

**CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M.**

**CLARK TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 9:04 A.M.**

**Roll Call: Kozma, Fitzgerald, Clymer, and Rutledge  
Schuster Absent**

**Other Present: Robert Smith and Linda Sherlund (Deputy Clerk)**

**Inquire if Public Comment are to Address Agenda Items: None**

**New Business:**

**Sanitary Sewer Millage Proposal:** Shall the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Clark Township be increased and new additional millage be levied in the amount of up to 0.25 mills (0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 20 years, from 2023 through 2042, inclusive, for general operating and capital expenses of providing sanitary sewer service, including but not limited to the costs of acquiring, constructing, and financing new sanitary sewer system improvements and payment of debt service on obligations issued therefor, and shall the township levy such millage for such purpose, raising an estimated \$54,00 in the first year of the levy?

**Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the Sanitary Sewer Millage proposal as written, Kozma seconded the motion.**

Kozma asked for clarification of the written proposal. Kozma would like the township to have clearer information available to the public. An article will go into the newspaper explaining the proposal and usage of the millage prior to the election.

**Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Kozma Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.**

**Ambulance EMS Proposal:** Shall Clark Township impose an increase of 1.0 (\$1.0 per \$1000 of taxable value) of the Tax Limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5 years, from 2024 through 2028, to provide funds for Emergency Medical Services Personnel Coverage in Clark Township? (The revenue being generated by this tax is estimated to be \$218,000 for the first year.)

*approved at Regular Meeting 6/21/23  
Susan J. Rutledge  
Mark*

**Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the Ambulance EMS Proposal as written, Kozma seconded the motion.**

The Board of Trustees had a discussion on the proposal verbiage. The .6 mills will expire, .4 mill is an increase, this total millage is 1.0 mills to cover the increase in wages for the ambulance crew daytime shift.

Kozma would like the township to have clearer information available to the public. An article will go into the newspaper explaining the proposal and usage of the millage.

**Roll Call Vote: Fitzgerald Yes, Kozma Yes, Clymer Yes, and Rutledge Yes. All in favor. Motioned Carried.**

**Transient Boats, Day Use, & Seasonal Boats Slips Cedarville Harbor:**

The Board of Trustees started the Waterways Grant process in 2016. Clymer stated that the original grant was a 50/50 transient and day use dockage slips with no seasonal slips. In 2018, the Cedarville Harbor project started. At the November 17, 2021, meeting there were minutes that stated that the board approved that slips 1-5 will be available exclusively for day use, with a 3-hour maximum time limit, slips 6-13 will be placed in the State Reservation System for transient boaters and slip 14 will be available for day use or transient boaters, at the discretion of the Harbor Master. The marina staff can rent out slip fourteen; this slip is at the end of the pier does not have power. A special price of \$50.00 to members of the Les Cheneaux Islands Association for the annual passes that include both launching and day use as is available, first come, first served basis. This information was in the minutes and an article was in The St Ignace News in November 2021.

The Board of Trustees discuss creating a new docking slip policy.

Robert Smith spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding slips for the LC Islands Association. Fitzgerald stated the on the behalf of the township, she offered them a special price of \$50.00 for an annual pass that includes both launching and day use. No members purchased the pass. All docking must be available to the public for rent. Fitzgerald stated that there may have been promises and expectations that the Harbor Committee had talked about with the Les Cheneaux Islands Association members, but the committee never put them in writing.

Clymer stated that he would like the minutes from the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting amended due to a clerical error. Kozma was not on The Board of Trustees at this time and stated he cannot amend these meeting minutes. Fitzgerald stated that she does not have the specific facts, the recording, or records to verify these minutes and is not willing to amend the November 2021 meeting. A major vote could not be obtained, the Board of Trustees agreed to move forward.

The Board of Trustees discussed transient use vs day use. There are eight power pedestals and six non-power slips. The Board of Trustees discussed lifetime launch passes and seasonal docking. Per the grant, the DNR boat has a lifetime slip. Clymer spoke about leaving a spot for the new firemen's boat but there has not been a formal approval from the Board of Trustees. Fitzgerald stated that in the grant it states that all boat slips are transient slips. She said the definition of a transient is a non-resident or non-property owner.

**Robert Smith commented that the boaters either need 30 or 50 amp so they can run generators or other electrical equipment. Possibly doubling up on outlets or running extension cords use may help with dock usage.**

**Fitzgerald made a motion to table this agenda item to the 5/17/2023 meeting. Kozma seconded the motion. All in favor. Motioned carried.**

Fitzgerald stated that she would like to have Max Heil attend the meeting to answer questions that the Board of Trustees have on the use of the docks. Clymer would like Max Heil to help create a policy for Cedarville Harbor/Marina. The grant guidelines require Clark Township to have usage policy in place and send any slip usage changes other than transient use to the DNR for approval. A township employee will post policy signage at the docks.

Fitzgerald will speak with Max Heil regarding marina staffing hours, which need to include evening hours. Fitzgerald states that Max Heil is having trouble finding Marina help due to the starting wage of \$13.00. The Board of Trustees may need to increase wages to \$15.00 per hour, which the DNR offers.

Robert Smith suggested that a marina dock worker's need to rake weeds at both the courtesy dock, ramp and docking area in Cedarville.

**Rycom Snap Track Camera Part -DPW:** The Sewer Department needs an additional part for the camera to look inside the sewer lines, the cost of this part is \$1,700.

**Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the purchase of the Rycom Snap Track part for the camera for the Sewer Department. Rutledge seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Kozma Yes, Clymer Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, and Rutledge Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.**

**Dave Murray is requesting a 911 address sign for Peek-a-Boo Trail. This address sign cost \$100.00 plus supplies.**

**Fitzgerald made a motion to waive this fee for this sign due to this sign going on Clark Township property. Kozma seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Kozma Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.**

Clymer went to the SEA Grant Fishery Committee meeting on May 4, 2023, at the Community Center. Herring 20/20 Tribe and DNR consent to agree that the Tribe will be able to gillnet for herring all year around at Prentiss Bay.

Clymer spoke regarding Hessel Airport Gliding Area; there is a tree in the gliding path area that needs trimming, it is located across the road at the golf course. Sault Tribe owns this property.

Clymer also mentioned that the Sault Tribe may have golf carts available for use at the Hessel Marina. Max Heil does not think that Township should rent these golf carts out, he would prefer the Sault Tribe does the rental agreement. Clymer will discuss renting out the golf carts with Sault Tribe or they may be interested in a shuttle service.

Clymer stated that Cal and himself inspected the old dump on State Street, the fence needs replacing. The fence is barbwire, and the fence is down. The Sewer Department repaired a vent at the dump.

Clymer also stated that the fence at the Lagoon also needs replacing.

Rutledge stated that she would like to have the fence at Cedar Cemetery replaced. Rutledge received a quote from Robinson Fence Company, price of new white vinyl fence and installation is \$13,000.00.

Fitzgerald states that courtesy dock in Cedarville needs repair, cost of repairs is approximately \$30,000.00.

**Adjournment: Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m., Kozma seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**