

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday July 20, 2009 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

Supervisor Jay DeBoyer opened the meeting 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 Horvath, Trustee Joanne Shirkey
ABSENT: None
Citizens: 21

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by White, to pay the bills in the amount of \$195,450.43, of which \$32,443.53 is the 08/09 fiscal year and \$163,006.90 is the 09/10 fiscal year

Shirkey: Internet Services, St. Clair County Treasurer what is that for?

Turner: They are our Internet provider

Krueger: We pay them \$333.00 a month?

DeBoyer: That includes our firewall protection and our IT service

Horvath: Paid the Attorney almost \$8,000 for Lucky 7

DeBoyer: Received brief on the denial

Makuch: Under Mainland Fire, 206-700-958, subscription, Lisa Moran; Open Water Book. Did not want to pay last meeting. Chief DuPage said that should go under Education and Training.

Turner: Will move it over

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Lisa White read a letter from Alice Morrison complimenting and thanking the Fire Department for their actions when she had a house fire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

D. Asoto: Recent loss of life, Scuba gear & training needed

E. Knightson: Scuba needed

L. Kasperowicz: Important to have training

P. Holcomb, N. River Rd: Need divers and full time Fire Department

D. Folkert: Thank you for hearing. Lots of emotion in issue. Sometimes fall short, will work hard to reach goal, worthwhile endeavor.

R. White: In favor of dive/water rescue, not trying to take place of County dive team

L. Vandenbossch, St. John Dr: Is Sheriff's department available for emergencies?

DeBoyer: Have dive team with county, only one in this area. Looking for rescue team for quicker response

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #4 – Fire District Special Assessment

Motion by Turner, supported by Krueger, to adopt Resolution #4. Township Wide Fire District Special Assessment

ROLL CALL

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Police Department Request to Purchase Two Vehicles

Chief Drake: This is State bid that we usually get. Two 2009 Ford vehicles for a total of \$42,116.00.

Makuch: Is there a car other than a Crown Vic?

Drake: Yes, a Dodge Charger, too small. It is budgeted for.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Horvath, to accept the request of Chief Drake and purchase two 2009 Crown Vic Police Interceptors at a total cost of \$42,116.00 to be allocated under budget line item 207-700-981-00

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Police Department Request for Finger Roll Livescan System, Records RMS System, Image Net Imaging System maintenance Agreements

Chief Drake: This is in the budget, an annual maintenance agreement; there was no increase from last year. Like to announce got a note from Governor that we were awarded a Federal grant from the Burn Grant. Applied for \$400,000.00, got \$68,000.00, to upgrade a new CAD system, there is no match required.

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to approve the amount of \$6,810.00 for the maintenance fees.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. DRC Request for Donation

Turner: Normally request \$20,000 in July from Township and City and in September/October we pay the other \$20,000 and in December/January the City pays their other \$20,000.

Motion by Turner, supported by Shirkey, to approve the \$20,000 contribution to DRC

Krueger: Is it for the 2008/2009 contribution?

Turner: Actually for 2009/2010

Krueger: Didn't Algonac say they are pulling out?

Turner: Have to give a year's notice, which they did so they are still in for this fiscal year

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Resolution to Join Fire Departments

DeBoyer: Making effort to combine services as discussed at public hearing. Something we stumbled on is there are bylaws, etc. that set forth operating structure. Been clearly told to us by legal that that is a no-no in today's society. Also is a requirement that can only be member on one department, wanted to allow and create the fact that anyone who is a firefighter on the mainland will be a firefighter on the island and anyone on the island will be a firefighter on the mainland.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to adopt the resolution joining the Harsens Island Fire Department and the Mainland Fire Department

Krueger: How does the time flow with this?

DeBoyer: Combining on functionality

Krueger: What money will they operate on?

Turner: Have to finish their fund balance before can transfer to new fund

Krueger: So money comes from both and legally no problem?

DeBoyer: Correct, right now Mainland has a position that can only be a member of mainland department so until make complete swing over wanted to make that neutral.

Krueger: When will be first collection of new?

Turner: December,

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Fire Department Request for Dive/Water Rescue Equipment and Training

DeBoyer: Have spent time discussing this; think we have clarity on issues now.

Shirkey: If you read letter from Daryl and see spent a lot of time looking into this grant. With money left over want to equip a dive/rescue team, think it is a good thing, something needed.

Motion by Shirkey, supported by Krueger, that we do use the \$47,330.20 that is left, of which the Chief says he only needs up to \$39,000.00, for the dive equipment and training and we would only buy the boots, gloves, hoods and fins. The persons on the dive team would supply their own suits, masks and snorkels.

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Horvath: Out of their pocket?

DeBoyer: Yes

White: Firefighters willing to do that?

DuPage: Yes

Horvath: How many?

DuPage: Looking at 10 divers and 10 tenders

Turner: Wetsuits come in sizes, if we purchase and they stay with fire department you would have enough to fit if people come and go.

DuPage: Looked at Township funding all of it; came to the conclusion that this is a personal item, not sharing. Will carry in their own car. Might look at dry suits for winter down the road.

Shirkey: Most that will be on the dive team have their own suits. Talked about ways to help those who don't have if they can't afford it.

DuPage: We have a pop fund that is donations, have already fronted a few who are not working to get their suits, as they get money will donate back.

Krueger: How much for three pieces of equipments?

Makuch: With the County, the wetsuit is a personal item, County does not pay for it, we did get a grant for some dry suits, up to then we paid for our own. We looked at who responds at most of the calls and seniority. Suits are about \$298.00, \$30.00 for snorkel, \$66.00 for mask. Suggest include in package training from Dive Rescue.

Krueger: Training that you want to provide, is that at levels and what level would this put us at?

DuPage: Initially most will have open water paddy certificate so they can get in the water.

Looking at Dive Rescue, they offer Dive Rescue 1, Current Diving and Ice Diving, John suggested we also take Dive Rescue II. At this time I believe we can do Dive Rescue I and the Current Dive. Have to start somewhere.

Krueger: With that training will that give us as much is needed?

DuPage: There will be continual training amongst ourselves at least twice a month. Talked to John and some other County divers about helping us out. Also looking at other departments in the area. Is a course coming up for a Train the Trainer, we then wouldn't have to look at someone from the outside to do the training.

DeBoyer: Some small things to work out, think the concept is needed and should strive to do. Will have a lot of discussions and think we can solve the problems.

Makuch: Requirements from MIOSHA, need the handbook.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

P, Holcomb: Suggestions on the Dive Team, they shouldn't have to pay anything

L. Vandenbossche, St. John Dr: Are people who will be trained for this firefighters? Life of wetsuits?

DeBoyer: Yes

Makuch: About 10 years

K. Orlando, 7357 Flamingo: Suggestions for purchasing suits.

J. Kotson, Flamingo: Comments on fence

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Horvath: Contrary to rumors, am not stepping down, will be around

DeBoyer: Ash tree information, need to be treated

Krueger: Planning Commission letter regarding comments on ordinance

White: Appreciate public support for firefighters

DeBoyer: On blight issues, learning more about ordinances

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Makuch, supported by Shirkey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Lisa M. White

Clay Township Clerk