked with County, asked them to talk to contractor.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk