

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Tuesday September 8, 2009 in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, Clay Township, Michigan

Clerk Lisa White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Clerk Lisa White, Treasurer Connie Turner, Trustee Thomas Krueger, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee John Horvath, Trustee Joanne Shirkey

ABSENT: Supervisor Jay DeBoyer

Citizens: 11

Motion by Krueger, supported by Horvath, to nominate Lisa White to chair the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by Makuch, to pay the bills in the amount of \$130,084.97

Shirkey: Questioned Equipment Maintenance – AM-DYN-IC for \$469.61

White: Rebuilt motor for the grass mower

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: DeBoyer

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Horvath: Want meetings on Harsens Island on agenda; have to accommodate the Island.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

R. Williams, 2007 Stewart Rd: Comments on #4 St. John's Marsh Phragmites Control and DNR grant. Need matching money for the grant, short some money, if each community along Anchor Bay contribute \$3,000 a year for three years it would be enough to complete the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #4 – Aquatic Management Special Assessment to Confirm the Roil

Motion by Makuch, supported by Shirkey, to approve resolution #4

Horvath: Reminded the Board is acting as no more than mediator of funds

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: DeBoyer

MOTION CARRIED

2. Police Request for Maintenance Agreement

Motion by Makuch, supported by Horvath, to approve the renewal of the maintenance

agreement with VanBelkum Corporation for the Police recording system at a cost of \$2,329.20

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. MTA Fall Regional Meeting

Motion by Shirkey, supported by Horvath, that anyone on the Board to be able to attend this one called "MTA on the Road", it's an Early Bird rate but if three going you get one free and not just for us, for anyone on any Board that is interested in this.

Krueger: Any particular one?

Shirkey: I would like to go to Ann Arbor, can go to any one. Don't have to go to own district. All would probably have to go to same one. Have to have prepaid registration in by September 14th.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. St. John's Marsh Phragmites Control

White: Mr. Williams spoke about DNR grant

Makuch: Live right off St. John's marsh; have made a lot of progress on south end. Have tried a lot of experiments. Used to be able to look across the marsh and now you can't. Let's figure out we're going to do this.

Horvath: The \$3,000 for three years, is that something that is cast in stone?

Williams: No, SEMCOG told me if they got all communities along Anchor Bay. If they didn't get enough money they wouldn't have access to all the federal money. So the program would be scaled back.

Horvath: It would be in St. John's marsh?

Williams: Yes, St. John's Marsh and Metro are the two that have access to that money.

Shirkey: Say we decide to give \$3,000 a year for three years, does somebody send a bill?

Williams: SEMCOG could answer that.

Kras: Jay and myself have been working with Bill Parkus from SEMCOG on this. We're working on several grants and each includes phragmitie eradication. This grant has an \$80,000 match money and several communities involved, asking us to pledge about \$5,000 to \$6,000 over a course of three or four years. Other programs working on; want to clean up the St. Clair flats, take down bad buildings. Myself and two assessors are going to take pictures; they want as much information on the State owned properties as they can have. Another fish and wildlife grant to restore the fish and wildlife areas and there is going to be some phragmitie eradication in that program too. This is all part of the Great Lakes Restoration project.

Krueger: Has SEMCOG actually asked for the money yet from Clay Township?

Kras: They need a resolution that the money is coming.

Krueger: Could we put on agenda for the next meeting?

Makuch: Have to do that, this is kind of a heads up, put it on paper.

Krueger: Like to find out if any of the other programs are going to require local participation monetarily.

Kras: Doesn't look like it is going to happen.

Shirkey: The one you're talking about different from the one Bob's talking about?

Kras: No

Turner: have a problem with Phragmites but don't know if public aware DNR does not pay administration fees on their taxes, or police protection on their taxes, and do they do not pay for fire protection on their taxes or any delinquent taxes.

Schutt: Pay PLIT on 24 parcels. '04 to '09 taxable and millage rate frozen. Taxable value same rate as everyone else.

Kras: Some communities putting in money who aren't affected by Phragmites to protect themselves in the future.

C. Miller, 5178 Green Dr: Understanding they are \$80,000 short. Several numbers thrown out because SEMCOG not sure what they are going to get. Asking Clay Township to donate something. See this as a big benefit to go on record to say what will spend. SEMCOG receiving money not DNR. Citizens of Clay Township stand to gain by making this investment in St. John's marsh; when it's cleaned up people will come.

Motion by Krueger, supported by Shirkey, to put this issue on the next agenda for the next Board meeting with dollar amount.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. Miller, 5178 Green Dr: Comments on towers being put in by Homeland Security on island. Suggest one be put on HISCFA property. Got a piece of road can't get paved because MDOT doesn't have any money; going up the road to maintain camera, should give money to MDOT to make the road better.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Turner: Seaway Community Bank asked to remind everyone of Pool kickoff meeting at the KofC Hall on September 11th at 6 p.m.

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Makuch: Want to commend the police and fire department and Ira fire department handling of accident scene at Anchor Bay Drive & M-29. Need a permanent light there.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Horvath, supported by Makuch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Lisa M. White
Clay Township Clerk

Prepared by
Dorothy DeBoyer
Deputy Clerk