

**Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday January 19, 2009  
in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan  
48001**

Supervisor Jay DeBoyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Earl Lines, Jr., a Planning Commissioner who passed away in December.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Supervisor Jay DeBoyer, Clerk Lisa White, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Thomas Krueger, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee John M. Horvath, Trustee Joanne Shirkey

ABSENT: None

Citizens: 13

**BILLS PAYABLE**

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Horvath, to pay the bills in the amount of \$127,695.78

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Horvath, Makuch, Shirkey, Krueger, DeBoyer, Turner, White

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS**

D. Miller, 7311 Bealane: Questions about filing out the FEMA form.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Police Request for Part Time Dispatcher**

Lieutenant Graham Rummel reviewed the qualification of Daniel Stringer to fill the position of part-time dispatcher and Chief Drake's recommendation to hire him.

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Makuch, to accept the Chief's recommendation and hire Daniel Stringer as a part-time dispatcher.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Planning Commission Appointment**

DeBoyer: I have received a letter from John Blair stating an interest of being on the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by Earl Lines and I would recommend him for the position.

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Makuch, to appoint John Blair to the Planning Commission to fill the term of Earl Lines, which expires November 15, 2009.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Mainland Fire Department Request for Trainees**

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Shirkey, to approve Jesse Rogers, Daniel Dugan, Michael Kozlow, Kim Salmon and Mark Sharrow as trainees with the Mainland Fire Department.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Consideration of Change of Office Hours**

DeBoyer: This is something we have been thinking about. Numerous citizens have commented that they have problems with our hours. With the current state of economy have to consider the burden on our taxpayers and have to look for places to cut costs and give better service. 7:00 am would be better for the contractors in the summer and later hours more convenient for people to make their payments. Can also shut down the heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. Can probably save 10 –12% on this building but the most important is better hours for citizens and saving costs.

Krueger: What would the hours be?

DeBoyer: Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Horvath: This wouldn't be cast in stone?

DeBoyer: Like to see how it works, can always change back.

Horvath: Can be a cost saving to employees

DeBoyer: They have contracts that must be met. Costs are going up and will be a decline in spendable dollars for the Township. It is an idea to start; I'm open to ideas.

Shirkey: We need to try it.

Makuch: 7:00 am is good for building department

Turner: It's good for people who work until 5 pm.

Horvath: It's been this way for a long time; economy is bad and going to get worse, need to try it.

DeBoyer: The Township is financially strong right now; need to be proactive

Makuch: When would it start?

DeBoyer: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, pay period runs from Sunday to Sunday so need to start on a Monday.

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Horvath, that we alter the Clay Township office hours to Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm commencing on February 2, 2009.

Horvath: How do the employees feel?

DeBoyer: Pros and cons, there may be a few schedule issues that need to be considered and need to be flexible.

Krueger: Are there any hours by statute?

DeBoyer: No, only thing is hours at election time and tax time, which the Clerk and Treasure will take care of.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Turner, Makuch, Horvath, Shirkey, White, DeBoyer, Krueger

**NAYES:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

L. Kasperowicz, 6603 Dyke Road: Comments on his application for rezoning.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Shirkey: Comments on Federal Stimulus program

DeBoyer: Had Department head meeting and Jeff Horner from Project Control attended the meeting and he is actively working with us to put our list together for shovel ready projects. They have said to make a laundry list so let's make our list.

Makuch: Week ago FEMA meeting, lot of people did a lot of work and I was impressed. Very good meeting. Also want to congratulate both fire departments and particularly Harsens Island on rescue. Person in North Channel and out in 13 to 15 minutes. Very difficult, 999 times not successful but this one was and want to congratulate them.

White: Received a call from a Coast Guard representative who made a comment that he's never seen a full-time paid department do this. From time of call to when person was out and in ambulance was thirteen minutes. On FEMA meeting, did a wonderful job.

Krueger: For those who weren't there, is there anything the public can do?

DeBoyer: Each individual property owner has to submit an appeal, and I'm asking them to submit it to me and we will make an appeal to FEMA based on scientific data. I was concerned about that but after the last meeting and the conversations we've had and with the data that has been compiled I think we can defeat it with scientific data. Thank you Chuck Miller for the work you did. If you have questions please call me, if I'm not available I'll call you back.

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Shirkey: Chuck put on a fine presentation on at the Lions Club on Harsens Island.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Lisa M. White  
Clay Township Clerk

Prepared by Dorothy DeBoyer  
Deputy Clerk