

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – July 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall, Wednesday, July 9, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Don Nagel, Kelly Fleming, John Hollander, Sarah Bushee, Troy Day, Larry Gregersen, Andy Cook, Ralph McMahan, Harold & Deana Hicks, Wen Reyes, Rick McKellips, Mark McKellips, Carolyn Churchill, Kari & Ron Craton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Correspondence: Received from the Allegan County Road Commission bid on gravel.

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 6867 - 6921

Total Disbursements: \$71,836.06

Rick McKellips reported for the Clyde Township Fire Department. McKellips reported on the number of incidents for the first six months of 2008. There was a total of 27 incidents. Breakdown was as follows: 13 Assists with other departments; 8 calls in Clyde Township; and 6 calls in Valley Township. Response time went from 7.49 minutes to 4.81 minutes for 2008. Average distance traveled went from 5 miles to 3.5 miles. ISO Water testing will be held on July 20th with Fennville, Ganges, and Lee Township departments participating. McKellips also reported the firemen had tried 4 different sets of jaws. New sets run around \$20,000 and used sets around \$7,500. The firemen chose a used set for \$7,500. A motion made by VanKampen, supported by McLeod, to allow the fire department to use their budget to purchase a used set of jaws at a cost of \$7,500. Motion carried.

Mark McKellips reported for the Pearl Cemetery Board. McKellips reported the piece of cement put down by resident for a headstone has been removed and Joe Dornak has been contacted to pour a new foundation to the correct size. Primer has been purchased for the building.

Don Nagel reported for the Fennville Area Ambulance Board. Nagel reported AMR is trying to keep cost down. Unit is not staying in Fennville as much. LIFE Ambulance Service is going into Allegan. Nagel stated AMR & LIFE would work together on major disasters.

Bernie McLeod reported for the Transfer Station. McLeod stated concerns about the current provider, Allied Waste, regarding the recycle dumpster not being completely emptied each time. Since we are billed by the ton, he is concerned we may be doubled

billed. The contract is currently with Manlius Township and Manlius then bills the other two municipalities. Chef Disposal currently charges \$150 per dumpster with no weight limit.

A motion made by Larsen, supported by McKellips, to accept the gravel bid from R. Smith & Sons for a total of \$188,166.50 as presented by the county. Price was \$6.83 per cubic yard as compared to the Aggregate & Developing bid ranging from \$7.85 to \$10.10 per cubic yard. Clyde Township received the best pricing in Allegan County.

Kari & Ron Craton, and Harold & Deana Hicks addressed the Board regarding water contamination near the Birds Eye Sprinkling fields. Craton's purchased their home on 55th Street in Clyde Township in August 2006. Starting in October 2006 the water quality started testing poorly. The Cratons have been working with Birds Eye Foods to resolve some of the water issues including a new well that put down in June 2008. The water quality of the new well was worse. 40+ homes are now having water problems with some residents receiving bottled water from Birds Eye Foods and other residents not being offered the bottled water. There was a Chevron dumping site clean up in the area during the 1980's. The Allegan County Health Department does not want to deal with the issue according to the residents. The DEQ has mandated Birds Eye Foods to stop sprinkling on the fields. However, the residents stated that sprinkling was happening tonight. Mrs. Craton asked if there was anything the township could do to help with the situation. Supervisor Giles requested Mrs. Craton make copies of all the paperwork she has collected and Giles will forward it on to the Township Attorney for advice.

No further business. A motion made by McLeod, supported by VanKampen, we adjourn.
Time: 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McKellips,
Clyde Township Clerk