

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – June 8, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall, Wednesday, June 8, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Audience: Glen Alderink, John Hollander, Judge Baillargeon, Wen Reyes, Andres Herrera Jr. with community members.

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

A motion made by McLeod, supported by Larsen, to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: DEQ issued permits to Birdseye Foods for the construction of aeration lagoons and storage lagoons, and to place 3107 cubic yards of material in excavated areas of wetland. DEQ also issued a permit to the DNR Allegan State Game Area to conduct activities for the enhancement of wildlife habitat, dam inspection, and maintenance the pools at the Farm Refuge, Bravo Refuge, and Upper and Lower Highbanks/Swan Creek Refuge.

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

Checks: 8492 - 8526 Total Disbursements: \$25,447.12

Judge Baillargeon introduced the new Allegan County Drug Treatment Court. This is a five phase program with a minimum of 18 months. Studies have shown that treatment in any rehabilitation program of less than 90 days is like no treatment at all. Relapse in this program are dealt with immediately. Prescription drugs are the most abused subsistence. The projected cost of the program is \$65,000 and the county is trying to get grant money to cover the cost. There are about 2500 drug courts around the US. The cost of one prisoner is estimated to be \$35,000. This program is anticipating about twenty participants which would save the county thousands of dollars in jail cost.

Glen Alderink reported on the 2011/2012 budget for the Fennville Area Fire Department. The total amount of the budget is \$141,248, resulting in each municipality share of \$47,082.67. The grant match is also requested to be put in the budget for \$5,000. A motion made by McKellips, supported by Larsen, Clyde Township to accept the 2011/2012 Fennville Area Fire Department budget of \$141,248 as presented with the

township share of \$47,087.67 and a \$5,000 grant match. Roll Call Vote – all yeas.
Motion carried.

In other FAFD business, the mutual aid agreement has been re-written to have Clyde Township Fire Department listed first for all calls south of 60th Street and Saugatuck Township Fire Department for all calls north of 60th Street. Two positions in the department have been eliminated, one captain and one training officer, leaving four officers on the department. The FAFD is looking into a program which will provide a free jet ski to help with calls on Hutchins Lake. The department is also switching from Macatawa Bank to Chemical Bank.

Mr. Herrera and fellow audience members asked if there was any progress or changes in the zoning regarding the number of horses property owners are allowed to have according to the number of acres of property ownership. Tom stated nothing had been discussed yet and it would be taken up with the Planning Commission in June or July.

McLeod moved to adjourn. Larsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 8:09 p.m.

Signed:
Chris McKellips, Treasurer

Acting Secretary for Cathy Ptak