

**Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held on Monday October 2, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. 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: 35

**BILLS PAYABLE**

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$65,045.91

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. DDA Appointment

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to accept the Supervisor's recommendation and appoint John Arthur (Artie) Bryson to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the term that expires on 12/31/2008.

Sharrow: Has the criteria been met?

Manos: Yes

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Police Department request to purchase two new vehicles

**Motion** by Sharrow, supported by Turner, to approve the purchase of two (2) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles from Jorgensen Ford Sales at a cost of \$41,514.00, the State bid.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Police Department request to purchase two in-car digital cameras

**Motion** by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to approve the purchase of two (2) digital eyewitness in-car cameras along with an external digital receiver for the new vehicles at a cost of \$8,679.00 from Kustom Signals, Inc.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Early payoff of Dana Drain Assessment

Turner: I was waiting for a current one; this one is as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Have calculated interest for payoff. Would pay when we settle with the County in March.

Pellerito: Question is, do we make the annual payment from the General, or pay it off from Fund Balance. Current interest rate of 5.9%, is that for the term? And are the investments near or at the same level?

Turner: Close

Sharrow: The two figures from April, \$111,000 and \$18,000?

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Turner: The \$18,000 is the coming years payment. Balance owing is \$107,736.00, plus interest.

DeBoyer: If we're less on our interest it only makes sense, if we're the same it is a wash, if it's more it doesn't make sense.

Manos: Could pay it again this year at the 5.9% then if we don't pay it off and our interest goes up we would have a choice then.

Sharrow: Let's bring it back in January and consider a payoff then.

Pellerito: When is this due?

Turner: Pay it in March.

Manos: Can keep it under review.

Pellerito: Discussed during the audit and Connie was looking to see what the Board wanted to do. No action is required.

**Motion** by Sharrow, supported by DeBoyer, to postpone this decision until January or February and bring this back as agenda item at that time

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Mausoleum Payoff**

Manos: The revenue on the mausoleum is not keeping up with the loan amount.

DeBoyer: What is the two different loan numbers?

Turner: One for building other for interior.

Pellerito: After the audit it was made aware to the Board that we contributed \$50,000 from the General fund to the mausoleum. If we continue in this manner we will be making this \$50,000 contribution without capturing any revenues from the mausoleum. If we are going to give those monies to the bank for the mausoleum payment, that is if we pay the loan off; there should be a caveat that the crypt sales be returned back to the General fund so there is a repayment.

DeBoyer: There should be something obligating that money back.

Pellerito: What would be needed is for the Board to make a motion to either continue the system we are now doing or pay the mausoleum off and then pass a motion to have fees from crypt sales return to the General fund.

**Motion** by DeBoyer, supported by Makuch, to payoff loan #3101748 in the amount of \$208,853.83 and loan #3101714 in the amount of \$49,352.45, as well as, any proceeds generated from mausoleum sales are returned to the General fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Harsens Island Fire Department request to purchase 2 Medical BLS Jump Bags and 1 Heartstream FR2 AED with accessories**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the purchase of two (2) Medical BLS Jump Bags from Galls at a cost of \$479.98 and one (1) Heartstream FR2 AED with accessories from Northstar Medical Equipment for 2,389.55, for a total of \$2,869.53 plus shipping to be taken from line item #700-761-00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Harsens Island Fire Department request to purchase Medical supplies for the Glucose Monitor and Medical supplies used on emergency calls.**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the purchase of medical supplies for the Glucose Monitor from BoundTree in the amount of \$663.61 plus shipping and other supplies from All Med for \$2,217.61 for a total of \$2,881.22.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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8. Harsens Island Fire Department request to purchase 2 sets of Morning Pride Turnout gear and 1 helmet

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the purchase of two (2) sets of Morning Pride Turnout gear and one (1) helmet for \$2,883.85 plus shipping to be taken from line item 700-985-00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Life Insurance Program for Various Part Time Volunteer Employees

Manos: Township did away with a program that included some and not others. Board like to adopt a new program and include the various boards and commissions and provide life insurance for those part-time workers or leave it as is.

**Motion** by Dare, supported by Makuch, to look into reinstating some kind of life insurance.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: DeBoyer, Dare, Makuch, Turner

NAYES: Sharrow, Pellerito, Manos

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. POAM Contract 2006-2010

Pellerito: Some changes in a four-year term, the new changes will be as follows:

Article 24.2/Personal Leave

Twenty-four (24) Personal leave hours will be granted that are applied for seven days in advance of the desired time off, to be approved by the Chief or his designee. Chief retains discretion to approve.

Article 34.1/ Uniforms

Effective July 1, 2006 each uniformed member of the Police department will be entitled to a uniform allowance, subject to department approval, in the amount of \$600.00.

Article 34.3

This Article, which pertains to replacement or reimbursement for personal items damaged in the course of duty, will be deleted.

Article 39.1/Retiree Health Care Coverage

Members of the bargaining unit that choose to retire after January 1, 2007, will pay \$300 annually following their retirement as a contribution to retiree health care premiums for the retiree and his/her dependents, excluding spouse. Spousal coverage may be provided to the retiree but will be an additional \$300 contribution annually.

Wages:

July 1, 2006 there will be a freeze. There will a \$1500 signing bonus granted to the officers, \$750.00 of which the Township will place into a MERS Health Care Savings Account thereby placing the first \$750 for their first year of post health care retirement premium, if they so desire. The second \$750 will be given in the form of cash on their checks.

July 1, 2007 and the following years of 08 and 09, there will be added 3% increase to the associates tie-barring the Health Care Savings Account the associates will contribute \$23.07 bi-weekly for a total of \$600.00 annually that will be placed into their MERS Health Care Savings Account. So over the course of the next four years of this contract there will be a six hundred dollar contribution, after the first years \$750, thereby creating a Health Care Savings Account for post health care retirement premium or any other un-reimbursed medical expense that may occur. Will be in the trust of MERS and will earn an interest rate to be determined by their investments. These monies will be available to a retiree or if someone leaves the Township they would be able to withdraw these monies for un-reimbursed medical costs without tax consequences.

Met with the bargaining unit which we feel was a very pleasant negotiation, they were very fair and felt they had the Townships best interest in mind. Went in cognizant of the fact that Health Care premiums were our number one concern. I recommend to the Board that we approve this four-year contract with the POAM and authorize the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor to sign the agreement.

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**Motion** by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to accept the tentative agreement between the Police Officers and the Township of Clay and authorize all those required to sign to do so.

Manos: Was a pleasure to negotiate where everyone realized we want to stick to some very important points. We have negotiations Wednesday with Dispatch.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. Notice of Day of Review for Cartwright Drain

Manos: Will be October 3, 2006 at the office of the Drain Commissioner. No action required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Kasperowicz, 6603 Dyke Rd: Questioned Landfill costs and tax reductions.

Commissioner Pam Wall: Responded to landfill questions and gave information on the County budget. Comments on Central Dispatch, thinks Clay Township Dispatch will stay.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Makuch: Flood insurance premium up 15%. Read statement regarding Harsens Island Fire Department issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Michael P. Pellerito  
Clay Township Clerk