

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2020, 8:00 AM**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 8:02 AM

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

Others present: Paul Gingras, Dennis Wenzel, Mike Mahn, Bob Smith, Carla Ziemkewicz, John Hessel, Lisa Fitzgerald, Eric Doerr (St. Ignace News)

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

Approval of Agenda:

Clymer asked to add the following items to the Agenda:

- Support letter for the Hessel Schoolhouse for 2% grant request
- Appoint Dave Buckalew to Planning Commission
- Appoint Dean Bryner as Board of Review alternate

Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes from January 15, 2020
- Approve invoices: General \$482,866.18
Sewer \$17,475.00
- Service Contracts: N/A
- Special Events: Rutledge added Snow's Fest for February 14, 15, 16, 2020 and Antique Vintage Snowmobile Show for February 8, 2020

Motion: Schuster made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Patton supported. All eyes. Motion carried.

Rutledge added approval of Special Board Meeting minutes from January 30, 2020 to the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Patton made the motion to approve the Special Board meeting minutes from January 30, 2020. Schuster supported. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter from the Department of Treasury commending the Township on a perfect score on the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR)
- Three (3) EGLE permits
- Brochure for Fiscally Ready Communities (FRC) program dates and locations

Old Business

Cedarville Harbor update

- U.P. Engineers did not accept the previously approved offered settlement, Clymer to go back into negotiations
- Awaiting check approval from the second Waterways Grant in the amount of \$210,000.00
- Closing documents are being prepared for the Trust Fund Grant payment
- Bob Amberg will be making the plaques for the Cedarville Harbor Donation project

Hessel property for parking; Harbor project

- Hessel property for parking is now in closing with the title company
- Engineer Greg Weykamp, from Edgewater Resources, was able to visit and get a feel for our area and tour the Hessel & Cedarville Marinas. He will return in the spring to do further surveying and begin a project plan for the summer.

Sewer repairs and updates; Blindline main

2 leaks have been fixed and a section of pipe has been replaced. The larger project (600 foot section) is still with the engineers and will go up for bid.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Sherlund suggested leaving this item tabled, giving the recreational businesses a chance to get started, Rutledge agreed. Clymer is in contact with attorneys about the possibility leasing township property for a marijuana business.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to table the medical marijuana ordinance. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution for Chafins-Jason Dunn

Jason Dunn of Breezeswept Docks, as representative for Chafins, is asking for township support to reconstruct and do dock repair at Lakeview Motel and Cottages.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to accept the Resolution from Breezeswept for dock repair and reconstruction at Lakeview Motel and Cottages. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clymer asked that item #2 on the Agenda (Review of probationary status of Daniel Kelly) be moved to the end of the meeting.

Government Island Resolution

The Township received an inquiry about whether the Township would support turning Government Island into a Federal Wilderness area which would mean no longer allowing boats to anchor there, no camping, no snowmobiling, etc. Gary Reid and Clymer have drafted a resolution strongly opposing any such designation.

Motion: Paton made the motion to accept the Resolution opposing the designation of Government Island into a Federal Wilderness area. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Golf Cart Ordinance

Patton presented the following as a recommendation from the Planning Commission:

Clark Township Golf Cart Ordinance

The township of Clark adopts ordinance ____ allowing golf carts on village, city, township roads with the compliance of sub rules.

1. "Golf Cart" means vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.
2. Golf carts may not:
 - a. Operate on a state truck line highway.
 - i. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state truck line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of Clark Township using the most direct line of crossing.
 - b. Be operated by an individual under the age of 16 years old.
 - c. Pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
 - d. Operate on a sidewalk constructed for pedestrian use, in cemeteries, beaches or non-motorized trails.
 - e. Exceeds the speed of 15 miles an hour.
 - f. Operate on roads or streets with a speed limit over 30 miles an hour.
 - g. Operate on roads or streets during the time period of ½ hour before sunrise or ½ hour after sunset.
 - h. Transport any passengers unless manufactured for transporting passengers.
3. Golf carts must:
 - a. Comply with the signal requirements to the operation of a vehicle.
 - b. Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle.
 - c. Only be operated on Clark Township roads or streets from April 1st to November 1st.

The following changes were added:

- Under Section 2, f. – Shall read: Operate on roads or streets with a speed limit over 30 miles per hour with the exception of roads south of M-134.
- Under Section 2, h. – Shall read: Transport passengers unless manufactured with seats to transport passengers.
- Under Section 3, d. – Must have some type of reflector on the rear of the golf cart.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to approve the golf cart ordinance as amended pending legal approval. Rutledge supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge, Patton. Motion carried.

Contract approval for a Verizon Tower

Verizon would like to lease township property near the old dump on State Ave in which to put up a tower. They have presented a draft copy of a lease agreement. Clymer would like to negotiate for a higher lease rate. Sherlund would like the lease to state that rent begins as soon as site work begins.

Motion: Schuster made the motion allowing Clymer to negotiate the lease contract with Verizon. Patton supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Island's Wildlife Gaming License

Island's Wildlife applied to the township for a gaming license. A resolution is required when having a nonprofit fundraiser of this nature.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to approve the resolution for Island's Wildlife as presented. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Notice of termination of contract with Donald Moore

Donald Moore has expressed interest in making a presentation to the board concerning his lease but has yet to do so. Clymer asked the board if they would like to table this item until Mr. Moore makes his presentation or to go ahead and take action.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to send the termination letter to Mr. Moore as outlined by the attorney. Patton supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appoint Dave Buckalew to Planning Commission

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to appoint Dave Buckalew to the Planning Commission. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appoint Dean Bryner as alternate to the Board of Review

Motion: Schuster made the motion to appoint Dean Bryner as alternate to the Board of Review. Rutledge supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

2% Funding for Hessel Schoolhouse

Hessel Schoolhouse has asked the Board to submit a letter of support and submit the 2% Funding request on their behalf.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to submit the letter of support and 2% funding request on behalf of the Hessel Schoolhouse. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

General fund: \$180,307.84

Sewer fund: \$204,627.77

2 weeks until tax bills are due

Supervisor's Report

-Sent in the Great Lakes Shoreline Disaster letter

-Clymer spoke with Autore Oil about adding a propane generator to the Hill Island lift station in case of power outages. Also spoke with Cloverland asking they power up Hill Island before Island 8 in an outage. This would allow the lift station to keep up with waste in a proper manner.

- Letter of support sent to the Superior Watershed concerning a grant with the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which would aid in beach cleanup and possible scrap tire removal.

Committee/Commission Reports

Airport Committee-did not meet, John Hessel will continue to plow the airport at his own cost

Ambulance Corp- responded to 13 calls

Code Enforcement Officer- submitted January/February reports

Fire Department-1 incident from Jan 12 to Feb 12, Forcible Entry training scheduled for Feb. 29

Hessel Harbor Committee- meeting was well attended, discussions were good

Planning Commission- Golf cart ordinance, working on nailing down short- term rental ordinance

Recreation Committee-Peek-A-Boo trail grant is due by April 1st

Sewer Advisory Board- Reviewed Blindline Road repairs, working on capital improvement plan

Public Comment:

Dennis Wenzel questioned whether going into negotiations with Verizon would cause them to pull out of the proposed lease. Clymer explained that at his time it was only negotiations and that the township would be willing to keep working with Verizon until a deal could be made.

9:24- Meeting went into closed session

Motion: Schuster made the motion to go to closed session. Rutledge supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

10:27- Meeting came out of closed session.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to come out of closed session. Sherlund supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to leave Daniel Kelly on "probationary status" for another 6 months. Patton supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 10:30 AM

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