

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2018 AT 8:00 AM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 8:00 AM

Roll Call: Present – Clymer, Sherlund, Schuster, Patton, Rutledge.

Others Present: Dennis Wenzel, Tom Reinke, Mark Merchberger, Julie Smith, John Griffin, Erich Doerr (St. Ignace News), Donald Moore, Jackie Gaspar-Moore.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: 5-16-18, 5-22-18, 5-23-18, 5-24-18, 5-25-18, 6-8-18.

General Fund Invoices:

Evashevski	professional services	1,240.00
R.S. Scott Assoc.	grant application	<u>1,381.50</u>
TOTAL:		2,621.50

Sewer Fund Invoices: none

Service Contract

L.C. Chamber – 4th of July Events

L.C. Community Foundation – 20th anniversary celebration

Blessing of the Horses – July 21, 2018 at the airport parking lot by ballfields at 1:00 PM.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Sherlund supported. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sherlund reported that the General Fund bank balance is currently \$483,109.92 and the Sewer Fund is \$328,820.68. The summer tax season has begun and tax bills are ready to be mailed out. The Hessel Marina is up and running. The Snow's Heritage Park is looking good and the banners are up and have been reinforced.

Supervisor's Report

Roads – Park Ave. will have drainage and culvert work done near Tassier and Kromiller and also near Spring Lodge.

Grove St. drainage problems near Markey's property will be addressed next year.

Three Mile Rd. has been repaved as part of a preventative maintenance plan.

Part of Chard Rd. will receive a lift.

Lakeside Rd. will be looked at in the near future.

There is continuing erosion at Pearson Creek in front of Cattails Cove. They are looking at possibly dredging some the cattails there to alleviate that problem and possibilities of re-routing Pearson Creek.

The Watershed Committee will be doing some testing for microplastics.

Hill Island Bridge Project is moving forward. There will be a single culvert with 2 bridge fishing platforms installed. This will result in an “open cut” and a possible 12 hour closure.

They are hopefully going to install this during the night for the least amount of inconvenience.

Cedarville Harbor Project – the bids that were received came in about \$400,000.00 over what was anticipated. We now have to go back to the original 3 bidders and they will have 5 days to re-bid the project using an amended plan. The Engineers and Architects are looking at downsizing the Harbor building and some of the other features to bring costs down.

Port Authority Boat Grant – this will be addressed later in the meeting but Clymer informed everyone that Mark Merchberger and himself are now members of the Sault Region Maritime Security Committee.

Road Ends – Clymer was informed that the Lakeside road end is not a certified County road and they will not work on it. We would be better to do the upgrades on the launch ramp ourselves. This is still a work in progress.

Enbridge Pipeline – there is a new report that has been released on how wonderful it would be to tunnel under the Straits. There will be an informative meeting on this subject held at our Community Center Monday, July 9, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Property blight / Private property invasion / Etc. – Clymer has had numerous people coming to his office with these types of problems and questions for his attention.

Cloverland - Clymer informed the Board that Cloverland will be installing new 3-phase service and for the Cedarville Harbor to get hooked up to that service, he received an invoice in the amount of \$4,340.00.

Motion: Patton made the motion to approve paying the invoice to Cloverland in the amount of \$4,340.00 for new electric service to be paid out of the Cedarville Harbor fund.

Rutledge supported. Roll Call: Yes – Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Patton, Rutledge.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

DEQ Permit – John Torsky for a dock.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Patton reported that they had a few questions concerning the launch fees. They also discussed the idea of “tiny houses” and how they could fit into our Township. Signs were brought to their attention and problems with the enforcement of them and issues with advertising some real estate properties. Jim Keighley designed an informational letter that the Planning Commission felt was good to include with the building permit to explain the reason for the fee for a hearing. The Board approved the letter and agreed that this should be included with the permit packet.

Sewer Advisory – did not meet yet, but they hope to meet later this month. Both Rutledge and Sherlund stressed that they look at the current rates and rate structure and future increases.

Fire Dept. – Jack Otstot provided his monthly report. (on file in the Clerk’s office)

Recreation Committee – did not meet.

Old Business

Airport Lease

Both parties involved have made other decisions since our last meeting.

Following discussion, Sherlund made the following motion.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion that the Township maintains the Fixed Base Operation (FBO) for the airport and rent out hangar space to current aviation pilots, lease the garage area to Donald Moore, allow Mast's to survey the fuel area and the option to lease that area, and direct Clymer to create leases for all these options with Tom Evashevski.

Rutledge supported. Roll Call: Yes – Clymer, Schuster, Patton, Sherlund, Rutledge.

Motion carried.

Clymer also informed everyone that there will be a General Aviation Flight School Open House at Donald Moore's new building on Friday, June 22, 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

New Business

Port Security Grant for Security Incident Response Vessel – Clymer explained that there is a grant opportunity through Homeland Security for a state of the art rescue/landing craft. This boat will cost between \$500,000.00 and \$600,000.00 with a 25% match. Mark Clymer, Steve Honnila, Jack Otstot, Neal Sage, Sam Barnwell, Mark Merchberger, Dave Murray, and Mike Kasper have been working on funds and a budget for this project. The Township has \$6,000.00 set aside for it and the Community Foundation has \$27,000.00 earmarked already. Clymer noted that we are a deep water port and there is no other boat in the area that could respond to an emergency with a freighter for example. This boat could handle that type of an emergency. This vessel also has a drop-down bow for rescue in areas without a dock.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to authorize the committee to move forward and apply for the grant. Schuster supported. Roll Call: Yes – Clymer, Rutledge, Patton, Sherlund, Schuster. Motion carried.

Personal Residency Exemption Policy – TABLED.

Opposition to HB6049

Clymer reported that the State has been pushing for Townships to eliminate their Assessors and have all that work done at the County level. The Board all agreed that this is not a good idea.

Motion: Patton made the motion that the Board formally states that Clark Township opposes HB6049. Sherlund supported. Roll Call: Yes – Schuster, Rutledge, Clymer, Sherlund, Patton.

Motion carried.

Cormorant Control – TABLED.

Employee Wage Increases

Rutledge presented the increases of \$.65 for the Deputy Clerk, Utility Billing Clerk and Deputy Treasurer. There will be increase of \$.36 for the 4 Union members.

The cleaning position was increased from \$12.00 to \$20.00 per hour. Effective 7-1-2018.

Motion: Patton made the motion to approve the proposed employees wage increases as presented. Effective 7-1-2018. Sherlund supported.

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

Sign Ordinance / Enforcement

John Griffin addressed the Board with frustrations with complying with the Township's sign ordinance. He is requesting some further clarification when dealing with difficult issues such as advertising properties with large frontages, vacant land that does not have an address, private road access like Mission Trail, Associations, L.C. Landing, and cottages for examples.

How can this be enforced?

Patton responded that the Planning Commission is taking a closer look at the sign ordinance.

Discussion followed concerning enforcement issues and responsibilities.

Both Patton and Merchberger expressed frustration at the Planning Commission level when amendments are made to the ordinances to provide more structure but then it falls apart when it comes to actual enforcement.

This subject will be addressed and brought to a future meeting with possible resolutions.

Adjournment: 9:28 AM

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

All Ayes. Motion carried.