

Approved minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – April 13, 2011.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Glen Alderink, John Hollander, Don Nagel, Ralph McMahon, Sally Brooks, Dean Kapenga, John Lindahl, Clay Warner, Rick McKellips, Mark McKellips, Zach McKellips (arrived 8:30 p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present – Tom Giles, Bob Larsen, Bernie McLeod, Chris McKellips, and Cathy Ptak. All members present.

A motion by McLeod, supported by Larsen, that the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 29, 2011 be approved as written. Motion carried.

A motion by McLeod, supported by McKellips that the minutes of the March Board meeting by approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Giles submitted 2 copies of a Township work order for construction or special maintenance on public roads to be signed and dated by the supervisor and clerk and returned to the Board of County Road Commissioners.

The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion by Larsen, supported by Ptak, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. The report is attached and is now part of the official minutes.

Bills were presented. A motion by McLeod, supported by McKellips, that we pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote – all yea's. Motion carried.

Checks 8405 – 8449 Total Disbursements: \$ 28,427.06

Fire Chief, Rick McKellips reported that everything is going good. They have been assisting Lee Township on calls.

Mark McKellips of the Cemetery Board stated everything is good.

Allegan County Commissioner, Dean Kapenga, reported on three points. 1. The Heritage Trail has 120 miles in its system with a historic water way from New Richmond to Saugatuck with markers. They have implemented a sturgeon hatchling capture at the New Richmond Bridge. 2. There have been many budget cuts, property taxes are down and with the large deficit, the 2012 budget year will be tough. 3. The jail has been voted down twice. The current jail is not

safe and is a liability to the county. There are still plans in place for a new jail that will be on a much smaller scale.

Don Nagel of the Ambulance Board reported that he attended a meeting last month and there are no problems and no complaints. Debra Perez is the new secretary/ treasurer.

Glen Alderink of the Fire Board shared communications from Duncan McCall, Fennville Fire Chief. Alderink stated that everything is working out very good. They have made some personnel changes within the department. They are working on bringing down the budget and is hoping to bring in the confirmed budget to the next township meeting. He also stated that moral is up within the Departments.

Bernie McLeod, of the Transfer Station reported that everything is going pretty good. Manlius has no price for the new dumpster. They had 40 yard dumpsters and are now using 30 yard dumpsters. With this change in size using the Chef Container Co. the bins are filling quickly. McLeod is looking into the cost of losing 10 yards.

Sally Brooks, Allegan County Treasurer, reported that she is part of a five member redistricting team. Their goal is to redistrict and compact local units of government to save money and cut costs. The splits must balance. Brooks is looking for a number from this Township Board to bring back to her next meeting. It is the opinion of the Clyde Township Board that 7 commissioner representations would be a suitable number. Supervisor Giles asked individually around the table the Board's opinion. It was unanimously agreed upon the number of 7 commissioners.

John Lindahl and Ralph McMahan of the Hutchins Lake Association reported they have been in existence for 30 years. They monitor samples, depth and clarity of the lake. Hutchins Lake has maintained its quality very well. They added 6 buoys last year in the no wake zone. They would like to replace three buoys; two buoys were very water logged and 1 has been damaged. They are asking the Clyde Township Board to share this cost. Clyde has always helped in the past and is very pleased to split this cost as well. The cost of buoys would be approximately \$109 each plus shipping and handling charges. A motion by Larsen, supported by McKellips to split the cost to replace three buoys at a cost not to exceed \$250. Roll call vote – all yeas. Motion carried.

Supervisor Giles submitted paperwork to sign for dust control. The prices will stay the same at approximately \$11,000/ application. A motion by McLeod, supported by McKellips that we approve three applications of saltwater from Southwest MI Dust Control through Allegan County. Motion carried.

Larsen submitted the end-of-the year Planning Commission report from March 2010 through February 2011.

New Business: Re-approve the PA 116 Applications for Parcels at Scenic View Dairy. These applications were approved at the February Board Meeting before they were approved through Allegan County. A motion by Ptak, supported by McKellips, that we re-approve the PA 116 Applications for Parcels at Scenic View Dairy. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Clay Warner of 2392 53rd Street voiced his complaints and concerns regarding his neighbor who burns trash within 125 feet of his home on the north side. He would like to know what the regulations are concerning burning trash in a residential area. There are no regulations if this burning is done in a regulation legal barrel. Sally Brooks stated that Governor Snyder has a ban of open burning of trash on the table. She will look into this for Mr. Warner.

No further business. A motion by McLeod, supported by Larsen, we adjourn.
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ptak
Clyde Township Clerk