

Minutes of the Clay Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 1, 2006 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

PRESENT: Supervisor Jon E. Manos, Clerk Michael Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee Jay DeBoyer, Trustee David Dare.

ABSENT: Trustee Patricia Sharrow

Citizens present: 33

BILLS PAYABLE:

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,484.85.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Sharrow

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Manos: There will be a Congressional Hearing here at the Township Hall on May 8th at 9:00 a.m. There is a delegation coming from Washington, they will take testimony, which will be put into the Congressional record, showing we are opposing any changes in the elevation for the 100-year floodplain. It is open to the public, but there will be no public comments.

Congresswoman Candice Miller will chair the program. There will be a budget meeting on Monday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Pellerito: The joint meeting with the Algonac City Council will be held on May 9, 2006 at Algonac Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow is the Algonac Community School election; polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Precincts 3 and 5 will vote at the Algonac High School and Precinct 4 will vote at the Lions Club on Harsens Island.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cost Cutting Committee Report

Pellerito: Committee has met and their suggestions are:

1. Deputy Chief position will not be replaced in the 2006 & 2007 year.
2. K-9 Unit will not be replaced.
3. Dispatcher we lost last year will not be replaced. There will be 4 full time and 3 part time in dispatch.
4. There will be a reduction by the voluntary resignation of a full time officer. As of May 1, 2006, Officer David Burley will resign and be put in a part-time Police Officer position. This will reduce P.O.A.M. bargaining unit to 7 full time members and no more than 3 part time officer. Also upon the retirement of Sergeant Montville the P.O.A.M staffing will be increased to 8 full time members. Staffing will remain at 8 full time officers while there are any part time officers. If the Township Board finds it necessary to reduce the staffing of the P.O.A.M. all part time officers will be dissolved prior to any reduction.

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to approve the Mutual Agreement between P.O.A.M. and the Township Board and accept the resignation of Officer Burley and he will move to the part time position.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to further approve that: 1. The Deputy Chief position will not be filled and will be eliminated, 2. The K-9 Unit will not be replaced and 3. The Dispatcher position will not be replaced.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

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2. Hance Liquor License Transfer

Manos: The state has investigated this application and our Police department has also investigate. If in the future there are any violations the procedure required by law will be followed. We have a resolution to approve the transfer of any permits as indicated on the application.

Makuch: Have done some investigation. Forms were filled out properly, but business address is that of Glenn Bryson. There have been many complaints against this establishment, not convinced.

DeBoyer: Have the same concerns, the only thing I can say is I think from the stand point of right or legal he has the T's crossed and the I's dotted and I would expect that it is going to be run properly and within the ordinances and zoning of our community as we would expect any other establishment to be run.

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Dare, to approve the application to transfer the liquor license.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Turner, Pellerito, DeBoyer, Dare, Manos

NAYES: Makuch

ABSENT: Sharrow

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set Soil Removal Public Hearing

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to set the Soil Removal Public Hearing on June 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Planning Commission Resignation

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to accept the resignation of Michael Watson from the Planning Commission.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. MDEQ Phase II Storm Water Permit Discussion

Manos: This is an issue that has cost the Township a great deal of money. Many of the Townships, like us, do not have storm drains but DEQ decided we qualified. This requires an expensive series of reports. Now one of the other Townships decided to sue and they appear to be successful to remove the Townships who do not have storm drains. MTA has supported this effort.

4. MSU Extension Zoning Workshop

Pellerito: The State has passed a new Zoning Enabling Act that goes into effect on July 1, 2006.

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to allow the Planning Commission, ZBA and any Township Board member to attend the training held in Clinton Township on May 30th at a cost of \$90.00 per person.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Macomb Road Culvert Update

Pellerito: We do not have any residents on this road, have been unable to get any estimates on cost of replacement, it is 7 feet on our side of the Township Boundary. Angling Road is closed indefinitely.

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6. H.I.T.A. Board Appointment

Manos: John Fannon the H.I.T.A. Chairman has recommended Frank Schoonover to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mel Alexander. Mr. Schoonover has lived on Harsens Island many years and represented us on the St. Clair County Metro Planning Commission.

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to appoint Frank Schoonover to fill the remainder of Mel Alexander's term.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. Bids for Township Office Roof

Manos: We need to get rid of the flat roof on the Township office building; there have been many problems with leaks. Need to get bids.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to send notice for bids to for a new roof on the Township Office.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Baker, 9212 Stone Road: Comments on County Commissioner in attendance and County plans.

Commissioner Pam Wall: Shaun Grodin filled you in when here, will be starting on budget.

Rick Baker, 8645 Starville Road: Question agenda.

Denise Tilly, 7886 Inglewood Dr: Questioned liquor license transfer.

Whitey Simon, 4722 Green Dr, Harsens Island: Question Harsens Island road repairs, Planning Commission resignation, Congressional Hearing.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Michael Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk