

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 2019 AT 8:00 AM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 8:03 AM

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

Others Present: H. Neil Sage, Joanne Honnila, Kate Lindberg, Karen Cheeseman (Mackinac Straits Health Systems, MSHS), Mike Grisdale (MSHS), Robert Sharon, MD (MSHS), Rob Bloch (Consultant to Township), Perry Kogelschatz, Becky Kogelschatz, Steve Honnila, Mark Merchberger, Mike Miller, Rose Miller, Gary Reid, Erich Doer (St. Ignace News)

Public Comment Inquiries: none

Approval of Agenda:

Clymer made two corrections to the March 20, 2019 minutes: 1) The Michigan Townships Association meeting will be held at Ang-gio's restaurant; the culvert at Viking Boat Harbor is 180 feet long, not 80 feet.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda, Sherlund supported.

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: 3/20/2019, Budget workshops of 03/27/2019, 04/15/2019, Election Committee of 04/10/2019

General Fund Invoices of \$3,388.91

Cedarville Harbor Loan \$1263.83

Dinges Fire Company (firefighting gloves) \$2125.08

Sewer Fund Invoices: None

Special Events: None

Service Contracts: CCSS Recreational Baseball May 1, 2019 to August 1, 2019
Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Craft Show, fireworks display
\$500 donation to the Les Cheneaux Beautification Committee

Patton asked about a \$630 payment to Gary Reid. Clymer said Mr. Reid was paid for his grant writing services.

Motion: Patton made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with General Fund invoices in the amount of \$3,388.91, and Service Contracts as listed. Sherlund supported.

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

Correspondence:

Rutledge spoke briefly on DEQ and summarized letters received from the public and offered to allow comments during the Public Comment portion of this meeting.

- 1) Five (5) DEQ items: two permits; two public notice of applications for permits; one campground license notice
- 2) Letter from Perry Kogelschatz
- 3) Letter from Robert Robley

Old Business:

Green for Life Contract

Sherlund stated that the Green for Life Contract will begin May 1, 2019. GFL is taking over for Smith Sanitation. Glass will now be taken at the recycling center. New hours are 8 AM-3 PM, Monday, Thursday, Friday, Weekend hours are 8 AM -6 PM, Closed Tuesday, Wednesday

New Business:

Mackinac Straits Health Systems

Mike Grisdale, Karen Cheeseman and Robert Sharon, MD each spoke on behalf of Mackinac County Health System. Grisdale focused mainly on the upcoming election May 7, which is for 1.2 mils for 5 years. Cheeseman stated that 20% of their millage support is from Clark Township. She also touched on newer services offered by MSHS, which include, but are not limited to: Retail Pharmacy, open 7 days a week, including holidays; Optometry services; Out Patient surgery expansion; ENT coming in the following months. Sharon touched on looking for real estate within the township for a branch of MSHS to be placed. All 3 persons thanked the Township for the support.

Cemetery Mowing

A bid from Joe Baker was received for April 15, 2019 thru Oct 31, 2019. This bid would cover Edgewood, Italian and Fenlon cemeteries, cost would be \$1750 monthly. Sherlund asked that the time frame be adjusted to May 1, 2019 thru Oct 31, 2019.

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to approve contract to Joe Baker in the amount of \$1750 per month from May 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019. Patton supported.

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

Timeline for actionable items

Sherlund stated that a timeframe needed to be established for the Board Packets to be available. Patton agreed.

Motion: Sherlund made a motion that the Board Packets must be readily available on the Monday prior to the meeting by 12:00 PM. Schuster supported.

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

Emergency Services

A.) Clymer stated that this contract would include \$3500 for facility analysis to the old building and \$1200 for a conceptual site plan. Sage suggested to use a specialty grant writer with the IDI for the equipment. Sherlund is going to look further into the funds available from the Hitchens Foundation to see if any restrictions prevent the Township from using portions of these monies towards this project.

Motion: Patton made the motion to accept the IDI contract for \$3500 for facility analysis \$1200 for the conceptual site plan. Rutledge supported.

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

Motion: Patton made a motion to search for a grant writer, Sherlund supported.

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

B.) Rutledge read the additional wording for Flat Fees for motor vehicle accidents on the Cost Recovery Ordinance. (attached)

Motion: Patton made the motion to accept the additional language concerning the fees to the Cost Recovery Ordinance, Sherlund supported.

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

Steve Honilla thanked the board their support.

Approve Deputy Clerk

Sherlund asked to formerly approve Lisa Fitzgerald as Deputy Clerk.

Motion: Patton made a motion to approve Lisa Fitzgerald as Deputy Clerk, Sherlund supported.

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

Lawnmower purchase

Sherlund stated that the township was now down to one lawnmower. He presented a quote from Skinners of Pickford for a new mower, to be used mainly at the Heritage Park and surrounding corners. Some of the funding for the mower will be coming from the Heritage Budget.

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to approve the purchase of the new mower in the amount of \$5169.00 from Skinner's of Pickford, Sherlund supported.

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

Additional Dock at Hessel Marina

Sherlund spoke about an additional dock at the Hessel Marina. The dock would be 3' by 60' and could hold an additional 3 to 4 boats as courtesy parking. The dock would be \$9560.00 and constructed by Floation Docking Systems. In addition \$750 would be needed for a Joint Permit Application.

Motion: Patton made the motion to purchase the dock from Floation Docking Systems in the amount of \$9560.00 with the added cost of \$750 for the Joint Permit Application. Schuster supported.

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

2018 Tax Reverted Property

The 2018 Tax Reverted Property was discussed. There are 3 properties up for auction. Sherlund stated that he sees no use for these properties by the Township. **No action taken.**

Resolution for DNR Trust Fund Grant

A resolution for the DNR Grant match was reviewed. One acre on the north side of the cemetery on 4 Mile Block would be traded for property in Hessel to be used for additional parking.

Motion: Patton made a motion to approve the resolution for the Grant Match, Rutledge supported.

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

Recommendations from Planning Commission

Mark Merchberger of the Planning Commission presented three recommendations from the Commission for Board Approval.

- A. To allow all supply chain elements for medical marijuana
- B. To opt out of allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within the township
- C. To support existing ordinance language regarding the total square footage allowed on a property for accessory structures and buildings.

He also submitted his resignation letter from the commission due to his personal beliefs on this matter. Sherlund expressed that he would like more public input before moving forward with any ordinances, since the original vote was a 50/50 split. Clymer would also like to have a public meeting. Patton considered the issues facing public safety, referring to previous statements with Ronald Umbarger of the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, she would also like to hear from the public. Clymer suggested that a draft of recreational marijuana ordinances be written by Jim Keightley and Brad Koster of the Planning Commission, so that more information could be available.

In addition to the Planning Commission's recommendations, Rob Bloch, acting as a consultant to the Township, discussed several points on the medical/recreational use of marijuana. He touched on future aspects of allowing/banning its use. He also promotes a public hearing. He stated that once you opt in to the use of recreational marijuana, it is more difficult to opt out, due to lawsuits, vacant properties, etc. He also stated that within 3-4 years many of these businesses for recreational marijuana fail. Patton suggested a town meeting with everyone, giving the opportunity to speak. Merchberger stated that it is easier to opt out because of unfinished State Law. He stated that you can always chose to opt In once the laws are completed, he said that it was difficult to write an ordinance with unfinished laws available. Sherlund suggested at least 2 public hearings should be scheduled. 2 meetings will be planned in June and July, with the public, before July's Board Meeting to gain more public opinion.

The board also touched on wording regarding accessory structure language. Patton said the word "building" is sufficient. Merchberger stated that all buildings are structures, but not all

structures are buildings. Clymer would like to speak with Tom Evashevski for validation before moving forward. **No action was taken on recommendation.**

Onurmark Update

Onurmark Productions, has changed the course of its Odyssey SwimRun, to run through less personal properties and is still working on the planning of this race. They would like to begin registering participants.

Marina Staff

Sherlund proposed adding an additional 3 persons as seasonal employees to staff the Cedarville Harbor. Also, he stated that the returning seasonal employees would be receiving a \$0.36 per hour wage increase. (attached listing) He also mentioned making Max Heil Recreation Director, moving him to a full time position.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve marina staff and wage for 2019. Patton supported.

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

Treasurer's Report

Sherlund said the General Fund balance is \$589,914.65 and the Sewer Fund balance is \$368,110.23

DEQ Grant request is completed for the paving of the recycling center.

Half of the money was received for the new service door at the Community building from Community Action.

Supervisor's Report:

Working on grant for the Peek-a-Boo Trail project, has permission to run the trail through state land

Committee/Commission Reports:

Planning Commission: nothing at this time

Sewer Advisory Board: nothing at this time, Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019

Fire Department: Chet Casper submitted the Fire Department Report; there have been 12 incidents responded to since January 2019. New helmets, gloves and other gear have been received.

Recreation Committee: Peek-A-Boo Trail discussion

Public Comments:

Becky Kogelschatz read a letter concerning public transparency (see attached)

Kate Lindberg read a letter from Julie Smith concerning her dismissal

Perry Kogelschatz expressed concerns about not being informed of business that he feels concerns him, since he has always done his best to help aid the township

Mark Clymer stated he was looking into parking near the Hessel Schoolhouse and has spoke with Dirk Heckman of the Mackinac County Road Commission

Joanne Honnila feels the township needs to take action against tourists using private property freely

Becky Kogelschatz expressed concerns with parking on Lake Street and near the Hessel Schoolhouse, and also her concerns over new docking infringing on their own property.

Fred Bryner spoke about the lack of parking near the new dock site, he opposed to having this new public dock

Gary Reid shared his thoughts about the new dock proposal and cautioned the public on how hard fought the townships efforts to acquire the road ends were and to not disregard those efforts

Joanne Honnila expressed her concern about personal injuries that may happen on private property when tourists freely use personal property

Adjournment: 10:58

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

All ayes. Motion carried.