

CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2024

CLARK TOWNSHIP OFFICES 207 N BLINE LINE ROAD, CEDARVILLE, MI 49719 (906) 484-2672

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance recited. Clymer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Schuster Here, Fitzgerald Here, Clymer Here, Kozma Here, and Rutledge Here.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike and Diane Patrick, Cal Burnside (Enforcement Officer), Paula Badour (Deputy Supervisor), and Linda Sherlund (Deputy Clerk).

Inquire if Public Comments are to address agenda items. None

Building Inspector:

Ken Waybrant is still in the hospital in Flint after having a stroke. Ken Waybrant is the building inspector Pickford Township, Marquette Township and Clark.

Clymer stated that he has received a resume from Kristopher Grover, and he has spoken to two other candidates Terry Stokes and Scott Crater for an interim position as the Building and Zoning Inspector. Clymer will set up an interview with Kristoper Grover and Rutledge will sit in on the interview.

The Board of Trustees discussed what hours/days the interim building inspector will work in the office and how he will get paid. Ken Waybrant was an independent contractor and paid a salary.

Linda Sherlund asked if the Board of Trustees will be paying Ken Waybrant for the upcoming pay period. The Board of Trustees were in favor of paying Ken Waybrant for the upcoming pay period.

Kozma stated that he can get with Cal Burnside to look at the existing building permits to see what permits that need to go to the Planning Commission.

Clymer will check emails until an interim building inspector is hired.

Clymer stated that he spoke to Erin Evashevski Attorney she stated that it is not legal to have Cal Burnside inspect any properties.

Electrical Permit Application/Inspections:

Clymer stated that the Board of Trustees voted months ago to not have any electrical permits when replacing sewer pumps.

Fitzgerald stated that minor work or repair work up to \$100.00 can be done without a permit.

Approved at 4/17/24 Reg. Mtg.
Susan Rutledge
Mark Clymer

Fitzgerald spoke with the Supervisor of Brevort Township, and he stated that they did not do electrical permits that Maverick Construction contracted on their sewer project.

Steve Harrison the Electrical Inspectors insists that electrical permits are necessary for the sewer project. If permits are necessary, the total cost is \$73,500.00.

Steve Harrison has sent a violation notice to the electrician for one replacement pump. The electrician has 10 days to address the violation.

Maverick construction would like fifty valves and curb stops ordered.

The Sewer Advisory Committee will need to meet and discuss this order. Clymer will meet with C2ae regarding change orders.

Clymer stated that per the State Revolving Fund the Clark Township DPW can install 150 pumps.

The Board of Trustees discussed annual electrical permits.

Kozma made a motion to amend the electrical permit application and to add a line item for an annual permit for the cost of \$100.00. Clymer seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote: Schuster No, Fitzgerald No, Clymer Yes, Kozma Yes, and Rutledge Yes. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Kozma would like Clymer to call EGLE regarding Plumbing and Electrical Permits for the Sewer Project. Clymer stated that Maverick Construction hires the electrician, so the responsibility falls back to Maverick Construction.

Schuster stated that he spoke with Craig Cole State Plumbing Inspector, and he is only interested in what goes in the house. No plumbing permit is needed for the sewer project.

Health insurance Premiums:

Paula Badour sent a letter to the Board of Trustees to opt out of the union's insurance plan.

Fitzgerald stated that she contacted the union regarding the opt out. Members can opt out of the union but cannot opt out of the insurance. A maintenance fee is charged instead of the union dues.

Fitzgerald stated that the Health Care Plan Ordinance states that all employees/elected officials will pay a flat rate for insurance.

Administrative Assistant Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Clymer wants a red line copy of the union contract.

The Board of Trustees discussed which contract was the attenuative agreement.

Clymer would like Erin Evashevski Attorney for Clark Township to look at the new contract. The Board of Trustees agreed that Erin Evashevski Attorney could give her opinion if it given by the next regular board meeting.

Kozma stated that Erin Evashevski also needs to send her opinion for the Alternative Energy Agreement back to the Board of Trustees.

Grants:

FEMA – SAFER Grant for staffing of firefighters – Due April 12th. 2024 – Apply per Chet Kasper – Resolution

Clark Township Board of Trustees understand that there are no matching funds required for this grant. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

Kozma made a motion to authorize submission of an application for a FEMA SAFER Grant with a Resolution of Authorization. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

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

FEMA – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant – Due April 12th, 2024 – Apply – Resolution

FEMA– Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for Community Risk Reduction, Wildfire Reduction, Code Enforcement/Awareness, Fire and Arson Investigation, National State/ Regional Programs and Projects

Clark Township Board of Trustees understand that there are no matching funds required for this grant.

Kozma made a motion to authorize submission of an application for a FEMA – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant with a Resolution of Authorization. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

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

Public Comment: LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Cal Burnside asked if Clymer had spoken to Dan O’Donnell, the Chief Electrician Inspector for the State of Michigan. Clymer has not spoken to Dan O’Donnell.

Mike Patrick commented that he felt the property sale of Taylor Lumber is delayed by Clark Township and the township should draw a line and settle.

Kozma stated that the Planning Commission has sent a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which the Board of Trustees has approved.

Kozma stated that he had left a message for Brien Hanna the owner of Taylor Lumber and he was waiting for Brien Hanna to get back from vacation.

Adjournment: Clymer made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Kozma seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.