

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday May 19, 2008 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

Supervisor Jon Manos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Jon Manos, Clerk Michael Pellerito, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Thomas Krueger, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee Jay DeBoyer, Trustee David Dare
ABSENT: None
Citizens: 27

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$106,202.81

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Krueger, Makuch, Turner, Manos, Pellerito, DeBoyer, Dare
NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the Clerk reading the notices

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Pellerito read Memorial Day Closing, Budget Workshop, and Township Cleanup notices

OLD BUSINESS

1. AccuMed Billing Service

Makuch: Met with the Harsens Island Fire Chief, Trustee DeBoyer, Treasurer Connie Turner and the Mainland Chief and spoke with the people from AccuMed Billing Service in regard to the Ordinance we passed for emergency and fire rescue outside our assessment district. Ira Township uses this service. AccuMed bills and then keeps 10% of what they collect. Our Township Attorney has reviewed this and approved.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to accept the billing service agreement with AccuMed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

C. Kirkpatrick, 9641 Wright Dr: #6 on agenda, in opposition

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #2 – Lazy Lane Road Repair & Maintenance Renewal to Prepare the Roll

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adopt resolution #2 instructing the Supervisor and Assessor to prepare the roll

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution #3 – Lazy Lane Road Repair & Maintenance Renewal to Set 2nd Public Hearing

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to adopt resolution #3 setting the Public Hearing to review the roll on June 16, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

Manos: Have to appear at that meeting to be eligible to appear at the Michigan Tax Tribunal to appeal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Request from International Union of Operating Engineers

Pellerito: Last year had one operator on the Mainland and one on Harsens Island, where there was also a civilian who later requested payment. Board said would pay one time, next time must approve beforehand. Also had a volunteer firefighter on the Island and he was paid for his services. We do burn on the Island, do not burn on mainland. We felt if we were going to burn should have a trained person there. The IUOE has requested we use union help at both facilities. Are we going to use a firefighter on the Island and any additional help or civilians?

DeBoyer: Would think we would use Township employees.

Makuch: It's Township sponsored, if doing burning have a firefighter there.

DeBoyer: To go outside of the Township employees, don't think a wise decision, liabilities involved.

Pellerito: Request Chief DuPage to come to podium. Were you able to get any volunteers for those three days?

DuPage: Yes, James Bell.

Turner: Would he be paid by the Fire Department or paid separately?

Pellerito: We paid everyone from the Garbage Fund, budgeted for it.

Krueger: What do we pay?

Pellerito: Paid scale to union operators, civilian and firefighter were paid \$10.00 per hour.

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, that for the cleanup days we use Water Department employees except where doing burning and that will be supervised by the appropriate fire department personnel to be paid for out of the Garbage Fund, \$10.00 per hour for the firefighter.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Assistance from City of Algonac Chief of Police

Pellerito: Years past have provided reserve officers at \$10.00 per hour. This would be happening after the beginning of the fiscal year, this year Chief is suggesting a 50-cent increase in pay. The City is requesting it for two special events; it is hard for the Algonac Police to handle this on their own. We would not be billing the City; this would be out of the Police budget.

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Dare, to approve Chief Drake's request to allow reserve officers to assist in the City of Algonac at the two events.

Pellerito: In the motion would that be for the amount the Chief deems necessary?

DeBoyer: Yes

Dare: Support that

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. St. Clair County Road Commission Local Road Repairs

Pellerito: See by notes, the District Supervisor has recommended the roads he feels really need attention. Did a preliminary total on the proposed projects and the dollar amount is \$121,418.

Would also like to remind Board two weeks ago we approved \$47,280 so if everything is approved that brings it to \$168,698. Still working on budget and discussing Swartout Road resurfacing, don't have price. Frank and Elizabeth Streets mentioned, are not included, would increase by \$8,500.

DeBoyer: Do we have a total number for the budget?

Pellerito: Have road berm match money. Thought we put in \$250,000

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Makuch, to approve the road repairs inclusive of the following: various local roads rubber crack repair at a cost of \$24,000; local roads seal patching in the amount of \$36,400; Folkert Road storm basin reconstruction in the amount of \$5,718; Helene ditching in the amount of \$4,100; Greenwood ditching in the amount of \$4,188; Williams Street on Harsens Island enclosure and cross road tube installation in the amount of \$15,750; Field Road ditch enclosure and cross road pipe replacement at a cost of \$14,072; Manavel Court ditching at a cost of \$5,440; and Lakepointe enclosure of ditch and installation of two (2) basins at a cost of \$11,750.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. H.I.F.D. Kawasaki Jet Ski Watercraft Public Safety Loan Program

Turner: Would you like to give us some information Chief DuPage?

DuPage: As you see in packet Macomb is sponsoring, they own the watercraft, all they request is we put liability insurance and collision coverage on them. Can have them for a minimum of 90 days and maximum of 330. We asked for four (4) months. Have had problems getting into the two Jobbie Nooners and the raft-off. Have had to use the Sheriff to get in there. We looked into this and came up with this loan program and we were accepted for it. Understand liability, same as when respond in own vehicle or watercraft. It is a program used throughout the country. Doesn't cost anything except insurance. It is a one time deal, if doesn't work out won't apply again.

Turner: How many would be trained?

DuPage: Sheriff's department has agreed to give us a class. Would like to use my personnel that have watercraft. It wouldn't be an initial response; we would staged down there.

Dare: Doesn't the sheriff cover Jobbie Nooner and Raft-off?

DuPage: They have some out there.

DeBoyer: What prevents joy riding on these?

DuPage: Can't do that, won't be allowed.

Makuch: Always been supportive of Fire Department and never turned down just about any request they've had. Been driving boats and jet ski's whole life and with the liability this is the one thing I can't go for.

Motion by Dare, supported by Makuch, to deny the request of the Harsens Island Fire Department to enter into the agreement for the Jet Ski Watercraft Safety Loan program.

Krueger: Would these be equipped with medical equipment?

DuPage: Just first aid equipment, whatever we put on them.

Krueger: Would these be trailered?

DuPage: Yes on trailer at the station.

Krueger: Available to other law enforcement people?

DuPage: Yes passed it on.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Dare, Makuch, Manos, Pellerito

NAYES: DeBoyer, Krueger, Turner

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. Kirkpatrick, 9641 Wright Dr: Thanked Board for denial

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pellerito: Thanked all for helped at Marsh cleanup

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Makuch, supported by DeBoyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Michael P. Pellerito
Clay Township Clerk