

CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2023
1:00 P.M. AT CLARK TOWNSHIP OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 1:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Schuster Here, Kozma Here, Fitzgerald Here, Clymer Here, and Rutledge Here.

Other Present: Linda Sherlund (Deputy Clerk)

Inquire if Public Comment are to Address Agenda Items:

Approval of Agenda: Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda, Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business & Updates:

Sewer Grinders- Resolution to purchase, acquire and construct capital improvements and to publish notice of intent to issue municipal securities.

Fitzgerald asked if the loan could be paid off early? Clymer said yes, but the State Revolving Fund would have to okay that Clark Township is paying off the loan early.

3.6 million dollars loan, 100% is loan with 50% forgiveness, Clark Township will be paying back 1.8 million with 1.88% interest. If 1/2 mill fails sewer rates will need to go up about \$6.00 a month.

Rutledge asked how much of the work can be done by Clark Township Sewer Department.

Clymer stated that the Township sewer Department can do up to \$50,000 of work.

Fitzgerald made the motion to approve Resolution #462023 to purchase, acquire and construct capital improvements and to publish notice of intent to issue municipal securities. Schuster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Kozma Yes, Rutledge Yes, Schuster Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

¼ page ad will be in the paper next week so the public is aware of intent to issue municipal securities. The community people have 45 days for a formal complaint.

New Business:

Approved at Reg. Bd. Mtg. 4-19-23
Susan J. Rutledge
Mark Clymer

Renew/Appoint the following:

Schuster commented that when appointing new committee members that the Board of Trustees needs to be aware that one member needs to be a board member and one needs to be a liaison from Planning Commission or Zoning Board or vice visa. The rest need to be from the community. Kozma commented that the Planning Commission does not take cases that are zoning related, so there should not be a conflict of interest.

Both John Shoberg and James Keighley have been sworn in but need to be appointed by the board.

John Shoberg – Sewer Advisory Board

Schuster made the motion to appoint John Shoberg to the Sewer Advisory Board. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motioned carried.

James Keighley – Sewer Advisory Board

Fitzgerald made a motion to appoint James Keighley to the Sewer Advisory Board. Schuster seconded the motion. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Leroy Pieri - Planning Commission

Kozma made a motion to appoint Leroy Pieri to the Planning Commission. Rutledge seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

James Keighley – Planning Commission

Kozma made a motion to appoint James Keighley to the Planning Commission. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

David Buckalew - Planning Commission

Kozma made the motion to appoint David Buckalew to the Planning Commission. Rutledge seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christopher Pearson – Zoning Board of Appeals

Fitzgerald made a motion to appoint Christopher Pearson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Schuster seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

James Eberts – Zoning Board of Appeals

Schuster made a motion to appoint James Eberts to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Kozma seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leroy Pieri – Zoning Board of Appeals

Schuster made a motion to appoint Leroy Pieri to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. motion carried.

Nathan Harrison - Zoning Board of Appeals

Schuster made the motion to appoint Nathan Harrison to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Michael Tassier - Zoning Board of Appeals

Schuster made a motion to appoint Michael Tassier to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Steve Kozma- Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate

Schuster made a motion to appoint Steve Kozma to be the Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

James Keighley – Zoning Board of Appeals- Alternate

Schuster made a motion to appoint James Keighley to be the Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor.

Albert J Lindberg Airport – Budget Amendment

Fitzgerald states that the State of Michigan is requiring Clark Township to have these accounts at a zero balance.

Schuster made a motion to approve the transfer of funds to the airport for \$9702.00 from the general fund, bringing the airport fund to zero. Kozma seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Kozma Yes, Schuster Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hessel Beach – Budget Amendment

Schuster made the motion to approve the fund transfer for the Hessel Beach in the amount of \$474.00 from the general fund, bringing the Hessel Beach fund to zero. Kozma seconded the

motion. Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Kozma Yes, Schuster Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fitzgerald will need to have a copy of draft minutes as soon as possible so she can send them with the paperwork.

Cost of Closing – John Hessel Property

The Clark Township Board of Trustees discusses the closing of the John Hessel Property.

The Board of Trustees discuss the location of the property, easement, amount paid, amount of grant and what property was part of the exchange. The asking price for the John Hessel property was \$50,000.00, \$41,900.00 was from a DNR Grant, amount due at closing is \$13,115.00. Clark Township should be receiving a check back for approximately \$4190.00 after closing from Whiteside Abstract. Plus, title insurance reimbursement of \$540.00.

One acre swap for this property was for property at the cemetery that was not useable for the Township.

Clymer stated that the Clark Township cost for additional piece was \$8385.00, this cost was not anticipated. Fitzgerald stated that minutes from 2018 did not reflect any additional cost for this property and the Board of Trustees were not aware. The Board of Trustees agreed that they need to make better motions and need to make sure that the minutes are correct.

Kozma asked for a copy of the survey, Clymer handed out a survey and explained it. John Hessel owns the property behind the property that the Township would like to purchase. There is an easement through the middle so John Hessel can use that property. The Township should not block this easement. Kozma stated that the easement is 1/3 of the property.

Schuster made a motion to approve the check for \$13115.00 to Whiteside Abstract to close on the John Hessel property on M134. Rutledge seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Schuster Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Clymer Yes, Kozma No, Rutledge Yes. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Kozma stated that the price was hyper inflated, felt that Clark Township paid too much for the property and he felt the easement should have been removed from the property. He stated that the Board of Trustees should have negotiated a better price.

Adjournment: Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn special board meeting at 2:40 p.m. Schuster seconded. All in favor. Motioned carried.