

Approved Minutes of the Clyde Township Board Meeting – September 10, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde Township Board was held at the Township Hall, Wednesday, September 10, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Sarah Bushee, Don Nagel, John Hollander, Carol Churchill, William Baillargeon, Max Garza, and Kari & Ron Craton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Judge William Baillargeon introduced himself to the Board and audience. He is seeking election in November for 48th Circuit Court Judge. Baillargeon currently holds the position replacing retired Judge Beach. He has been an attorney for small businesses for the last 22 years.

A motion made by McLeod, supported by VanKampen, the minutes of the September Board meeting is approved as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received from the Allegan County Road Commission a breakdown for Clyde Township Road Maintenance Projects for 2007. Total for the year was \$422,602 with \$276,318 paid for by the township. Received from Septic Tank Systems a new grave opening fee schedule. Board members received copies of FAFD meeting minutes for July and August along with budget and bill paid reports.

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 aye's. Motion carried.

Checks 6971 - 7007 Total Disbursements: \$51,512.71

No reports were given by the Clyde Township Fire Department, Pearl Cemetery, or Ambulance Board.

Don Nagel reported on the road projects. The gravel project has started but is proceeding slowly. It may take a month to finish all of the gravel roads in the township.

Bernie McLeod reported for the Transfer Station. McLeod reported there was another break-in at the transfer station. With prior Board approval, McLeod recently purchased a digital camera that will be installed soon.

Due to a recent Clyde Township Board decision denying matching funds for a grant the FAFD received from the Allegan County Foundation, clarification is being requested by Manlius and the City of Fennville. Manlius and the City of Fennville also rejected their portion of the grant match until more answers are received from the FAFD on what exactly will be purchased with the money.

After much discussion, the Board clarified its intention for a budget line item that was added in the 2006/2007 Budget under the Fire Department Cost Center - 101-336-802 Grant Match. A motion made by McKellips, supported by McLeod, the Grant Match budget item under the Fire Department Cost Center is contingent on specific language in a grant application/approval paperwork which requires a set percentage or dollar amount be paid before the grant is issued. Motion carried.

The recently enacted Michigan Planning Enabling Act, made it necessary for the township to adopt the following ordinance as presented by the township attorneys.

A motion made by Larsen, supported by VanKampen, to adopt the Clyde Township Planning Commission Ordinance of 2008 – Ordinance Number 50 as presented. Motion carried. The ordinance is attached and is now part of the official minutes.

Supervisor Giles made a recommendation to appoint Gary Shosten to the Planning Commission for a three year term. A motion made by VanKampen, supported by Larsen, to appoint Gary Shosten to the Clyde Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion made by McLeod, supported by Larsen, to adopt the final draft copy of the Subdivision/Site Condominium Ordinance – Ordinance Number 51 as presented. Motion carried. The ordinance is attached and is now part of the official minutes.

A motion made by VanKampen, supported by McLeod, to approve Resolution No. 2008-01 Resolution to Approve Financing of Fire Truck as read. This resolution will refinance the fire truck purchased by the FAFD in 2003 with Chemical Bank. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion Carried. The resolution is attached and is now part of the official minutes.

Septic Tank Systems notified the township of an increase in grave opening fees effective October 1, 2008. Therefore the township must also increase fees to cover the cost. A motion made by McKellips, supported by Larsen, to increase grave opening/closing fees as follows: Weekdays \$375; Saturdays \$550; and Sunday/Holidays \$725. Motion carried.

Kari & Ron Craton presented the Board all of the information they have regarding the water contamination issue in the township. Craton included a list of contacts and noted that Senator Patty Birkholtz was included on the list and is very concerned about this issue. Nearly 40 residents are affected with additional testing being conducted. Maps of the plume were compared.

Max Garza on 57th Street complained to the Board about his neighbor' dog kennel. Garza has called the Allegan County Sheriff's Department and is currently working with Sergeant Mike Larsen on the issue. Garza's attorney advised him to approach the Board with his concerns. Giles suggested Garza continue working with the Sheriff's Department for a solution.

No further business. A motion made by McLeod, supported by VanKampen, we adjourn.
Time: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McKellips,
Clyde Township Clerk