

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday May 4, 2009 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

Supervisor Jay DeBoyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

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: 25

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by Krueger, to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,547.32

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Shirkey: Correction on Page 2, pass should be past; last page, prepared by should be Deputy Clerk

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. H.I.F.D. Budget Amendment

DeBoyer: This is for the repair to the airboat

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to move funds in two line items; from Building Maintenance to Equipment Maintenance

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Rezoning Request, 6541 Dyke Road

Krueger: This was a gas station at one time, it has been before the Planning Commission to rezone to make it an auto repair facility and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning.

Motion by Krueger, supported by Makuch, to approve the rezoning 126-06 from C-2 to C-3

Horvath: This is for rezoning; applicant will have to go back to Planning Commission for site plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Soil Removal Permits

Motion by Turner, supported by Shirkey, to approve #47-6 Soil Removal permit, Jon McLane

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Motion by Shirkey, supported by Turner, to approve #47-12 Soil Removal permit, Vermeulen Enterprises

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Makuch, supported by Krueger, to approve #47-13 Soil Removal permit, Robert Bryson

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Krueger, supported by Makuch, to approve #47-16 Soil Removal permit, West Wood Lake Phase I & II

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Makuch, supported by Shirkey, to approve #47-17 Soil Removal permit, Silent Acres Farm

Horvath: I abstain due to conflict of interest

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Makuch, supported by Horvath, to approve #47-18 Soil Removal permit, Wilderness Lake

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion of Fire Department Pay

DeBoyer: This is just a discussion item; wanted to have a chance to do research and ask any questions, will bring it back to the next meeting. Trying to get parity for pay between departments and get within compliance as to how supposed to pay by Michigan State law

5. Conveyance of Bottomland

DeBoyer: Asked Assessor Schutt to explain process

Schutt: Poorman's Yacht Club has requested a conveyance of bottomland; they have to start with the State with an application, the Board has to complete a resolution stating that the Township is okay with them getting the bottomlands. They are trying to get a deed for the uplands, but the bottomlands where they will have the boats, will remain a lease so the conveyance of bottomland is so they can own a portion and lease the part where the boats will be. Sometimes when they seawall they seawall something further out than the actual plat and so they have to try to get that bottomlands back. That is what they are trying to do here. The resolution will be attached to the application that is sent to the State.

Krueger: Where is the bottomland?

Schutt: Where the slips are.

Motion by Krueger, supported by Makuch, to approve the resolution for conveyance of St. Clair bottomlands for the Poorman's Yacht Club on the Sni

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Appointment of Fire Commissioner

DeBoyer: This item has been withdrawn, not needed at this time

7. V.F.W. Request for Poppy Sale

Motion by Horvath, supported by Shirkey, to approve the request by the V.F.W. for their Poppy sale

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council on Aging Request for Appropriation

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to approve a \$1,000 Donation to the Council on Aging

Krueger: Did we used to designate that just for the Cherry Beach Seniors?

Turner: That is where it goes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

DeBoyer: County Commissioner Pam Wall is here perhaps would like to give us any updates
Commission Wall: Wanted to give a brief update on what is happening at the County. Landfill project, the bioreactor. Have an agreement with Detroit Edison to convert gas to electricity. Lot of work went into this. There will be a hundred thousand dollar payment from Detroit Edison right away and fifty thousand dollars per year for economic purposes for ten years and also royalties.

We reached a settlement with Detroit Edison on the Belle River plant, which causes the County to have to make a three and a half million-dollar payment to them. But, overall it is a good deal because otherwise if they had been reduced and not there; and their taxable value is not going to be reduced, it is going to hold steady until 2013 and then in 2014 there will be a small reduction. It will have a poor impact but not as bad as could have been. Our millages for library, senior citizen, drug task force and parks actually will experience a little windfall because they have been putting away the entire amount that we might have had to pay if they got everything they asked for. It amounts to about 60% of what they're going to have to pay.

We did pass a resolution in support of Clay Township's efforts relating to the floodplain elevation.

The Sheriff's budget was just passed, wasn't passed in December because of new Sheriff coming in and wanting to evaluate department. He has made some good decisions, worked with County Board and our finance director.

About to get involved with forming a County Land Bank. New vehicle for County Treasurers to deal with foreclosed properties. Most are tax foreclosures, we don't have that many in the County, can also be coordinated with Bank foreclosures. Have a high rate in County, becoming quite devastating to communities. Land Bank can stop properties from going for firesale prices, it holds the prices up and takes care of the property and sells it for a good market rate. Will help maintain the value of our communities. Discussed situation in Genesee County

DeBoyer: Is the County's budget balanced yet?

Wall: Yes it is balanced. The County has a very healthy fund balance and just got an AAA bond rating.

Makuch: Attended lot of budget meetings with Sheriff, happy to see what I saw, worked with financial people directly, something haven't seen in awhile.

Krueger: Will money from Land Bank be put back into maintaining or improving other structures in the County?

Wall: Yes, will work like Genesee County

Krueger: How many other communities in County asked for support on FEMA?

Wall: Only Clay Township

Krueger: Did County do anything other than support Clay Township such as protest to Senators?

Wall: Provided information to Candice Miller and Senators

Kasperowicz: With the generation of gas will there be any reduction in garbage pickup costs?

DeBoyer: We don't pay the County directly; we pay the hauler. Ultimately should reduce tax burden over time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

L. Kasperowicz: Questioned status of Genaw Road water line
C. Miller, 5178 Green Dr: Comments on meeting on environmental affairs
B. Hansen, 8766 Stone Rd: Comments on water on property

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Horvath: Attended Algonac Council meeting, they listened, asked no questions. It is our water, nothing in it for Algonac, people on Genaw willing to pay, what's the problem?

DeBoyer: Contract says any water we sell outside our boundaries Algonac must sign off on. Intent is to never have the water supply for Algonac threatened. If it's what's in it for Algonac we will allow them to sell water to Cottrellville and pay us a transmission fee for running it through our lines and it comes out of their allocation at the water plant not ours. We can fight but ultimately those people on Genaw do not have water.

Horvath: Let's put it in a letter to them.

Makuch: Comments on storm and a pole snapping down the street. Fire Department came, had to leave people because of danger of lines snapping. Edison sent crew next day. In ordinance we bill Edison after hour or so at about \$175 per hour. Want to see that done. Thanked Ira Township for sending their department. The pole that snapped was condemned for two years. Road projects, Anchor Bay Drive is bad, needs drainage.

DeBoyer: Will be taking drive with Road Commission shortly. Have roads that need attention. Annual Township cleanup is the 12, 13 and 14 of June both on Mainland and Harsens Island. School election tomorrow. Sending letters to FEMA tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shirkey, supported by Makuch, to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Lisa M. White
Clay Township Clerk

Prepared By
Dorothy DeBoyer
Clay Township Deputy Clerk