

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – September 12, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall, Wednesday, September 12, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m.

Audience: Don Nagel, Rick McKellips, Mark McKellips, Paul Maas, John Hollander, Randy and Deb Simmons.

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 Larsen, that the minutes of the August Board meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner notices for maintenance on #602 Wright Drain located in Clyde and Lee Townships and the #398 North State Road & Spaulding Drain located in Clyde and Ganges Townships. Received from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners a Resolution of Opposition to House Bill 4780-4788 – Transferring tax collection, election, and assessing functions from township to counties.

Clerk received a Three Year Audit Engagement Letter from Campbell, Kusterer & Co., PC for fiscal years ending March 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010 with a fee of \$3000 for each fiscal year. A motion made by McKellips, supported by VanKampen, to accept the Audit Letter as presented. Motion carried.

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 6464 - 6496 Total Disbursements: \$ 27,193.13

Rick McKellips reported for the Clyde Township Fire Department. McKellips reported on a structure fire on September 3rd in Bravo. Home was a total loss. Fire Dept responded to a fire call September 4th for downed power lines from a storm days earlier. The fireman found two dogs that had been electrocuted and notified the owners. McKellips reported the department had responded to 60 calls for the year. This is the highest number of annual calls since McKellips became chief.

Mark McKellips reported for the Pearl Cemetery. There are complaints regarding lawn maintenance – branches, sticks, and weeds not being removed. McKellips had a burial Sunday and found the head stone for the spouse was put at the feet instead of the head. Plot was 6 spots off in Cemetery from map. McKellips will call a cemetery board meeting to discuss issues at the cemetery.

Bernie McLeod reported for the Transfer Station. McLeod found trash left outside the gate of the transfer station. He found the name on some papers and called the sheriff's department with the information. McLeod is looking into putting up a metal pole with a fake camera and sign after an incident with an irate customer.

Chip and seal should be done the first part of September. Sandra Kay Estates progress has been quiet. State Garage will have to be notified of curbing and gutter permit when issued.

Bob Larsen reported for the Planning Commission. Larsen handed out a copy of proposed Clyde Township Subdivision/Site Condominium Ordinance. This is a proposed stand alone ordinance and will be under Township Board supervision instead of the Planning Commission. Adoption of Ordinance does not require a public hearing and will become effective 30 days after publication. A motion for adoption will be discussed at the October board meeting.

Randy and Deb Simmons of Fenville Recyclers, Inc. approached the board seeking zoning approval of a Municipality Approval for a Class R – Automotive Recycler license as required by the State of Michigan. This is the first time Fenville Recyclers had approached any boards in Clyde Township with their business plan. Simmons currently operates South Haven Recycling. Simmons purchased Ye Olde Cider Mill at 2315 53rd Street in Clyde Township. The property was classified as a Class B – Used Vehicle Dealer and Class C- Used Vehicle Parts Dealer. Simmons is seeking a Class R – Automotive Recycler License. Fenville Recyclers could operate on the current Class B and Class C licenses but would prefer to operate under the Class R license that would allow purchase of totaled vehicles at auction. Simmons has talked to neighbors and said there are no water problems and the operation will be environmentally safe. Simmons explained he has cleaned up the existing junkyard, does not want to expand the operation but enhance by putting in a 70' foot scale and a shredder in a 40' x 100' building. A crusher would come in once a year. Simmons stressed Fenville Recyclers would buy and sell all types of metal including aluminum, copper, and brass. Simmons would also take in old appliances for metal. Larsen questioned the appliance aspect of the business since it would be classified only for automotive. Simmons would like to start operations the first of the year. Giles stated since this was the first presentation the township had received regarding the business operation, the Board would need a month to look over all the paperwork and consult with legal counsel. Giles also requested more information regarding non-vehicle recycling.

No further business. A motion made by VanKampen, supported by McLeod, we adjourn. Time: 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McKellips,
Clyde Township Clerk