

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 15, 2020, 8:00 AM**

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: 8:04**

**Roll Call: Present- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Absent- Patton**

**Others Present: Roman Benson, Dennis Wenzel, Dennis Bila, Bob Smith, Mike Mahn, Rob Bloch, Paul Hitchens, Lisa Fitzgerald**

**Inquire if Public comments are to address Agenda items: N/A**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Rutledge added Island's Wildlife Fish Derby to Special Events.

Clymer added payment to S-N-K to Agenda.

Sherlund added Island's Wildlife/ Cedarville Harbor to the Agenda.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

-Approve minutes from December 18, 2019 and Special meeting of January 9, 2020

-Approve invoices: General \$3,458.75

Sewer \$14,434.35

-Service Contracts: Island's Wildlife- Steve Tassier Memorial Pike and Perch Fish Derby

-Special Events: N/A

**Motion: Rutledge made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

-2020 Board of Trustees meeting schedule

-IRS set 2020 mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.575

-2 denial letters from Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission concerning grant applications for 1.) Clark Township Hessel beach Rehabilitation Project and 2.) Toilet Facility at Aldo Leopold Preserve

-Letter from St. Ignace thanking the Clark Township Fire Department for aiding in recent fire in St. Ignace

-Letter from the Hitchens Family Foundation suspending additional payments to the new Fire Hall plan until questions concerning a millage request are clarified

-2 EGLE permits, one denied

-Resolution from Chippewa County declaring the Great Lakes Shoreline a disaster area and seeking assistance

-Will Ross asked for permission to trap beaver on Township property, Pearson Creek

## **Old Business**

### Cedarville Harbor

Project is winding down. Occupancy permit has been received. All work is complete apart from landscaping. Instructions and warranty information are needed from S-N-K Construction. The numbers are put together to apply for the second Waterways grant.

### Hessel property for parking

Moving toward closure. Tom Evashevski is to finish the deed. Rutledge questioned if the parking would be available to use this Spring. Clymer said yes, John Hessel offered to make the road smooth and usable.

### Sewer repairs and updates; Blindline main

-Testing from Ms. Bentley's horse pasture has been completed; tests were negative, issue resolved.  
-Received permit, moving forward with bidding for the replacement of the 670 feet of pipe that needs replacing; materials are here for the repairs required before the replacement takes place

### Medical Marijuana

2 companies have expressed interest in opening a Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center within Clark Township. Mike Mahn said that he felt if the Board were to allow a medical provisionary center that it would undercut the currently allowable microbusinesses. Dennis Bila said he does not feel that a medical provisionary center would be in direct competition with a microbusiness and that home delivery of medical marijuana will be coming anyway through other cities and townships. Mike Mahn explained that there are groups within the township discussing opening a microbusiness through chatrooms and other forms of communication. Paul Hitchens stated that there is no natural gas available to the provisionary center and suggested that Cheboygan and Kinross have buildings and natural gas available for such a business. Roman Benson explained that each year the medical license would need to be renewed and that the Board would also need to approve their license. The licenses allowed are non-transferable.

Schuster said he would like more time researching before he makes a decision concerning medical marijuana.

Rutledge said she would like to wait and see what happens with Recreational Marijuana before moving forward with medical.

Clymer expressed he would like to pass a Medical Ordinance for testing, packaging and delivery now, adding provisionary centers at a later date.

Schuster said he would rather do everything at once.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to table the discussion until the February 19, 2020 meeting. Sherlund supported.**

**Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Rutledge Abstain- Clymer Absent- Patton**

## **New Business**

### Budget for dredging

A sailboat had reportedly run aground this summer in the Cedarville Harbor. The township can remove 1000 yards per year for another year in accordance with the new Cedarville Harbor. It seems that between where the township dredged and where Flotation dredged, they two never met, leaving a "ridge". Grant options will be investigated, and a maintenance plan will be devised. A budget will be set for the next fiscal year.

### Status of letterhead design

A new letterhead was designed incorporating the logo from Katie Eberts and the Pure Michigan campaign.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to accept the new letterhead design. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### New Planning Commission appointee

Clymer nominated Jessica Duncan for appointment on the Planning Commission.

**Motion: Rutledge made the motion to accept the appointment of Jessica Duncan to the Planning Commission. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### Revisit donor plaque at Cedarville Harbor building

At the November 20, 2019 meeting a crib dock design was approved for the donor wall at the Cedarville Harbor building. This idea has been revisited and a new design has been presented. Bob Smith shared renderings of the new donor wall idea. The new design will feature a hull of an old boat cut to fit into the corner of the wall. The individual brass plates will be secured to the side of the hull. Tags will go up in order that donations were received. The cost of the tags is estimated to cost \$1250 to \$1300. Bob Smith will do the work preparing and installing the boat at the harbor.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to accept the new donor wall design. Rutledge supported. Roll call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Absent- Patton**

### Pay Olsen & Olsen invoice

A pay request was submitted by Olsen and Olsen for work completed at the Cedarville Harbor.

**Motion: Sherlund made the motion to pay Olsen and Olsen \$5,500 for landscaping in lieu of a donation to the project in the same amount. Schuster supported.**

**Roll call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Absent- Patton**

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to amend the pay request from Olsen and Olsen in the amount of \$12, 982.69 with the change of \$4,148 for gravel, acceptance from Olsen and Olsen and approval from U.P. Engineers required. Sherlund supported.**

**Roll call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Absent- Patton**

Olsen and Olsen will correct the drainage issue at the driveway to the harbor building at no additional costs.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to accept Olsen and Olsen to correct the drainage at the driveways of the Cedarville Harbor. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### S-N-K payment

S-N-K submitted a final bill in the amount of \$5,191.10 with an additional bill in the amount of \$4,118.00 for electrical work completed.

**Motion: Sherlund made the motion to pay S-N-K a total of \$9309.10 as final payment for work completed at the Cedarville Harbor contingent upon receiving instructions and warranties and approval from U.P. Engineers. Schuster supported.**

**Roll call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Absent- Patton**

#### Island's Wildlife/Cedarville Harbor

Island's Wildlife asked if they could use the Cedarville Harbor building for the Steve Tassier Memorial Pike and Perch Derby. No fish would be allowed in the building and no access to the furniture would be allowed. It would mainly be used for registration purposes and showcasing prizes. Island's Wildlife would be responsible for cleaning the building after the event is completed. This is a one-time deal as the harbor building will not be open at this time in the following years.

**Motion: Rutledge made the motion to allow Island's Wildlife to use the harbor building for the Steve Tassier Memorial Pike and Perch Derby, with no rental fees, furnish entryway rugs and that they clean the building after usage. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

General Fund: \$515,363.37

Sewer Fund: \$214,533.19

Tax collections are coming in. Working on final numbers for the Cedarville Harbor project, we are around \$78,000 over budget.

A letter was received from the State of Michigan questioning the Line of Credit loan. It is uncertain whether a township can secure a loan of this nature.

Sherlund spoke with Joanne Waybrant at First National Bank of St. Ignace, and if need be, they will convert the loan to note versus a line of credit with the same terms and payments currently in place.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to allow to have the Line of Credit converted to a note at the First National Bank of St. Ignace in accordance with the current terms and conditions. Rutledge supported.**

**Roll call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Absent- Patton**

#### **Supervisor's Report**

Clymer asked if the township wanted to follow suit with Chippewa County in declaring the Great Lakes Shoreline a disaster area. He asked that he be given permission to work with Tom Evashevski to draft a resolution pertaining to such.

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to allow Clymer to work with Tom Evashevski to draft a resolution declaring the Great Lakes Shoreline a disaster area. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**

James Landreville was quoted a price of \$65,000 for a new pressure washer. Finding someone to fix the old pressure washer is still an ongoing matter.

### **Committee/Commission Reports**

Airport Committee: Met January 8<sup>th</sup>, no members present at the Special Meeting held January 9<sup>th</sup>, no response to decisions made at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting

Ambulance Corp: responded to 23 calls in the month of December

Code Enforcement: Cal Burnside turned in his December 2019 report

Fire Department: 4 incidents in December, 47 year to date. Discussed the purchase of generator to provide power to the garage doors during a power outage

Planning Commission: did not have a quorum

Recreation Committee: met with Paul Gaberdine, Peek-A-Boo trail discussions

Sewer Advisory Board: did not meet

### **Public Comments:**

-Dennis Wenzel inquired about the new internet company servicing the area, Mr. Wenzel was to meet with Clymer following the meeting.

-Paul Hitchens said the fire department way was too high on the cost of the new proposed Fire Hall. He also questioned what happened with the parcels previously leased by Donald Moore. It was explained that the properties have reverted back to the township. Mr. Hitchens also asked what will be done with culvert near the Viking Harbor. Clymer explained that he was in negotiations with Steve Honilla, the Road Committee and the Mackinac County Road Commission. Hitchens queried if the township would be doing the ice rink this year and was answered with a no. Hitchens felt that it showed disrespect to the community that those interested in doing a medical marijuana center left the meeting right after it was discussed. He feels that if they really cared about what was happening in the community that they would have stayed to hear more about what happens in our area.

### **Adjournment: 10:40 AM**

**Motion: Schuster made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.**