

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – November 14, 2007.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall, Wednesday, November 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Audience: Don Nagel, John Hollander, Jackie Ladwein, 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 October Board meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk received letter from Michigan Township Association regarding HB 4780 – Shifting Township Responsibilities to County. MTA did not declare the HB dead but does not envision the Legislature adopting the bill into law.

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 6530 - 6565 Total Disbursements: \$ 43,263.46

Rick McKellips reported for the Clyde Township Fire Department. McKellips stated the department responded to a minor PI accident.

Don Nagel reported for the Fennville Area Ambulance. Nagel stated he has a meeting in December and will bring back the AMR 3 year contract.

Nagel reported on the Sandra Kay Estates. Road is now complete and meets and/or exceeds county road specs.

Jackie Ladwein reported for the Fennville Area Library. Ladwein stated the library increased the millage rate to 4.9 mills due to a 50% reduction in state aid and increased billings from the Lakeshore Library Co-op.

Subdivision/Site Condominium Ordinance discussion tabled until January meeting.

Clyde Township Meeting Costs were discussed following a cost breakdown presented by Treasurer Robert Larsen. After discussion on each meeting type, a motion made Larsen, supported by McLeod, to set the following fees: Motion carried.

Typical ZBA Meeting - \$1000;

Public Hearing by Planning Commission - \$800

Planning Commission Special Meeting / No Advertisement - \$800.

Larsen also presented a copy of the Clyde Township Newsletter that will be inserted with the winter tax bills. It was noted that Larsen will change his hours for tax collection to just four days of office hours as required by state law.

Supervisor Giles shared with the Board correspondence he received from Kenneth Sparks, Township Attorney, regarding a member of the Manlius Township Board also serving as the Chief for the Fennville Area Fire Department. According to Sparks, the two positions are incompatible and may not be lawfully occupied by the same person. This is a Manlius Township Board issue but Clyde Township requested information due to the joint participation in the Fennville Area Fire Department.

Supervisor Giles shared a second correspondence with Attorney Sparks pertaining to possible termination of Clyde Township with the Fennville Area Fire Department. Attorney Sparks reviewed the Interlocal Fire Department Agreement dated July 18, 1988, between City of Fennville, Clyde Township, and Manlius Township. Section 17 of the agreement states a Member Unit must give written notice of at least 6 months prior to the end of any fiscal year – July 1st. Notice therefore would have to be given by December 31st. If the Fire Department continues after one member unit withdraws, the withdrawing member unit is entitled to be paid over 20 years its share of the fair market value of capital assets and share of sinking fund account. Due to the rapidly approaching deadline for withdrawal, the township will look into other options and possible withdrawal in the following fiscal year.

Fennville Recyclers request has now moved to the Planning Commission.

No further business. A motion made by McLeod supported by VanKampen, we adjourn.
Time: 8:26. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McKellips,
Clyde Township Clerk