

**Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held on Tuesday,
January 3, 2006 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 John Makuch, Trustee Jay DeBoyer, Trustee David Dare

ABSENT: Trustee Patricia Sharrow

Citizens Present: Eighteen

BILLS PAYABLE:

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$14,697.82.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Sharrow

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Louis Paquette, Bay Lane, New Baltimore: Request to be on the next agenda to discuss portable garages.

Richard Baker, 9212 Stone Rd: Since DNR not paying taxes, Clay Township boat owners should be able to use the Public Access without charge. Likes public comments at end of agenda.

Nick Sarzynski, 7482 Venice, Harsens Island: Public comments at end, tried to make motion from floor.

Nelson Tempelton, 2590 South Channel, Harsens Island: Wants Public comments before and after so know how people feel.

Norman Rhodes, 3206 South Channel, Harsens Island: Compliment Supervisor on participation in local events, Clerk at many, need interaction with people. Things coming, duty to represent one not majority.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Pellerito: Library Budget year conflicts with report.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Manos: Mr. Paquette presented a packet for the Board and requested to be on agenda. Township has formal complaint filed by Mr. Paquette, have to answer to the State, they will make decision if there was a violation; not to be discussed by Board until presented with decision. Can appeal decision to the Construction Board of Appeals before going to court. Township Board cannot override Zoning Administrator, Building Administrator or ZBA, nor does the Board have the right to interpret Michigan law. Can amend Zoning Ordinance, cannot overrule.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Harsens Island Fire Department Request for Base Station repairs

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to postpone this request to next meeting, have done some investigating, appears even with insurance deductible might be better off just paying for it, three or four other items need to put together, will get together and put it all on one package.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Harsens Island Fire Department Request for 6 Minitor V pagers, cradle and software

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve \$2,942 to purchase 6 Minitor V pagers, cradle and software from Radio Express.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

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3. Downtown Development Authority Board Appointment

Motion by Pellerito, supported by DeBoyer, to accept the application from Ann Horeftis to be appointed to the DDA Board.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Aquatic Management Resolution No. 2, to approve Special Assessment and prepare the roll

Motion by Pellerito, supported by DeBoyer, to approve Resolution No. 2 to approve the Special Assessment and prepare the roll.

Makuch: New business items number 1 and 2 have to do with petitions I submitted and therefore I will abstain from the votes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Turner, Pellerito, DeBoyer, Dare, Manos

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Makuch

ABSENT: Sharrow

MOTION CARRIED

2. Aquatic Management Resolution No. 3, to set the Public Hearing to review the roll

Motion by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to approve Resolution No 3 and set the Public Hearing to review the roll for February 6, 2006 at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Pellerito, DeBoyer, Dare, Turner, Manos

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Makuch

ABSENT: Sharrow

MOTION CARRIED

3. Harsens Island Lions Charities, Inc. request for Resolution recognizing 501 (c)(3)

Pellerito: This is their application for a charitable gaming license for upcoming events.

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to approve the request for a Resolution recognizing Harsens Island Lions Charities, Inc. as a non-profit organization.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Sharrow

MOTION CARRIED

4. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Proposal

Manos: Ask that this be put on hold, if we have to proceed on our own will come out of the Township Budget. No action at this time.

5. Out Island Fire & Medical Response Services

Manos: Been an ongoing issue for many years. Russell Island has received fire or EMS service, didn't want any special assessment. Put a burden on Fire Department, in the 80s they did agree to a millage; 9/10 of a mill. People on Out islands have to deal sometimes with emergencies, no vehicle available to allow Township to respond. Township Board by resolution can set district, on a user basis only, meaning a structure, there is a procedure to accomplish some protection, it is a special assessment procedure. Might be \$20 or \$25 per year and distribute it back to a department. If something you want to further consider, give us some direction.

Pellerito: Haven't had equipment to make possible before, now both Fire Departments have vessels, can reach out islands, cost a small amount.

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, Supervisor to look at this and present a draft, charging for any medical response.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Pellerito: Has been suggested Jon, Connie and myself get together and bring back some cost cutting measures, we will have a full Board budget review for the 05-06 budget.

Today began new software, project we will have several cost cutting measures at next meeting. Will bring back Year to date budget and some cost cutting suggestions.

Manos: State revenue sharing is down; we are in sound position but have to keep an eye on costs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk