

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2021 8:00 AM**

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

Roll Call: Present: Clymer, Fitzgerald, Rutledge, Schuster Absent: Patton

Others Present: Tammy Cruikshank, Keith McGowan Jr., Dennis Wenzel, Don Henley, Gary Calven, Illyene Pickles, Deputy Clerk.

Inquire if Public Comments are to Address Agenda Items: Rutledge would like to add Keith McGowan from the Ambulance Corp.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Schuster supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve meeting minutes from July 21,2021, Special Meeting August 2, 2021
- Invoices General: \$225,224.78 and Sewer Fund: \$68,236.07.
- Service Contracts: None
- Special Events: None
- Budget Amendments:

Motion: Schuster made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Fitzgerald supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (3) Three EGLE applications: David Betts, Steve Birkmeier, Donald Moore.

Old Business & Updates

New Business

- Clymer said he would like to recommend mileage reimbursement for Clark Township Code Enforcement Officer Cal Burnside. Clymer said the township could pay Burnside a stipend of \$100 in the summer and \$50 in the winter for mileage.

Motion: Rutledge made the motion to pay Cal Burnside a monthly stipend of \$100 in the summer and \$50 in the winter for mileage. Schuster supported. Roll Call – Yes Rutledge, Clymer, Fitzgerald, Schuster. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2. Tammy Cruikshank presenting on Veteran's Memorial Garden – Cruikshank from the Daughters of the American Revolution, explained her plan for the Veteran's Memorial Garden to the Board. Cruikshank said the location she would like to place the memorial would be on the corner of M-134 and 4-Mile block. Cruikshank's design will be respectful, simple, and low maintenance. Cruikshank said her design includes a salute to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a (21) twenty-one step on each side of the memorial flanked by (2) two Blue Spruce trees. Cruikshank said there will be a solar flagpole so there will be no power needed. Cruikshank said that her family as well as herself will maintain the memorial. Cruikshank said the dedication will be 11-11-21 at 11:00 AM. Cruikshank said she is working on getting a (21) twenty-one-gun salute. Clymer said he unsure of who has the jurisdiction of the property. Clymer suggested that Cruikshank should contact Dirk Heckman of the Road Committee.

Motion: Schuster made the motion to make a resolution endorsing the Veterans Memorial Garden. Fitzgerald supported. Roll Call Yes-Fitzgerald, Clymer, Rutledge, Schuster. Motion carried.

3. Letter of Resignation from Fred Bryner Clark Township's Electrical Inspector; subcontract to Steve Harrison –

Motion: Schuster made the motion to accept the resignation from Fred Bryner. Rutledge supported. Roll Call Yes – Clymer, Schuster, Rutledge, Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

Motion: Fitzgerald made the motion to accept Steve Harrison as the replacement Electrical Inspector. Rutledge supported. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4. Keith McGowan Ambulance Corp.- McGowan handed out a letter to the board from Emergency Vehicles Plus thanking the township for the purchase of the new ambulance. The letter from Scott Schalow, Ambulance Sales Manager, explained there will be a wait of up to (3) three years to purchase any new emergency vehicles. McGowan said Schalow could put Clark Township on a wait list. Fitzgerald asked McGowan when the township might be looking to purchase another ambulance. McGowan said maybe (3) three years to replace Bravo 2. Bravo 2 is a 2011 and has \$65,000 miles. Fitzgerald said we should get on the wait list since the millage passed at the last election. Rutledge agreed.

Motion: Fitzgerald made the motion for Keith McGowan to have Scott Schalow put Clark Township on Emergency Vehicles Plus waitlist for a new ambulance. Rutledge supported. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund: \$462,326.14

Sewer Fund: \$82,633.92

Fitzgerald said she would like to add mileage for the marina employees when they are using their personal vehicles for township duties to the budget next year. Clymer said the township should investigate our insurance policy to see if the employees are covered with their personal vehicles. Fitzgerald asked if the township employees are covered in the policy. Rutledge said yes. Clymer said full time employees are covered on the insurance policy when they use their personal vehicle. Seasonal employees are not covered.

Supervisor's Report

1. Michigan Townships Association Principals of Governance - MTA is asking if the township is interested in making a pledge to accept the Principles of Governance as an official policy of our township board. Clymer asked to table this until he can investigate further and bring it to the next board meeting.
2. Meeting with Don Moore-Moore is declining to sign an agreement releasing parcels 4,5, and 6 at the industrial park. Moore asked for a (2) two-week postponement before the summary filing. Moore is going to have a presentation for the board to consider use of all 5 parcels at the industrial park. Clymer said August 24, 2021, the board will hold a special meeting to decide what action will be taken after the presentation from Moore.
3. Reservation Proclamation request - The Soo Tribe is requesting to take the original 40 acres at the casino site and make it a part of the reservation. Clymer has a call into Bureau of Indian Affairs asking what the difference is between reservation land and land in a trust.
4. FEMA- FEMA wants the township to create an ordinance for their floodplain maps. Clymer said the township is in the 90-day period where we are to take action. Clymer said FEMA has not given us enough information to make a decision. Clymer said there is 180 miles of shoreline that needs to be reviewed.
5. Short Term Rentals – Clymer said the township has been receiving applications for STR's. Dave Murray has answered questions regarding STR's. Clymer said the process is going smoothly.
6. Clymer received a letter from an insurance company for a claim on Hill Island. James Landreville, the Sewer Department Supervisor, remembers the incident. It was a plug in between the pipe and the house and the grinder. The residents called a plumber who snaked the pipe. Clymer is unsure if the township will be liable for this claim. Clymer is unsure the damage and will follow up with the insurance company.
7. John Tucci, Everblue Lakes – Tucci is searching for an additional compressor for the lagoons. Currently there is (1) one compressor aerating (2) lagoons. This is a strain on the compressor.
8. Mackinac Road Commission – MRC issued their annual report. Clymer said anyone wanting to read the report he will have it in his office.
9. The fireboat has been ordered – Stanley Boat Works was able to speed up the process of obtaining the engines for the fireboat. Originally it was projected to be in July for the engines to be available, now it is projected to be February.

Committee/Commission Reports

- Airport Committee- Did not meet.
- Ambulance Corp- Report given.
- Code Enforcement Officer-Report given.
- Fire Dept – Report given.
- Heritage Park- Meeting tonight.
- Hessel Harbor Committee- Did not meet.
- Recreation Committee- Did not meet.
- Planning Commission – Working on the Master Plan.

Road Committee- Did not meet.

Road Ends Committee- Did not meet.

Sewer Advisory Board- Did not meet.

Public Comments:

Dennis Wenzel shared his concerns with the Board regarding the status of the Verizon Tower. Wenzel said Verizon cell coverage is terrible in the area. Clymer said the Board approved a lease for the tower and chose a site. The State came back with the location is not suitable it is too close to the old dump location. Clymer said a second location was selected on State Street by the old state garage, The State came back with there is too many wetlands at that location. A third location was selected, and the Township has not heard back from The State. Clymer said AT&T are looking to put a tower in our area. Clymer said there is no formal application to place a tower yet.

Gary Calven, the owner of the Local Ace Hardware, spoke to the Board regarding his store. Calven said he is 73 years' old and is looking to retire. Calven is concerned if no one takes over the hardware store the community will suffer. Calven said his hardware store is very important to this community and the nearest hardware store is in Pickford located thirteen miles from Cedarville.

Adjournment: 8:54 A.M.

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