

Approved minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – August 12, 2009.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall on Wednesday, August 12, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Don Nagel, John Hollander, Mark McKellips, and Bob Genetski.

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 July Board meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- A letter addressed to the Clyde Township Board written by Carolyn Churchill was presented. The subject of this letter was with regard to Birdseye's continuous spraying of wastewater and how this should be stopped.
- An invitation was presented to attend the Allegan Conservation District's Annual Meeting & Tour on August 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Allegan Township Hall.
- The DEQ (Dept. of Environmental Quality) sent the Board a copy of a permit # 09-03-0014-P that was issued on July 15, 2009 to Thomas Bass. This permit will allow Mr. Bass to construct a steel seawall lakeward of the existing wooden seawall.
- MI Gas Utilities sent a notice of a public hearing that will take place on Sept. 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters to reconcile its gas cost recovery revenues and expenses for April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. The location will be Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way in Lansing, MI.

The Treasurer's report was read. A motion by Larsen, supported by McLeod, 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 yeas. Motion carried.

Checks 7488 – 7526 Total Disbursements: \$ 33,588.08

State Representative Bob Genetski gave the Board an update from Lansing on Michigan's budget. The state has underestimated its budget and has overspent

the last few years and as of May it is a \$ billion in the hole. He would like to see downsizing the government. With the stimulus money there will be no cuts to K-12 or higher education and no cuts to Medicaid. There have been cuts to state troopers, etc. He also stated that he received many of his Legislative surveys back and noted the top three state-related issues are: Tax burdens on small business, Property tax reform that would not allow taxable value to increase when assessed value drops, and affordable healthcare through the ability of consumers to choose their own benefit plan.

Don Nagel reported that there will be no disaster relief for Allegan County. They tried to bundle the requests with Allegan and Ottawa counties but unfortunately there was not enough public damage to qualify or to generate an appeal.

Mark McKellips of the Cemetery Board asked who would be responsible to repair stone footing that is tipping. Reply is to use the Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund money and to call Joe Dornak to help with this work.

Supervisor Giles received a call regarding the Allegan County Planning Commission. What exactly is the duty of the Allegan County Planning Commission? They can do oversight but not sure what authority they actually have.

Don Nagel of the Ambulance Board reported that all is fine and the gravel roads are looking better.

Fire Board Glen Alderink was not present but is keeping up with budget issues. The Fennville Area Fire Dept. budget is finally complete. The positive point of their issues is that it has united the City, Manlius, and Clyde Boards.

Bernie McLeod of the Transfer Station reported that a ½ full recycle bin was left and this will be picked up at no charge. All else is fine.

Bob Larsen stated that they received the approved number of surveys with signatures and will be able to apply for the Federal Grant money to run a water pipeline to some Clyde Township residents to Fennville.

No further business. A motion by McLeod, supported by Larsen, we adjourn.
Time: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ptak
Clyde Township Clerk