

MINUTES OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CLAY TOWNSHIP MEETING HALL, 4710 POINTE TREMBLE ROAD, CLAY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48001

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Jon Manos.

Citizens Present: Approximately twenty-five (25).

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIR:

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to appoint Clerk Michael Pellerito as acting Chair in the absence of Supervisor Jon Manos.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Turner, supported by Dare, to amend the agenda, New Business #10, Request for Mainland Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief to attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAY TOWNSHIP MARCH 7, 2005 BOARD MINUTES & SYNOPSIS:

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to approve the Clay Township March 7, 2005 Board Minutes.

Sharrow: Page four; comment on Island Drive should be south end, not east.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED WITH CORRECTION

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE:

Motion by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to pay the bills in the amount of \$20, 583.77.

Makuch: Oaklawn Cemetery, \$153.75?

Pellerito: Three months phone bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Notice:

Clay Township Offices will be closed at noon on Friday, March 25, 2005 in observance of Good Friday.

Oaklawn Cemetery: All winter decorations, artificial flowers, Grave blankets, etc. will be removed from Graves beginning the week of April 3, 2005.

On April 18, 2005 there will be a joint meeting of the Clay Township Board of Trustees and the Algonac City Council, 7:30 p.m. in the Clay Township Meeting Hall.

1-20-05 letter from the St. Clair County Public Works Department re presentation at the April 4, 2005 Board meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Turner, supported by Dare, to amend the Mainland Fire Department Budget, adding a new line item for boat storage; under expense add \$1,200.00 to 206-700-932-01 Boat Storage, under revenues add \$1,200.00 to 206-400-401-00 Fund balance \$51,360.00, making a total of \$52,560.00 in revenues.

Sharrow: No line to conserve on?

Turner: Not at this time, may be at year-end.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS relating to any New Business on the Agenda:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks Display permits for Algonac Lions.

Pellerito: This is for loading the barge at Olsen's Marine, 3601 Pointe Tremble Road only, on July 2, 2005.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to approve the resolution to allow the loading of the fireworks and the permit.

Sharrow: The fireworks are stored in West Branch until the day of the display, won't be at Olsen's long.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution to adopt DRC Master Plan.

Pellerito: This is a guide for DRC to follow in the future, a necessity to apply for grants. Must be adopted by Clay Township, Algonac Community Schools and the City of Algonac.

Motion by Turner, supported by Sharrow, to adopted the resolution for the Master Plan for Downriver Recreation Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

3. Maintenance agreement for Dispatch Console.

Motion by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to approve \$1,080.00 for the annual Maintenance Agreement with Comsource, Inc. for the Dispatch Console.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

4. Police Department request to hire two (2) part-time Police Officers.

Pellerito: Both have letter of support from Chief Eder.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Turner, to hire, as recommended by Chief Eder, Sarah B. Kaufman Sutton as a part-time Police Officer.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

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Motion by Makuch, supported by Sharrow, to hire, as recommended by Chief Eder, Nicole Nelson as a part-time Police Officer.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

5. Department Reports.

Motion by Turner, supported by Sharrow, to accept and file reports from, DRC, Algonac/Clay Library, Planning & Zoning, Police, Water and Building Departments.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

6. Lot split 05-01, Jody Fournier, 3220 & 3280 Pointe Tremble Road.

Sharrow: Planning Commission approved providing approval from legal to see if we have the right to impose conditions of only one residence on 3280 Pointe Tremble Road.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to postpone until the next Board meeting.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

7. Maintenance agreement for Audio Recorder equipment.

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to approve \$125.00 for a one year Maintenance Agreement on Sony BM147 Standard 4-channel Transcriber and \$125.00 for a one year Maintenance Agreement on SO BM246 Standard 4-Channel Dual Deck Recorder, for a total of \$250.00 to DSS Corp.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

8. Internet for Mainland Fire Department and Water Department.

Pellerito: Currently using dialup, many problems, would make it easier when Chief Edler is searching for Grants. Water Department currently using home Internet. This agreement is to put in cable modem with Comcast for \$19.99 a month for six (6) months and then \$42.95 per month.

Sharrow: How long will Comcast guarantee \$42.95?

Pellerito: Probably no guarantee.

DeBoyer: This a contract?

Makuch: No, can drop anytime.

Pellerito: They are asking for one year.

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to allow the Mainland Fire Department and the Water Department to purchase high-speed Internet from Comcast for \$515.40 each, for one year.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

9. Early Warning Siren System Procedure

Pellerito: Chief Eder prepared siren system procedure, which will be put on Channel 6; Dispatch will be testing March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. for 3 minutes. Beginning April 1st will test outdoor early warning sirens one minute, on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. These sirens are located within the DDA district, perhaps Township through Emergency Funding grants or others could expand this system throughout the Township.

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10. Mainland Fire Department request to attend conference.

Motion by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to approve the request for Fire Chief Rick Edler and Assistant Fire Chief George Rose to attend the Fire Department Instructors conference, April 14 thru 16, 2005 in Indianapolis, Indiana, plus two nights lodging, meals, use of Township vehicle and two exhibit packages at \$60.00 each.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Sharrow: Island Drive at the river, the County has not sold right of way, they were asked if the adjacent property owner could run the seawall across the right of way, County said yes.

Pellerito: Bids for Harsens Island water District 7E went out today, will receive bids and open them on April 12, 2005, 10:00 a.m. in the Township Meeting Hall. If any contractors requests a set of bidding documents may pick them up at Project Control Engineers, 2420 Pointe Tremble Road, 810 794-1931 as of today. There is a nonrefundable \$35.00 fee per prints, additional \$10.00 if mailed. Today first ad in paper for Bids on South Channel lighthouse, the bids will be opened April 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Clay Township Meeting Hall. Bid packages can be picked up at the Office of the Clay Township Clerk, \$25.00 per set.

Received an invitation to an Appreciation Tea at the Algonac/Clay Library on April 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. to honor two Library Board Members, Mary Jane Hardy and Mary Lou Birgbauer for over 50 years combined services.

Received a Thank You from Senator Jud Gilbert for testifying re House Bill 282 to allow gardening and landscaping, etc. with no permit. Supervisor Manos spoke to Mr. Boddy at the county and was told that if you stabilize dirt within 24 hours do not have to have a permit or even apply.

Sharrow: Can also bring in soil or soil and manure and spread it within 24 hours and you don't need a permit. Weekenders can bring in half, then half next week.

DeBoyer: Read recently that the depth of the St. Clair River is increasing, irony is because they are controlling sediment runoff.

Dare: Questioned Water Department Supervisor Maintenance report re 14 Saddle leaks. Due to new lines?

Supervisor DeBoyer: Ongoing problem, talking to pipe manufacture to see if circumference of pipe should be changing. Had a leak, Pamar fixed, we're losing nuts on a fitting, and don't know cause. Will let you know when I get the information.

DeBoyer: Specific type of pipe when we have Main breaks?

Supervisor DeBoyer: Yes, cast iron pipes, are from 40s and 50s.

Sharrow: Any problems on Taft Road?

Supervisor DeBoyer: No

Chief Tom Eder introduced the two part-time Police Officers to the Board of Trustee.

Chief Eder reminded the Board that the financing for sirens came from the DDA, Fire Chief Edler coordinated. We are able to receive and monitor the siren system. A Benefit to the community.

Sharrow: If siren warns, where do we recommend the people from Channelview Mobile Home Park go?

Eder: Will be speaking with Dr. Guiser about making the school available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Whitie Simon, 4722 Green Drive, Harsens Island.

Commented on 14 Saddle breaks on Harsens Island, believe something wrong with installation. Internet, cost for first year with \$19.99 for six months should be about \$380.00.

Pellerito: We think it is unrestrained pipe in the ground not Saddle valve. Believe it is a bad installation, not Saddle valve.

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Harry Mikolowski, 5472 Middle Channel Drive, Harsens Island.
Comment on the April 4th meeting and taking away rights.

John Horvath, 2040 Golf Course Road, Harsens Island.
Comment on Soil Removal Permit; request to be put on agenda.

Pellerito: Each spring Soil Removal renewal applications are sent out, will come before Township Board. Follow the application process.

Edward Janowicz, 2676 Cottage Lane, Harsens Island.
Questioned if anything learned at County Meeting about roads on Harsens Island.

Pellerito: Met with Warner & DeSnyder of County Road Commission, they are under premise that coating worked.

Sharrow: Warner and assistant to check other projects and see if any problems. Supervisor Manos will follow up.

Barbara Persyn, 3455 Green Drive, Harsens Island.
Commented on Board of Education meeting and possible closing of Harsens Island Elementary School. Need fairness and support in the Community. The first school in the district was on Harsens Island.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk