

Approved minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – May 11, 2011.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Barbara Reed, Sue Dollaske, Joyce Watts, Glen Alderink, Wen Reyes, Karen Kalichman, Andres Herrera Jr., Carlos Gonzales with community members, and Judge Skocelas.

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 April Board meeting be approved as written. Motion carried. A motion by McKellips, supported by Ptak, that the minutes of the April Election Commission meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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 yea's. Motion carried.

Checks 8450 – 8491 Total Disbursements: \$ 20,686.52

Glen Alderink of the Fire Board reported they are still working on the Fennville Area Fire Dept. budget. Fire Chief Duncan would like to make some personnel changes and is currently working on staffing of the Fire Dept.

Joyce Watts, Allegan County Clerk stated that the county has pre-clarence and is in good standing to request a bailout of being subject to the Federal Voting Rights Act's requirements concerning the conduct of elections in languages other than English. Everything has been addressed within the County and State levels. Clyde and Buena Vista are the only 2 counties subject to the Act. Watts also stated that there are changes in Planning and Zoning happening.

McLeod of the Transfer Station reported that Ganges' new representative is Barry Gooding. He is also still working on prices of 30 yard containers.

Larsen reported that there is a Planning Commission meeting next Tuesday, May 17, 2011. There will be discussion regarding Birds Eye Foods expansions. Birds Eye has purchased vacant acreage on M-89. They are requesting a new spray field, two treatment and two holding lagoons. They would like to create a borrow pit and increase the size of building. They must meet MDEQ Requirements within permit regulations and meet all criteria. Larsen stated that another special meeting will take place on May 31, 2011 to discuss the requirements for building on Wet Lands.

Carlos Gonzalez introduced himself as a retired resident of Pearl. He received a letter which states that he must get rid of his horse because he only owns 2 acres of land. Supervisor Giles stated there is a rule as of 1958 that states you must have 5 acres per horse. Giles will call a Moratorium on this issue because Gonzalez is worried about enforcement at this time and would like to keep his horse. The Planning Commission will look into this issue. Andres Herrera Jr. addressed the Board on the behalf of his father. Herrera states that his father also received a letter. There was more discussion with regard to property, horses, current licenses and insurance on vehicles.

There is much community concern regarding trash being dumped on private property. There was a suggestion for the community to get together to clean-up their area but not sure what to do with the collection of junk. They would like to suggest a free day of dumping garbage. McLeod of the Transfer Station stated that recyclables are free, tires are \$6.00 per tire (but Fennville Tire will take tires for \$2.00).

Honorable Joseph Skocelas, Chief Justice of 57th District Court, presented the Annual 2010 report. Fines and costs are up. They are decreasing personnel. All programs and community service programs are still in place and they are implementing a weekend punishment program. With this program violators are able to keep employment during the week. They also have a community service program in place where violators can earn \$10/hr. of credit to pay off debt. Judge Skocelas welcomes any suggestions or comments through e-mail at jskocelas@allegancounty.org.

Public Comments: More community discussion about garbage dumping and responsible land owners cleaning up their property and would like to see more people turned in for littering.

No further business. A motion by Larsen, supported by McLeod, we adjourn.
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ptak
Clyde Township Clerk

