

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2019 at 8 AM**

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

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

Others Present: Dennis Wenzel, John Torsky, Paul Hitchens, Greg Wagner, Keith Groty, Lisa Fitzgerald

Public Comments Inquiries: none

Approval of Agenda:

Clymer asked that The Lions Club presentation be added to the agenda under new business. Clymer asked that discussions of a possible grant from Enbridge be added to the agenda under new business.

At this time Paul Hitchens entered the meeting, Clymer allowed him to make his Public Comment Inquires at this time.

*Mr. Hitchens stated that he felt that Sherlund Excavating working at the Industrial Park is a conflict of interest, due to Jason Sherlund being a member of the Board.

*Mr. Hitchens feels that the speed limit on M134 between the Cedarville EZ Mart and 4 Mile Block road should be reduced to 40mph, Clymer said he needs to make a request to MDOT.

*Mr. Hitchens feels that the pipe break on Blindline Road is in connection to Sherlund Excavating installing a driveway and pushing the frost down causing the pipe to burst. Clymer stated that there were pinholes in the piping and that the pipes were corroding from the inside causing the breakage. Said leak has been sealed and the township is working with the DEQ to correct the issue further. Smoke testing will also be done.

*Mr. Hitchens also expressed his feelings over not having his concerns/comments being added to the agenda and the minutes.

Motion: Clymer made the motion to approve the Agenda with additional items of the Lion's Club presentation and the discussion of the Enbridge grant. Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: 04/17/2019, Budget workshops of 04/25/2019, 05/09/2019, Board of Trustees Special Meeting 05/02/2019

General Fund Invoices of \$91,543.85

SNK Construction \$12,964.80

West Shore Fire \$38,594.05

GFL \$35000.00
BS&A \$4,985.00
Sewer Fund Invoices of \$9,182.55
Central Savings Bank (Lagoon loan payment) \$5442.55
Redmond Environmental \$3740.00
Service Contracts: Les Cheneaux Watershed Council, Tall Ship Inland Seas
Special Events: Les Cheneaux Artisan Coop Art and Craft Fair & Music Festival at Hessel marina grounds and gazebo 07/20/2019

Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda less the SNK payment. Sherlund supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to approve the SNK payment. Sherlund Supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Five (5) DEQ items: 5 permits

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Hessel School House

Resolution to support Hessel School House on the National Register of Historic Places
Rutledge said that the final decision is to be made by the end of May. Dennis Wenzel asked about restrictions on the building if it does land on the Register. Rutledge said she would further investigate, but at this point the building has been restored to its original state and no plans to change the property are planned.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to support the resolution to have the Hessel School House placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sherlund Supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer Abstain- Rutledge

Motion carried 3 yes, 1 abstain.

Principal Residence Exemption

Resolution allowing a qualified property owner to file by written request with the July or December Board of Review to claim Principal Residence Exemption

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to accept the Resolution allowing a qualified property owner to file by written request with the July or December Board of Review to claim Principal Residence Exemption, Schuster supported.

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

Skid/box scraper

Purchase a skid/box scraper for recycle site and other areas. Sherlund said funds to pay for this will come from the Recycle and General funds.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to purchase a skid/box scraper from Gaylor-Thompson of Rudyard in the amount of \$1542.00. Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Dock Repair

No information was presented.

This item was tabled.

Storage Shed

Purchase of a storage shed from Taylor Lumber for Hessel Marina. Sherlund stated that this shed would be used to house lawn equipment and that the funds would come from the Hessel Marina budget.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to purchase a storage shed from Taylor Lumber in the amount of \$1200.00 and \$50.00 for delivery. Rutledge supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Commemorative Bench donation

\$1000.00 was raised by the friends and family of Chris Royan and was used to purchase a bench in his honor to be placed at the Cedarville Marina. Rutledge said that she would like to see all further benches of this manner follow suit with what the township currently has in place. Since this bench has already been made and purchased, placement of this bench will need to be figured out. Sherlund will speak with Max Heil on the possibility of placing this bench inside the marina facility as opposed to outside. Clymer suggested a policy for all non-cash donations be put in place.

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to accept the Commemorative bench in honor of Chris Royan. Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Salary Increases

Clerk: Increase current \$27,773.15 to new \$28,606.34 annually

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to approve the salary increase for the Clerk (Susan Rutledge). Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Treasurer: Increase current \$27,773.15 to new \$28,606.34 annually

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to approve the salary increase for the Treasurer (Jason Sherlund). Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Supervisor: Increase current \$27,773.15 to new \$28,606.34 annually

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to approve the salary increase for the Supervisor (Mark Clymer). Rutledge supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Rutledge Abstain- Clymer

Motion carried.

Trustee (Patrick Schuster) Increase current \$2,931.30 to new \$3,019.24 annually

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to approve the salary increase for Trustee, Patrick Schuster. Sherlund supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge Abstain- Schuster

Motion carried.

Trustee (Sarah Patton) Increase current \$2,931.30 to new \$3,019.24 annually

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to approve the salary increase for Trustee, Sarah Patton. Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Lion's Club Presentation

The Lion's Club presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a donation to the Cedarville Harbor Project. The board graciously accepted and thanked the Lion's for their generosity.

Flight School Request & Flight School Operating Agreement

Don Moore, Managing Director of Rebelyon Development Group, LLC, submitted a request to use the Hessel Airport for a flight school. Thomas Palmer would be the initial flight instructor and mechanic and a Cessna 172 (N172TP0) would be the aircraft used for this training. Don Moore says that the flight school would not interfere with civilian airport use.

Clymer would like to speak with the township attorney, Tom Evashevski, to review more closely the Flight School Operating Agreement as there are concerns to how it is written. Schuster would like more definition of "Assignability" and Rutledge is concerned with "Operating Fees"
No action taken. This item was tabled.

2% Funds from Sault Tribe

Rutledge had applied for grant from the Sault Tribe. The Tribe issued \$4,450.90 towards new flooring in the Community Center. The check will be received by the end of May with a photo op with the Tribe. The Board expressed their gratitude toward the Tribe for their support.

Enbridge Grant

\$90,000 is needed to match the funds needed to purchase a new Fire/Rescue boat. Clymer suggested applying for a grant from Enbridge in the amount \$60,000. The community has already raised around \$30,000. Rutledge said that providing the grant doesn't compromise the Board's position on the Line 5 project, she sees no reason not to apply. Clymer said that Jason Dunn and Chase Horsburgh are working on a fundraiser for the boat as well.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve applying for the grant with Enbridge. Rutledge supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$600,408.55

Sewer Fund \$357,180.20

Snow's Heritage Park is being prepared for the season. The Banner Campaign is being well received.

The chips along the walking path will be spread when it dries up more.

The Recycle Center has begun its new hours, new flyers are being made and the staff at the center has received many compliments.

The new mower purchased from Skinner's of Pickford has been delivered.

Supervisor's Report

Two (2) Proposals from Olsen & Olsen Building Contractors, Inc

- 1.) Olsen & Olsen will be providing all exterior sidewalk concrete around the Cedarville Harbor building in exchange for the shoreline concrete work at no additional cost.

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to accept the proposal for the sidewalk concrete in exchange for the shoreline concrete from Olsen & Olsen. Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Clymer, Rutledge No-Sherlund

Motion carried 3 to 1.

The Dunn family has made a donation for a new flagpole at the Cedarville Harbor.

- 2.) Olsen & Olsen will eliminate the installation of the flagpole, for a credit of \$3,660.00 and will remove and dispose of the existing asphalt on the parking lot at the Cedarville Harbor project. If this proposal is accepted, Olsen & Olsen will also deduct \$626.00 to make this a zero dollar change.

Motion: Sherlund made the motion to accept the deduction of \$3,660.00 from Olsen & Olsen for the flagpole and to refuse the asphalt removal in exchange. Schuster supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Rutledge No- Clymer

Motion carried 3 to 1.

*Roger Hauk would like to donate a painting, on a loan basis, of the Islington Hotel for the Cedarville Harbor building. Sherlund questioned what happens if it's damaged, will it be insured, what is its value? Rutledge said that the Board needs to proceed with caution when accepting donated items.

This item was tabled.

*John Hessel agreed to pay \$300 of \$600 needed to repair damaged lights at the airport from winter snow removal.

*The Lindberg family has offered to replace a new sign for the airport. They will be taking care of the posts as well.

Committee/Commissions Reports

Planning Commission: nothing at this time

Sewer Advisory Board: Pinhole/collar repaired on Blindline Road

Fire Department: 3 incidents responded to from April 18, 2019 to May 14, 2019

15 incidents responded to YTD

Remaining Fire gear has been distributed

-Meetings & Activities

*Tour of bulk plant given by Dan Autore

*Discussed tour of Marquette & Chocolay fire stations

Recreation Committee: working on Peek-A-Boo trail design contractor

Ambulance Committee: Mark Merchberger made the recommendation to make Keith

McGowan the new Ambulance Corp Captain effective June 1.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to accept Keith McGowan as the new Ambulance Corp Captain beginning June 1, 2019. Rutledge supported.

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

The board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Merchberger for his many years of service as captain.

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: 10:05 AM

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

Roll Call: Yes- Schuster, Sherlund, Clymer, Rutledge

Motion carried.

