

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – May 12, 2010.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Dean Kapenga, John Hollander, and Larry Melbourn.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Correspondence: Chris McKellips, Treasurer stated there is 1 parcel being foreclosed on due to taxes in Clyde Township. She stated that the 1st Tuesday in July is the deadline. Tom Giles, Supervisor stated that there was a Drain Commission Meeting on April 28th. Cathy Ptak, Clerk submitted a Plumbing inspection notice for Rick McKellips.

Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commissioner stated there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 21, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Equestrian Camp Ground and Trails. There will also be a grand opening at the New Richmond Bridge on Sat. June 5, 2010. The dock system is beautiful and fishing is available. Kapenga gave a short report on the corn grower status. There are approximately 2,000 plus products that are made up of corn products such as; plastics, cups, paper, clothing, etc. Kapenga believes ethanol will expand if Government allows it. The old jail is currently in an 8 year process of repairs, it seems that nobody wants it or is willing to pay for it. The new jail is a much larger square footage and will be capable of holding over 500 more inmates than the old jail. Kapenga believes the new facility will make money and is hoping that 90-95% of the drawings will be complete to present with the August Millage. Most of the funds will come from property taxes. There will be some new hiring of personnel.

Bob Larsen reported that he made a visit to the cemetery and found that the mower has left tracks in the ground and a grave marker was hit. This is probably due to the very wet ground. Larsen stated the Fennville Fire Dept. has used 72.3% of its budget. Payroll is high and they have applied for a grant for new radios for the station, trucks, and hand held. Not pagers. Clyde's portion of this Grant Match would be approximately \$803.00. The Health Dept. made a visit to the Fennville Fire Dept. and cited them for worker with beard and no hair net. Certified food servers are required for all food events. Clyde Township has Adam Sabala who is a certified food server.

Public Comments: Larry Melbourn, a member of the community reported on his dilemma with regard to purchasing property in Clyde Township. He believed that 5 acres of property came up for repossession due to back taxes. There was confusion with the property that was divided improperly. A title search will set this issue on the correct path. There was also some discussion that there is a house on one of the parcels of property that is abandoned and unsafe. The Township does have a dangerous building ordinance that may be enforced should this property be purchased. The Township will wait until after July or August when the tax bills are due. Melbourn at this time is going to wait and see what happens.

No further business. A motion by Larsen, supported by McLeod, we adjourn.
Time 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ptak
Clyde Township Clerk