

**Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held on October 17, 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: Fourteen (14)

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE:**

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$149,020.25.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Senator Jud Gilbert: Have introduced a Resolution asking FEMA delay implementation of the increase in the floodplain. There will be a committee hearing on October 27<sup>th</sup> with the Banking and Insurance committee, asked Supervisor Manos to speak. Update on what's going on in Lansing; have a big vote tomorrow on Securitization, a proposal from the Governor on Bonding, suggesting bonding for two billion dollars to invest in high Tec companies. Senate had a version, which was one billion dollars of bonding. Six Senators voted against. Securitization sells off the tobacco money at a discount, roughly 40-50 cents on the dollar. Don't think government should be picking winners or should sell off this money at a discount and if successful it will be quite a way out, need something in short term, Michigan has worse economy in the nation. If successful most of these jobs will go close to the universities, don't believe will benefit St. Clair or Lapeer counties.

County Commissioner Pam Wall: Have received a call from Senator Levin's office but have not been able to get back with him. Have supplied a copy of the proposed County budget for 2006, faced with fund balance going down. 63% of our monies go to people. Want input from the people on this budget. There will be a Public Hearing on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Norman Rhodes, 3206 South Channel Dr, Harsens Island: Am the resident agent for St. Edwards Order. Number 5 under New Business; applicant was Norman Templeton, lot split is for property owned by St. Edwards Order.

Richard Baker, 9212 Stone Road: Is Township in red or black? How many new homes were built in Clay Township this year? What is the status on the Dana Drain. Against annexation request. Understand Storm Water program will cost us a lot of money. Don't like new agenda.

Whitey Simon, 4722 Green Dr., Harsens Island: Thanked Senator Gilbert, oppose spending tobacco money. Questioned digging on the Boys Club property on Harsens Island.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 911 Telephone Surcharge Contract Amendment

Pellerito: Suggested change is on page two, item #1, "will" stricken, commit becomes commits.

**Motion** by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow, to approve the indicated changes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Minutes of the Clay Township regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2005**  
**Page Two**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Harsens Island Association request for Water Station

Pellerito: Our ordinance calls for a tap fee and system benefit fee, Association asked we waive, bill them for time and materials to put in a second water station, it would be metered and included in the Association's water bill.

**Motion** by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to waive the permit tap fee and system benefit fee for the Harsens Island Water station. Will be at the end of Green Drive.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution Establishing Water Rates

Manos: Met with Auditors, need to keep up with expenses.

Turner: It is a 6-cent increase per thousand.

Pellerito: Water and Sewer customers will see an increase of an average \$14.40 a year. Water only customers will see an increase of approximately \$7.00.

**Motion** by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to adopt the Resolution establishing Water rates at the rate of \$2.38 per thousand gallons.

Pellerito: This would not start until the first quarter in January.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution to Adjust Sewer Rates

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Turner, to adopt the Resolution to adjust the Sewer Rates to \$1.86 per thousand including the minimum rate charge of \$37.20.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mainland Fire Department request to approve two trainees

**Motion** by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to approve Chief Edler's request to bring on Wendy Sue Gordon and Adam Paul Henderson as trainees with the Mainland Fire Department.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Lot Split 05-09, Nelson Templeton, 2590 South Channel

Sharrow: Actually not a split creating a new lot, it is a property line adjustment. Planning Commission suggests it be approved.

**Motion** by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to approve lot split 05-09.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Annex Petition for Lot 253, Supervisor Roy T. Gilbert Plat #2

Pellerito: Talked briefly with City, two ways something like this can happen, one is a 425 agreement where the Township would maintain the tax base for its millage, the second the petitioner would file for an annexation, we can also enter into a letter of agreement. At this point in time we request no action by the Board, but to receive this and be allowed to discuss it with the City and property owner who requested it and see if it would be favorable to our communities. We ask the Board turn it down or allow us to proceed with discussions.

Manos: It could then be brought back to the board for a decision; it would at least move it along.

**Minutes of the Clay Township regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2005**  
**Page Three**

Sharrow: Before we consider a 425, I have some serious problems with any annexation of Clay land. My greatest concern is the location of the property. My suggestion is a letter is sent to City Council for them to discuss. We gave access to our sewer and water lines on Nook Road so that subdivision could be done, why can't they give access to that small piece on Scout Drive. I feel we are running a risk. An ambitious Council in future years might try to take more of Clay's land. Possible Mr. McNamee should be brought in on this.

DeBoyer: That may be something that if we approve a discussion with the City can ask that it be brought up to the Council.

Pellerito: The landowner initiated this. Tonight we need to decide if we want to oppose this or talk with the City.

DeBoyer: I think the conversation needs to occur, because it could be as simple as to respond to him that we can supply the services and he doesn't need to go to the City.

**Motion** by DeBoyer, supported by Dare, to allow the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor to enter into discussions with Mr. DiLorenzo to see what avenues we can proceed with to resolve this.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. Monte Electric proposal to repair lights on Colony Tower

Pellerito: Mr. Monte replaced beacon bulb on top and found the conduit is messed up and some defective wiring so he has presented this proposal.

Sharrow: Is this in place of what we approved before?

Pellerito: No this is additional to repair the illuminating lights of the fascia.

**Motion** by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to approve the amount of \$910.00 for further repair of the wiring and lights on the Colony Tower.

Pellerito: There is some money in the renovation account and from the sale of T-shirts and sweatshirts so this is not coming out of the General account.

Sharrow: We maybe should think of a line item someday and let residents know that to maintain the Tower charitable contributions can be accepted.

Pellerito: Colony Park Association is paying the electric on the illumination. Two other things that should be done are the floor should be cemented and the original wooden entrance restored. The Colony Tower is a 501C3 and contributions are deductible.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Harsens Island Fire Department request to approve new member

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve Scott Elliot as a probationary member of the Harsens Island Fire Department.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

9. Huron Environmental Proposal for Storm Water Annual Progress Report

Pellerito: It is time to submit our annual DEQ progress and status report as to our storm water-mapping program.

**Motion** by Pellerito, supported by Dare, that we continue to use Huron Consultants for this annual report at a cost of \$1,000.00.

Manos: We must keep up with this or penalties will accrue.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Minutes of the Clay Township regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2005**

**Page Four**

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

Turner: Everyone received the quarterly report. Police has a grant for overtime, which I didn't receive before I ran the report, Command overtime has been lowered approximately \$5,900.00.

Sharrow: Used to have six-month budget meetings, think it would be good to do again.

Pellerito: Could meet 30 minutes early before the next Board meeting. It would be a workshop meeting. Board members can review the budget during the next two weeks.

Turner: Cindy Babisz, the DRC Director has requested the use of the Township Meeting Hall for the DRC meetings and to have it posted on the marquee.

Manos: The Clay Connection is scheduled to be mailed on Friday. Remember to pickup petitions, the letter to our congressmen can be found on the website.

Turner: The Clay Township auction is this Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the DPW building.

Sharrow: Anything new on the traffic light?

Pellerito: Talked to Dr. Datta, unofficially, we didn't meet the requirements. Will still have the actuated light and will continue to try to meet the requirements for the regular light.

Sharrow: Status on the DDA sidewalk?

Turner: Have to rebid, will do it in the spring.

Sharrow: Think we should put the public comments back at the end of the agenda.

Makuch: Think we should give it a couple more meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk