

MINUTES OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 16, 2005 IN THE CLAY TOWNSHIP MEETING HALL, 4710 POINTE TREMBLE ROAD, CLAY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48001.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jon E. Manos, Clerk Michael P. Pellerito, Trustee Patricia Sharrow, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee Jay DeBoyer, Trustee David Dare.

ABSENT: Treasurer Connie S. Turner

Citizens Present: Approximately 25

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF CLAY TOWNSHIP MAY 2, 2005 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS, JOINT MEETING MINUTES AND SYNOPSIS:

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the Clay Township May 2, 2005 Public Hearing minutes, Regular Board Minutes/Synopsis and Joint Meeting Minutes/Synopsis.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE:

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$106,229.21.

Sharrow: Algonac Food Service?

Pellerito: School Election workers meals.

Sharrow: Harsens Island Fire Department \$773.00 to Mike's Marine, for repair?

Pellerito: Paint and nonskid surface

Sharrow: Is there not a \$200.00 limit for H.I.F.D.? Dandron \$100.00?

Pellerito: Lifeboat, labor and materials.

Sharrow: Is this on the fireboat?

Pellerito: Just says lifeboat.

Sharrow: \$403.00 for an embroidery company?

Pellerito: L & L Embroidery for patches and trousers. This puts them at or over on the line item.

Sharrow: Approved some uniforms before Christmas, don't know if this is a part of it. Request a letter is sent to Harsens Island Fire Department about being over budget in so many areas, spending should be curtailed and a reprimand for spending over the \$200.00 limit.

Manos: Will set date for budget workshop and will discuss these issues at that time.

Sharrow: They do a wonderful job but the people of Harsens Island depend on us to protect their interest.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

May 16, 2005; Mainland Fire Dept., June 2, 2005 Bingo at P.B. Lions Club to benefit their equipment fund.

May 22, 2005; St. Clair County Road Commission re Dust Control.

Algonac/ Clay Historical Society will honor St. Andrew's Episcopal at Museum on May 26, 2005, 1 to 3 p.m.

Anchor Bay Water Shed Project, May 26, 2005, public meeting, Clay Township Hall, 3 to 4 p.m.

Thanks to the 150 volunteers who came out to St. Johns Marsh Cleanup.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Pellerito: M-29/Ainsworth traffic signal letter from MDOT, next step do we feel we can justify the cost to retain Dr. Datta? I believe it is \$300.00 per hour.

Manos: State does not believe enough accidents to warrant signal.

Sharrow: This Doctor is an expert, light at Farmer Jack was denied by MDOT and he got it. Perhaps DDA could fund.

Makuch: Ridiculous, at the end the letter states, "MDOT is committed to safety on our Highways and appreciate your interest in safety related matters but would not consider until there are five or more crashes". Think worth calling Dr. Datta?

Sharrow: He did the study and wrote the letter recommending, do we pay more to meet with MDOT?

Pellerito: Looking at it as a finite item, we're not seeing depth of involvement of State, budget cuts everything is looked at very closely, cost approximately \$50,000.00.

Manos: I'll contact Senator Gilbert.

Sharrow: Contact DDA see if they want to fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS relating to any new business on the agenda:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pool Donation

Pellerito: Never sent the amount budgeted, thought gave \$7,500.00 previously, not sure.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to send contribution up to \$8,000.00 or whatever budgeted for our Pool contribution.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Algonac/Clay Library Donation

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to send \$17,500.00 for the 2004/2005 contribution to the Algonac/Clay Library.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Police Presentation

Presentation by Sgt. Foster on the Record Management System funded by the DDA

4. Clay Township DDA Township Sign Presentation

Presentation by Mark Thompson, DDA Co-Chair on a new manually changeable design sign.

Will correlate with the Police signs. DDA will fund 100% if Township Board does not have in budget

Manos: There is a need for a new sign.

Thompson: DDA will also fund LED board.

Pellerito: Resolution not to spend more than \$10,000.00 without putting out to bid. Should set price and go to bid.

Thompson: Not coming out of Township budget, DDA paying for it.

Manos: If DDA financing, should follow their funding requirements.

Pellerito: Re design, unofficial poll is 5 circles, 1 peak.

Thompson: Light at M-29/Ainsworth, DDA will fund the light 100%. DDA has allocated \$100,000.00 to Police Dept. for computer system, Algonac High School Track \$58,000.00, Bridge-to-Bay phase II sidewall \$170,000.00, Mainland Fire Dept. \$250,000.00 – \$300,000.00 this year. Our tax dollars are staying in our district.

DeBoyer: Did you say the DDA would pay for the cost of Dr. Datta?

Thompson: Yes, been trying to get a light there.

Dare: The number of accidents is obviously not related to the population

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5. Set Soil Removal Public Hearing

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Dare, to set the Soil Removal Public Hearing for June 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Set Budget Workshop

Motion by Pellerito, supported by DeBoyer, to set the budget workshop for Monday, May 23, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. West Nile Virus Presentation

Allan Kodet and Lisa Collins of ABC Bees power-point presentation on West Nile Virus, to inform the public on the cause and how to protect our area. ABC Bees will monitor bird deaths and report to the state at no cost to the community

8. Harsens Island Lions request to waive fees

Motion by Makuch, supported by Sharrow to waive plumbing fees for the Harsens Island Lions Club.

Pellerito: The Plumbing Inspector is willing to waive his fee.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

9. Amend budget for Mainland Fire Department

Manos: Some grants have come in and expenses out and this would correct the budget.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to amend the Mainland Fire Department in the amount of \$157,518.00 for 206-700-984-01 Equipment/FEMA Grant, \$206,000.00 for 206-700-989-03 Vehicle payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

10. Set Genaw Road Public Hearing

Motion by Sharrow, supported by DeBoyer, to set the Genaw Road Public Hearing for June 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

11. Mainland Fire Dept. request to approve Trainee

Motion by Makuch, supported by Pellerito, to approve David A. Baugh as a support person and future trainee.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

12. St. Clair County Council on Aging Request

Sharrow: Did make our contribution out of the 2004/2005 budget, this letter a reminder for the 2005/2006 budget.

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13. Lot split 05-04 Perry Sharrow, 6615 Holland Road

Motion by Makuch, supported by Sharrow, to approve lot split 05-04.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

14. Lot split 05-05 Anthony Polito, 6335 Swartout Road

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Pellerito, to approve lot split 05-05.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

15. Revocation of ITF Certificate

Manos: This is to adopt a resolution to revoke the ITF certificate for Decker Gear.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Sharrow, to revoke the ITF certificate 2022-366 for Decker Gear.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

16. 2005 Road Program

Manos: Some of these have already been approved, some in 2004/2005 budget, this gives us an idea of where we going, can discuss at budget meeting.

17. Reports for April: Assessor, Bldg Dept., Zoning & Plan., Police Dept, Twp Roads & Bridges Advisory Bd., Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Dept.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Pellerito, to receive and file April reports for: Assessor, Bldg. Dept., Zoning & Plan., Police Dept, Twp Roads & Bridges Advisory Bd., Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Dept.

Sharrow: County Treasurer going with BS&A system, any thoughts about them doing any work for small communities?

Barb Schutt: No

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

18. Set Township Auction

Motion by Pellerito, supported by DeBoyer, to set the Township Auction for June 4, 2005 at 9 a.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

19. Set Township Cleanup

Pellerito: Waste Management will hold prices same as last year, Mainland \$25.00 less a container than Harsens Island because of ferry costs. Three containers for; tires, demolition materials and Freon products. Pay for every tire ala carte, transport fee \$125.00 for H.I. and \$100.00 for Mainland, Smiths Creek \$2.00 per tire on rim and \$1.25 off rim.

Manos: Any funding in 2004/2005 budget?

Pellerito: Yes, \$10,000.00 The Fire Departments and D.P.W. worked it last year, paid some overtime.

Sharrow: Going to be able to get rid of the propane tanks?

Pellerito: 50% done

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Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Makuch, to set the Township Cleanup for June 17, 18 & 19 at the D.P.W. building and Brown's Field Harsens Island, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

19. Citizens Planner Program Advanced Academy

Sharrow: In favor of education but no funds available

NO MOTION

21. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Workshop

No funds available.

NO MOTION

22. Resolution to increase Cemetery Lots and Perpetual Care

Manos: Costs to maintain and property cost going up.

Sharrow: Conversation about change ordinance re cemetery lots sold on time, most places have Undertakers collect. In ordinance does not state policy considering Algonac residents as residents.

Pellerito: Met with McNamee, no problem with payments if owner alive, must be paid in full at time of burial. As to residents, we use zip code, 48001.

Sharrow: Should we put in policy?

Pellerito: Could

Motion by Sharrow, supported by DeBoyer, to approve the increase of cemetery lots and perpetual care and include Algonac residents with Clay Township residents.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

23. St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Millage

Asking to consider projects we want done, will forward to County.

24. Dyck Security Agreement for Water Dept.

Pellerito: This is the monitoring that is done between the Clay Township Water Dept. and the Algonac Plant. Price went up \$7.00. If our water tank lowers in pressure and volume it sets off an alarm at the city plant.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the 5 year monitoring agreement with Dyck Security in the amount of \$249.15 annually.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Pellerito: Information in the foyer about River Day that will take place June 11, 2005, encourage everyone to pick up a brochure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rocco Prinzivalli, 9938 N. River Rd: Comments on DDA funding, DNR, DRC donation, Lions Club, refuse to apologize to Diann Pellerito.

Dr. Kasperowicz, 6603 Dyke Rd: Comments on M-29/Ainsworth light, West Nile Virus presentation.

John Horvath, 2040 Golf Course Rd: Thank you for help with the tree cutting episode, comment on Occupancy permit, bridge to H. I., new waterline, H.I. roads.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk