

Minutes of the Clay Township Regular Board Meeting Held Monday November 2, 2009 in the Harsens Island Meeting Hall, 230 LaCroix Road, Harsens Island, Michigan 48028

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: 52

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Turner, supported by Krueger, to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,399.10

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Makuch, supported by Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the reading of any notices or communications

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk White read a letter thanking the Water Department for cutting weeds on Anchor Bay Drive

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Request to Purchase Truck

Motion by Shirkey, supported by Makuch, to approve the purchase of a 2010 F-350 Crew cab 8' pickup for Harsens Island Fire Department described in the State contract bid at \$37,022.00 given to us by Chief DuPage, with the exception of the following: Option 96X worth \$612.00, option 87T which is worth \$325.00 and option 87L worth \$2,220.00 for a total of \$3,157.00 making the new price \$33,865.00

White: Questioned eliminated items.

Shirkey: Option 96X is a CD/MP3PLAYER/CLOCK w/4 speakers 585; 87T is Crew Chief (Telematics) by Microlise and 87L is Tool Link by DEWALT (includes in-Dash Computer).

And it will have to be lettered, radios transferred, lights and siren, looking to save money. This equipment is not necessary for Fire fighting or rescue.

White: Think the Crew Chief diagnostics could save us money in the long run, if the alarm goes off on the dash for low oil could save repairs.

Shirkey: Don't think that is what that is, went on line and looked at it.

DeBoyer: Motion stands as it is, without the \$325.00

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ANY NEW BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. United Way Presentation

DeBoyer: The person scheduled to present this is unable to attend because of illness, perhaps on the next agenda

2. Police Department Request to Purchase Ammunition

Chief Drake presented reason for request, the length of time required to obtain product.

Motion by Krueger, supported by Horvath, to approve the purchase of 10,000 rounds of practice ammunition for a total price of \$2,220.00

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Anti-Blight Resolution

DeBoyer: This is two properties that were condemned and trailer had to be demolished and they left the sewer main open and other things. Sent several letters with no response. We cleaned it up to make it safe and this resolution is to recoup our dollars spent.

Turner: This enables us to put it on their taxes.

Motion by Makuch, supported by Krueger, to approve the resolution for blighted property 74-14-352-0018-000 at 7314 Edlane for \$1,326.00 and 74-14-352-0065-000 7343 Edlane for \$424.66

Krueger: Does this mean any blight we can clear and put on the taxes?

B. Schutt: Yes

Krueger: The Blight ordinance is already in place?

B. Schutt: Yes, ordinance in place, Ordinance No. 23. We also have the Dangerous Building one.

Krueger: Do they have to go to court?

B. Schutt: No

Turner: They still have time to pay for this

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Assessment Administration Renewal Application

Motion by Turner, supported by Shirkey, to approve the renewal of Assessment Administration Certificates for Robin Martin and Barb Schutt for a total amount of \$137.50

AYES: All

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Wright Drive Discussion

DeBoyer: This just a discussion item, no decision. Wright Drive is a piece of land west of Nook Road. Land is owned by Clay Township, the road was not installed or maintained by Clay Township, it was installed and maintained by property owners that have used Clay Township property to access their property. The driveway, which is not a County recognized road, has fallen into disrepair and some residents want to maintain it and others don't want to maintain it. From the Township's position, we do not have a road millage and we do not fund roads in any fashion. My position is that it is not the burden of the rest of the citizens of Clay Township to provide the road maintenance for the people on that road. Asking what we can do, said, "Something needs to be done to force the other residents to do their part". We have no authority to force on something like this. The obvious course would be to do a special assessment to maintain the road. Their opinion is they can't get the other people to participate. This leaves it that the road doesn't get maintained or the people who want to pay and the others don't pay.

This is a private road essentially.

Horvath: How many live on the road?

DeBoyer: Five or six.

B. Schutt: Six parcels, three houses on Wright Drive and two on Pointe Tremble Road who use it to get to their garage.

Horvath: Standard procedure to do a petition and bring it to the Board.

Turner: Said the worst part is at the beginning because of the sidewalk

DeBoyer: Have asked Jeff Horner at Project Control to look at notes, and see what the condition was when sidewalk put in.

White: When was sidewalk put in?

B. Schutt: 2008

DeBoyer: Also asked Jon DeBoyer to look at and determine what the cost would be to bring stone in and grade it and he said about \$2,100.00.

Horvath: Said we could not do anything

DeBoyer: Said we could have Water Department do it but there is a cost involved to do it.

Horvath: Have to bring a petition to us with 51% then do a special assessment and help them out the best we can.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

N. Sarzynski, 7482 Venice: Comments on Thanksgiving dinner at Lions Hall from 1 – 5 pm and tax abatements

N. Rhodes, 3206 S. Channel: Thanked Board for coming

C. Fannon, 5446 Green Dr: Concerns about boathouse moored at old D'Eath marina.

Pam Wall, County Commissioner: Gave County update on budget, 11% decrease in tax revenues, will mean cuts. Information on County Land Bank, allows the Treasurer to take properties under tax foreclosure and rehabilitate and sell to person to make it their home.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

DeBoyer: The Board is looking at same scenario as the County. Believe over the next couple years will be some economic hard times to come. Can't hope and wish, have to plan. Barb spending a lot of time looking at what taxable values are going to be doing, are going down, revenue sharing, which is our largest funding item is going down 5 to 6%. Through next six months have to look at ways to save dollars. If economy turns around and comes back we can adjust but trying to be diligent on expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Makuch, supported by Shirkey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Lisa M. White
Clay Township Clerk

Prepared by Dorothy DeBoyer
Deputy Clerk