

**Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday March 2, 2009 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Thomas Krueger

Citizens: 14

**BILLS PAYABLE**

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$24,237.25

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Krueger

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Shirkey, to approve the Consent Agenda with the reading of communication from East China afterward

Turner: Have correction on page 2, #3: Says now have Basic, should be Pervasive.

Shirkey: Page 2, #3: Turner: Have to contact Network Connections to make sure the equipment we have "not", should be "now".

**Motion** amended by Makuch, supported by Shirkey, approve with corrections

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor DeBoyer read correspondence from John A. Randolph, Supervisor of Charter Township of East China thanking Harsens Island Fire Department for the mutual aid during the flooding in February.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. H.I.F.D. Purchase of Hose Tester

DeBoyer: Spoke with Chief today and he asked we remove this from the agenda tonight

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Computer Hardware Updates**

Turner: Network Connections checked our computers and all we need is to upgrade the memory on all the computers and then replace the port, we now have 16 and 24 port switches that are 10/100 speed and they are outdated and the specs recommend 1 GB speed; so recommending we replace those also for a total of \$2, 291.00.

DeBoyer: That is total cost to make our computers compatible for the BS&A upgrade?

Turner: Yes

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Turner, to approve the purchase for the computer hardware update from Network Connections for total cost of \$2,291.00

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Water Department Request to Purchase Water Service Materials**

DeBoyer: This happens on as needed basis, we have two quotes

Shirkey: Have a question, where the difference is \$900.00, on Etna; if you go to the third thing, Oriseal Curb Stop, and go to the other quote it appears it is quoted for different amounts.

Wondering if that isn't the difference.

DeBoyer: If we go down the unit price and check it looks like HD Waterworks is less but the quantity looks like it is off

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Shirkey: Notice on Etna it says, "This quote void after 2 days".

Horvath: Would it be appropriate to let Jon do this at his discretion? He runs a pretty tight ship in the Water department

DeBoyer: Perhaps we should approve the supplier and let Jon review for the quantities

**Motion** by Horvath, supported by Makuch, to approve the Water Department Superintendent to use HD Waterworks and order the correct amount and not to exceed \$3,000.00

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 3. Dispatch Console Maintenance Agreement

Police Chief Drake: Purchased the Console with a one-year warranty, will expire April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motorola gave a quote of \$44,180.00 for a five period, \$8,836.00 per year. They bid out through ComSource, Inc. who does their work. I talked to ComSource and they gave a quote of \$3,000.00 per year or \$1,500.00 semi-annually, which I would choose. It is a 24/7 service including holidays. It services our dispatch

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Turner, to approve the maintenance agreement submitted by ComSource for a cost of \$3,000.00 annually or \$1,500.00 semi-annually, left to the discretion of the Chief.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 4. H.I.F.D. By-laws Amendment

Makuch: I went over this and I think a lot of the situations that have evolved over the years have been addressed and taken care of. I do have an issue with a couple of items, and I also would like to compare this set of by-laws with the Mainland Fire Department by-laws because it seems to me they should be the same. Would like to look at this and make a decision at our next meeting.

DeBoyer: You are saying you want to review the Mainland by-laws and get a consistent by-law?

Makuch: Yes, I think there should be consistency

Horvath: Would it be out of sorts if we sat down with all the department heads? Last week I didn't clarify about being qualified. Think as a Board we should set down with them

DeBoyer: I understand your concept. Right now we're talking about the by-laws.

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Horvath, to postpone this for two weeks to our next meeting for review

AYES: Makuch, Turner, DeBoyer, Horvath, Shirkey

NAYES: White

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 5. Planning Commission Request for Workshop

**Motion** by Turner, supported by Makuch, to allow John Blair to attend the March Planning Commission workshop in Frankenmuth at a cost of \$70.00 including mileage

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

DeBoyer: I have a monthly Department Head meeting that myself, Connie and Lisa set in on to talk about the daily, weekly and monthly on going things. If I understand what you are saying is that you want to have an opportunity to have those conversations as well.

Horvath: I just would like to know what's going on, I'm sitting here on behalf of residents. I have people call me and I can't answer them. We have to respect their opinion, they are the taxpayers.

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DeBoyer: I try to get answers for you when I can and I'm not opposed to you coming to those Department Head meetings, the only thing is only three of us can be in those meetings, four would be quorum.

Horvath: Just trying to get a handle on things, there is a lot of hearsay

DeBoyer: That is what I try to do; when you call I try to get to the bottom of it immediately

Horvath: Today I called Albuquerque, New Mexico and talked to their Fire Department head. I want to be able answer things honestly. Don't think we have any perfect situations going on right now,

DeBoyer: Never will have, I have heard your concerns and will try to stay on top of it.

Horvath: Think the confidence of some of the people has been lead astray, would like to bring it back so they have faith in this Board

DeBoyer: Can assure you that on a daily basis I will do what I can to restore that confidence but I don't expect it to be restored in two weeks, will take time. One of the important things for me is; there is going to be disagreements between myself and other Board members and you and other Board members and department heads but I don't want our citizens to believe for a moment that we don't have faith in our department heads. Because when that happens they shouldn't be there. Don't want us to get into situation that because of our disagreements publicly people believe that we've lost faith; that matters to me.

Horvath: Believe we have lost some of our connection and I would like to shore that up.

DeBoyer: On a daily basis I try to cultivate the relationship with our people that they can come to me and talk to me and trust me and tell me things and not worry about me being angry with them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Makuch, supported by Horvath, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Lisa M. White  
Clay Township Clerk

Prepared by:  
Dorothy DeBoyer  
Deputy Clerk