

Minutes of the Clay Township Public Hearing held June 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2005/2006 Budget.

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: Two

Turner: The only difference in the new budget is that DDA lowered by \$55,000.00.

Manos: The total budget is \$9,072,907.00. How many do we have to amend in the 04/05 budget?

Turner: Quite a few; can make a motion to allow me to amend what I can without going into fund balance and then I can do them.

Pellerito: Line items can be done in the office; fund balance must be done as a Board. Will have some bills coming in, will keep 04/05 bills separate, run on June 30th, can meet on June 29th or 30th, allocate some fund balance into the needed accounts, and be done.

Sharrow: Worried about DRC.

Turner: Director says will come back in the black.

Pellerito: We'll have Jon call a special.

Sharrow: What about DRC, if they don't meet, we aren't going to contribute all the money, what about the City? They have fund balance of \$13,000.00, wages and others can be \$20,000.00, need \$7,000.00 in the next week. Is the City aware of this, can they make the decision by June 30th?

Makuch: What do you do every year?

Sharrow: Never had this before, they always had enough fund balance to cover.

Manos: Department Heads need to work within the budget we approve. Can't amend 150 times. Should be clear as a Board we are not going to amend, stick with budget. Should implement a purchase order number for expenses over \$200.00 and \$1,000.00.

DeBoyer: Are you saying a purchase order from the office when they request to buy?

Pellerito: Over \$200.00.

Manos: Yes, we would have to approve it.

Pellerito: Then we're the ones defending the purchase, not them.

DeBoyer: Ultimately it rests with us to the citizens of the Township.

Sharrow: DRC, D.A.R.E. and Drug Enforcement wasn't over spending, their income was less than estimated, could have been caught.

Turner: Will keep an eye on it.

Sharrow: Would like the City to be aware of this.

Turner: They have representatives; get a copy of the budget every month.

Sharrow: Ever get check from Harsens Island Homeowners Association?

Turner: Yes.

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk