

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday March 17, 2008 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

Clerk Michael Pellerito called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Clerk Michael Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Thomas Krueger, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee Jay DeBoyer, Trustee David Dare

ABSENT: Supervisor Jon Manos

Citizens: 10

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to appoint the Clerk as Chairman in the absence of the Supervisor

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$116,784.44

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Liquor License Transfer for Art's Crystal Bar

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Makuch, to recommend approval of the Liquor License adding the name of Michelle Lupenski for Art's Crystal Bar

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

2. Police Chief Request for Full Time Officer

Chief Drake: Asking for a full time office to fill a vacancy. Recommending Stephen V. Stockwell.

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Turner, to approve the Police Chief's request and approve Stephen V. Stockwell as a full time police officer with the Clay Township Police Department

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Emergency Generator Maintenance Agreement

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the Generator Maintenance Agreement contract to March 31, 2009 with Bridgeway, LLC in the amount of \$855.10

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Spare Parts Club Request to use Meeting Hall

Motion by Turner, supported by DeBoyer, to allow the Spare Parts Car Club to use the Meeting Hall on June 21, 2008.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Clean Water Action Canvass

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to deny the request to canvass by Clean Water Action because of problems experienced with them in the past.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Resolution of Support for Shop Local Months

Pellerito: This is a request from the Greater Algonac Chamber of Commerce for support.

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Krueger, to approve the resolution of support for Shop & Dine Local Months of May and December

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

7. Algonac/Clay Library Donation

Turner: Asked for a letter from the City of Algonac; have not received it but we have budgeted \$10,000.00 to contribute to the Algonac/Clay Library

Krueger: Do we know the timing on this; does Algonac donate the same time we do?

Turner: Don't know

Motion by Pellerito, supported by Makuch, to pay the budgeted amount of \$10,000.00 to the library

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Algonac/Clay Historical Society Donation

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Algonac/Clay Historical Society

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

9. Harsens Island Fire Department Request for Polaris Ranger Accessories

Makuch: It was \$12,000.00 for the Ranger and \$6,000.00 of that was a grant. Getting into grass season and some these accessories would be helpful. Problem is it is \$1500.00; there is \$800.00 in the equipment line item; the rest would have to come out of contingency, which is where the match came from.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Dare, to approve the purchase of accessories for the Polaris Ranger in the amount of \$1,512.79 with \$800.00 taken from the equipment and the rest from contingency.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

10. Algonac/Clay vs. Tetra Tech

Pellerito: This is a confidential recommendation from our Township Attorney

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Makuch, to accept the Attorney's recommendation to settle with Tetra Tech

Pellerito: If settlement not agreed on it will go into litigation if it exceeds this dollar amount by 10% they will be subject to reimbursing all legal fees.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Manos

MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion of Cost Recovery Ordinance

DeBoyer: We have talked about this from time to time. Would like to see a couple from the Board meet with the Fire Chiefs to discuss some cost recoveries. We have some outlines from other communities; see if there is anything we have overlooked.

Pellerito: Saying the Fire Commissioners and you want to meet with the Chiefs?

DeBoyer: Yes

Makuch: Our goal is to come up with something by the next meeting, not fair to taxpayers now

Turner: Already have a resolution on it.

Pellerito: No action now, will bring a report back next meeting

12. Update on Central Dispatch

Chief Drake explained the legislation that was passed and the ruling by the Michigan Public Service Commission reducing the amount that can be collected on all devices that can call 911. Currently pay \$.80 per landline; this was to increase to all devices that can dial 911. County Board of Commissioners approved the \$.80 for all devices. Do not know how many devices out there. MPSC decided to go with \$.41 per device. Out of our \$.80 we pay the County \$.39 back. That will be reduced to \$.17. The debt service for the 800 mgh is \$340,000 over 15 years. The state came up with .93 devices per residence, which is killing us. We will lose out of our budget \$44,000 to \$45,000 from 911 monies. None of the outlying areas were going to have to pay for operational costs for dispatch services, and no fire departments were going to pay. Will be a recommendation that if you want dispatch service you will have to pay. If not there will be a shortfall of about \$500,000. Port Huron is going with Central Dispatch because of budget shortfalls. Clay Township will lose the most. There is no appeal process, recommended class action lawsuit, don't think it will happen. 2% goes to the phone company but they have not released the figures, which they have.

Pellerito: Passed a resolution to pay \$.39 to pay for infrastructure, looks like we can now pay only 15.52 cents; will have to bring resolution back.

Drake: If we don't pay some of the money for the debt service they are going to charge us to use the towers, and that can be significantly more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Krueger: Would like to have Attorney look at water fund problems, make sure we have operated legally. Comments regarding Supervisors absence.

Dare: Comments on DRC, disappointed way things are going, need to get down to business.

Makuch: Agree, either put things aside or pull out and go alone.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED