

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – July 13, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall, Wednesday, July 11, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Jackie Ladwein, Don Nagel, Sarah Bushee, Paul Maas, Mark McKellips, and Rick McKellips.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present – Tom Giles, Bob Larsen, Bernard McLeod, Bernard VanKampen, and Chris McKellips. All board members were present.

A motion made by McLeod, supported by VanKampen, that the minutes of the June Board meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received from Allegan County Board of Commissioners 2007 Millage Levy – Set County Millage Rates as follows: County Operating 4.6577; County Road Tax 0.9998; County Senior Millage 0.2399 = Total County Millage 5.8974. Clerk received from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners a copy of Resolution Establishing a Policy on Tax Sharing Agreements. The adopted policy allows the County to capture county property tax revenue from a LDFA or DDA unless a tax sharing agreement has been approved. Prior to approving the agreement the DDA must have an approved outlined plan document, defining economic growth for the district, a specific time period, estimated cost, estimated payback for debt incurred, and revenue sources to fund the project.

The Treasurer's report was read. A motion made by VanKampen, supported by McKellips, 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 made by McLeod, supported by Larsen, that we pay the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote - - all yea's. Motion carried.

Checks 6377 - 6430      Total Disbursements: \$ 63,465.45

Rick McKellips reported for the Clyde Township Fire Department. McKellips shared the department statistics for 1/1/07 – 6/30/07. A total of 36 incidents including: 7 calls within Clyde Township (1 structure fire, 3 downed power lines, 1 PI accident; and 2 miscellaneous fires); 19 assists with other departments (13 Lee Township, 5 Fennville, and 1 Ganges Township); and 10 calls in Valley Township. Average response time for 2007 is 8.97 minutes with the average distance to travel is 5 miles.

Mark McKellips reported for the Pearl Cemetery Board. McKellips reported all is quiet at the cemetery; however, the pump at the cemetery is still not working even after it was stored for the winter. Mark and Rick McKellips will keep working on the pump.

Don Nagel reported for the Fennville Area Ambulance Board. Work on the new roof will start soon. All districts have paid their share of the roof project. AMR Director of Operation stated that a 1 year extension will be granted on the current contract but he would like to settle a three year contract. Nagel stated that AMR has not forgotten the request of the Clyde Township Fire Department for a used ambulance to be used as a rescue vehicle. AMR is waiting for the current hurricane season to end in November before releasing any used units.

Bernie McLeod reported for the Transfer Station. McLeod reported that he had to replace the lawn mower due to stone damage. The new mower cost was approximately \$180.

Bob Larsen reported for the new Black River Watershed Project. Clyde Township is the only municipality in Allegan County to be selected for the project. Ganges and Cheshire Townships also applied. The Partnership Agreement needs to be signed and returned to the Van Buren Conservation District. Larsen shared the General Process and Timeline. July – October 2007 the committee will review the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances and develop a Build out Analysis Report. November 2007 – March 2008, the committee will identify issues in the township and develop and adopt Master Plan language. December 2008 – June 2008, the committee will develop and adopt Zoning Ordinance Language. These will only be recommendations for the township to consider adopting. The next meeting will be August 23 at Columbia Township Hall in Grand Junction.

Jackie Ladwein reported for the Fennville Area Library Board. Ladwein noted the new Librarian is Mary Hill. The Library is using only the interest from an endowment to make changes to the Library. The Library recently purchased new books and shelving. It has been determined a new roof will be necessary in a couple of years. Trees on the side street have been trimmed or removed at a cost of 50% to the Library. The City of Fennville will pay the other 50%. Marlynn Starring has done a great deal of work on the genealogy room at the library. The Library has only been collecting .35 mills of the original .6 mills approved by voters. The Library may have to raise the .35 mills due to State Revenue decreasing.

Tom Giles reported that CSX understands the township opposition to the closing of RR crossing at 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will not pursue the closing.

The Board reviewed the proposed amendment changes to Section 3.11 pertaining to dwelling requirements. A motion made by McLeod, supported by VanKampen, to approve Ordinance 47 – Amend Section 3.11 – Dwelling Requirement as presented. Roll Call Vote - - all yea's. Motion carried. Ordinance 47 is attached and is now part of the official minutes.

Tom Giles presented information on the Fennville Area Fire Department. Clyde Township has been over-billed \$300 from the 2006/2007 fiscal year and will receive a refund from the Fire Board. A bank reconciliation for the past several years found numerous corrections with \$4882.82 being added into the budget. \$3000 of this surplus will be used to pay payroll liabilities not previously added to the budget. Fire Board Clerk's wages will be raised from \$2100 to \$2400 per year. The firefighters will now be paid quarterly. Glen Alderink will now be the chairperson.

Clyde Township annual audit was conducted June 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark Campbell of Campbell & Kuester stated all records were in good order. A copy of the final audit was given to each Board member for review.

No further business. A motion made by McLeod, supported by VanKampen, we adjourn.  
Time: 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McKellips,  
Clyde Township Clerk