

**MINUTES OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2005 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 30

**Amendments to the agenda:**

Motion by Turner, supported by Pellerito, to amend the agenda to add request by Assessor, #12 New Business and to delete New Business #4, Mainland Fire Department request to purchase trailer.

MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Clay Township April 4, 2005 Board Minutes and Synopsis:**

Motion by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to approve the Clay Township April 4, 2005 Board Minutes and Synopsis.

MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Bills Payable:**

Motion by Turner, supported by Dare, to pay the bills in the amount of \$69,159.55.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Petitions:** None

**Communications:**

School election to be held May 3, 2005, polling places open 7 am to 8 pm, Algonac High School 5200 Taft Road; Harsens Island Lions Club 263 LaCroix.

The Clay Township Clerk's office will be open Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 9 am to 2 pm for the purpose of obtaining Absentee Ballots.

Public Accuracy test will be held April 27, 2005 at 10 am. at the Township Office.

Clay Township has received an A+ on their Standard & Poors rating.

Letter has been sent to MDOT re M-154 on Harsens Island asking them to consider, when resurfacing, a 3 ft wide strip on the side to "Share the Road".

Meeting with BMJ will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**Old Business:**

**1. Harsens Island Waterline Bids.**

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow, to award the bid to Murray Underground Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$263,506.75; Section 1, \$244,064.75, Section 2, \$19,442.00.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

**2. Central Dispatch.** Update by Pellerito on the 800-mgntz-system proposal. The 31-cent surcharge on telephone bills will be for the backbone of the system, Clay Township willing to pledge for funding, there is some Home Land Security money available for the platform. The new concept is 31-cents for phase I, phase II would ask the voters for a ½ mill. Ad valorem tax increase or a surcharge up to 80-cents on phone bills. We could buy all our equipment in 3 years, asked if we could then reduce millage, no would be perpetual. We would not receive the monies, would go to the County. With one Central Dispatch terrorist could put us out of business, suggested we could be Central Dispatch at lower end, no movement on that. Have contacted our Commissioner, Pam Wall and told her there would be no advantage to our citizens. Public Hearing 7:00 pm Wednesday at County Commissioner meeting. City of Port Huron in the same boat.

Manos: Favor new technology but need to watch the money. Board members should call Commissioner and voice their opinion.

Makuch: If we buy radios can we participate?

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Pellerito: If we pledge the 31-cents. If we opt out we would have to buy in if we wanted in at some future time.

Sharrow: Will County dispatch be a part of Sheriff's budget?

Pellerito: Yes and one step more, the jail will rent space to dispatch.

Sharrow: We contribute too much now.

Pellerito: Port Huron has the same view.

Sharrow: Can we opt out of millage election?

Pellerito: Yes, by resolution.

**Public Comments:** Relating to any New Business on the Agenda.

Cindy Kirkpatrick, 9641 Wright Drive. Was Michel the Planning Commission, ZBA and DDA rep?

Manos: No, Planning Commission to ZBA only. This is DDA appointment only.

Kirkpatrick: Would prefer Planning Commission.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Postage Machine Maintenance Agreement**

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Turner, to pay Pitney Bowes \$731 for Postage Machine maintenance agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **2. March Reports: Assessor, DRC, H.I. Fire Dept, Water Dept, Planning & Zoning, Police and Building Department.**

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to receive and file reports.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **3. Various Township Road Improvement Proposals**

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to approve \$5,600 to replace crossroad pipe on Folkert Road between Holland and Taft; \$9,000 for seal patch on various roads in Clay Township; \$54,000 for mowing; \$20,300 for 2 applications of 35% calcium chloride.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Manos: Letter from Road Commission re H.I. roads, used limestone instead of slag, difficult to obtain clean slag. The material used on mainland too costly to be used on the island due to delivery costs. Met with St. Clair County Road Commission and they came out and looked at Island roads and agree there is a problem. They will patch and replace on Golf Course Road, North Channel and South Channel where necessary with no cost to us. Cottage Lane in bad condition, if we share cost (\$6,000 Township and \$6,000 County) will re-seal coat. Cost to re-seal coat Monroe is \$2,741.57.

Pellerito: Use match money?

Manos: Can use it, could be \$4,500 to resolve.

Sharrow: Use match money for Folkert rather than small amounts here and there?

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow, to approve \$6,000 for Cottage Lane and \$2,741.57 for Monroe.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

#### **4. Deleted**

#### **5. Mainland Fire Department Grant Application:**

Pellerito: This is another Home Land Security Grant.

Turner: Will this be in the next year's budget?

Pellerito: Yes, just for your information.

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### **6. DRC Budget approval 2005-2006:**

Motion by Turner, supported by Dare, to approve the DRC 2005-2006 budget in the amount of \$142,135.

Turner: Cindy has done a good job, cut the budget by \$26,000.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

### **7. DDA Appointment:**

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner to appoint Cindy Kirkpatrick to the DDA Board for the remainder of Chuck Michel's term.

MOTION CARRIED

### **8. Police Department 911 system:**

Pellerito: This is a one-year maintenance agreement with a new company on the existing equipment.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Turner, to approve \$7,500 to Pro-Tel, Inc. for a one-year maintenance agreement on the 911 equipment.

MOTION CARRIED

### **9. Cemetery Trees:**

Pellerito: We have one big tree that was hit by lightning that is in bad shape and needs to come down, bids have not been received as yet, will bring back.

### **10. Lot split 05-02, vacant corner Ash & Orchid, H.I., Rollins/DeBoyer:**

DeBoyer: Declared conflict of interest, excused from discussion and vote.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to approve lot split 05-02, vacant corner Ash & Orchid, H.I.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: DeBoyer

MOTION CARRIED

### **11. Harsens Island Lions request to sell White Canes:**

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Turner, to approve the Harsens Island Lions Club request to sell White canes in Clay Township during the week of April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 8, 2005.

MOTION CARRIED

### **12. Assessor request to attend 6-hour Assessor Certification Renewal Class:**

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to approve Assessor and Assistant Assessor attend 6-hour Certification Renewal Class, May 17, 2005 for the fee of \$70.00 total.

MOTION CARRIED

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Pellerito: Light House bids came in double the money available. Will have a meeting with architect, use the money for one or look for cuts or change orders.

Attended Emergency Management Breakfast meeting, topic was necessity of Central Dispatch. Joint meeting with Algonac cancelled, City Manager had a family illness and had to be away, it is rescheduled for May 2, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. We will have a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Manos: Genaw Road update, Cottrellville petitions came in – 53% in favor, Clay resident petitions have not been received.

Sharrow: Have we heard anything from MDOT on the traffic light at Ainsworth?

Pellerito: Received a letter of acknowledgement and spoke with Doug Pachinski, of Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Makuch: Commented about Harrison Township plan to take over Gull Island, island is in Clay Township.

Sharrow: If Harrison Township wants to spend the money and do the enforcement, let them.

Dare: Questioned seal coat, like to know how it is done so it doesn't pop again.

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Manos: It is different on the Island because of the ferry, used slag before, can't get it anymore. Bad winter and snowplows put a lot of pressure on roads.

DeBoyer: Would \$12,000 have covered the cost of hauling across the ferry? Hope won't be a repeat.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Richard Baker, 9212 Stone Road: Comment on Gull Island and find a park for Clay Township

Rocco Prinzivalli, 9938 N River Road: Questioned Synopsis date in Voice, comments on former Deputy Clerk, former Attorney and Building Administrator.

Richard Wagner, DDA Chairman: Report on DDA projects in progress.

Dr. Leonard Kasperowicz, 6603 Dyke Road: Asked DDA to correct flooding on his property.

Diann Pellerito, 7279 Dyke Road: Comment on charges made by Prinzivalli at previous meeting, requested apology.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk