

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held on Monday September 18, 2006 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

ROLL CALL

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: 15

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$101,929.49.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Makuch, supported by Sharrow, to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

1. M-29 and Ainsworth Road Traffic Signal

Pellerito: Signal similar to the one at Harsens Island Ferry, MDOT to pay 67% and Clay Township 33%, we did not budget for this but don't think a problem.

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Sharrow, to enter into an agreement with MDOT for the traffic signal at M-29 and Ainsworth at a cost to the Township of \$174.00 per annum.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Township Audit

Audit results presented by Plante & Moran Mark Hurst, Lisa Manetta and Melissa Desmarais.

Audit Opinion Letter: Township has received an unqualified audit opinion, highest level of assurance that can be given. Simply the best opinion. Does not contain A. Underlying quality of the accounting records, and B. The cooperation received during audit process. Found underlying quality of accounting records to be in very solid shape, commend Treasurer and her team who do a do a very solid job, also thank Clerk Pellerito and Supervisor Manos for the assistance extended. Truly open book audit, everything made available to us.

General Fund: Positive current year results primarily due to increase in investment income and reductions in expenditures. Encourage close monitoring of expenditures and investment activity.

State-shared Revenue: Drastic declines in State-shared Revenue likely to continue, likely will not impact Township's total state-shared revenue because did not receive any statutory payments in the past year.

Oaklawn Cemetery Fund: Expenditures exceed revenues, mausoleum payments exceeded user charges. Recommend Township examines Oaklawn Cemetery operations, do a 3 to 5 year projection to identify opportunities to reduce expenditures and increase income.

Water and Sewer Funds: Water fund's cash position has deteriorated over four years due primarily to annual debt service requirements combined with negative cash flow. Could be in a cash deficit in next 3 to 5 years. Reason is because of debt payments on some projects are out pacing the revenue, because residents have paid off in advance reducing interest income.

Recommend Township perform a detailed analysis of future expected revenues, expenditures and cash flow items to assist the Board evaluation of the adequacy of current rates, future rate increases and potential for cost savings.

Accounting system conversion: New accounting system, compliment Township personnel on this system and implementation. Continue to look for ways to increase efficiency.

Manos: Board set goals to improve fund balance, have done some major things, there will be more potential savings, medical costs savings forth coming.

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2. Clean Water Action Request to Canvass

Pellerito: The Attorney General's opinion states we cannot deny the canvassing or charge. Last year received several calls because they were canvassing after dark, we asked them to refrain, and they ignored us. Spoke to Attorney, believe even in light of Attorney General's opinion believe can enforce our ordinance and allow canvassing hours from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or sunset, which ever occurs first.

Makuch: Don't care for canvassing in evening hours. Problem is they will argue with us about 9 to 7 hours, should reject request.

Pellerito: Already taken to Attorney General, no grounds to reject. However, allowable time can say 9 to 7 or sunset, as move towards December that time will roll back.

Sharrow: By doing so not prohibiting them only protecting health, safety and welfare of residents.

Makuch: On any motion should limit it to sunset, which is a clearly established time.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to reaffirm that our ordinance be enforced and solicitors do not conduct their business after 7:00 p.m. or sunset, which ever comes first.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Clay Township Police Special Assessment Resolution

Manos: No millage changes for this year.

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to adopt the resolution for the Special Assessment for Clay Township Police at 4.35 mills, same as last year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Clay Township Mainland Fire Special Assessment Resolution

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to adopt the resolution for the Special Assessment for Clay Township Mainland Fire to stay the same as it was last year, at 1.3750 mills.

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Clay Township Harsens Island Fire Special Assessment Resolution

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to adopt the resolution for the Harsens Island Fire Department Special Assessment to be kept at 1.75 mills as it was last year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Clay Township Russell Island District Special Assessment Resolution

Motion by Sharrow, supported by Makuch, to adopt the resolution for the special assessment district for Russell Island Fire at .9 mills, the same as last year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. ML fire Chief Request for Advanced Chemical & Biological Class in Utah

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the Chief attending class for advanced chemical and biological training to be held in Utah. This has been funded through U. S. Department Homeland Security grant, everything will be paid for.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

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8. Police Request for Records Management Training

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Dare, to allow Sgt. Foster to attend the ID Networks training from 9/28/06 to 9/29/06 in Ohio, also covered by vendor.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

9. MSU Extension Workshop

Motion by Pellerito, supported by DeBoyer, to allow any Planning Commission member or Trustee to attend the Land Division Act workshop presented in Port Huron on Wednesday September 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$15.00 per registrant.

Manos: Assessor planning on attending that workshop.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

10. St. Clair County Metro Planning Commission Workshop

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Dare, to allow any Planning Commission member or Trustee to attend the Infrastructure workshop, Thursday October 26th at the County Administrative Building at a cost of \$7.00 per person.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

11. Planning Commission Joint Meeting Request

Sharrow: September 27th same as workshop, would be a busy day.

Motion by Dare, supported by Makuch, to set the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Clay Township Board on October 25th

Pellerito: 7:00 or 7:30?

Sharrow: 7:30

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Whitey Simon, 4722 Green Dr, Harsens Island: Comments on Clean Water Action and Sand Island letter.

Dare: Read letter

Pellerito read letter into record.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Sharrow: Have we received an application of any sort from the property know as the Boy's Club as of this date?

Pellerito: No

Sharrow: Then the idea of a 350 unit project doesn't exist as far as we are concern yet, it has been about four months since we received a letter from them and they were notified they had to apply to the Planning Commission and they have done nothing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED