

CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, 8:00 A.M.

207 N. Blind Line Road, Cedarville, Michigan 49719

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance recited, and Clymer called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Schuster Present, Fitzgerald Present, Clymer Present, Rutledge Present, and Kozma Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Wenzel, Paul Hitchens, Jennifer Goudreau (Mackinac County Treasurer), Jodi Kaiser (Mackinac County Commissioner), Robert Lohff (Superintendent LC Community Schools), Paula Badour (Deputy Supervisor), and Linda Sherlund (Deputy Clerk).

INQUIRE IF PUBLIC COMMENT ARE TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS: David Murray would like to speak regard 5 b., iii agenda item.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda. Schuster seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes for July 6th, 2023, need two notes in this month's Board of Trustee meeting minutes; Clymer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. instead of 1:15 p.m. as stated in the meeting. Sherlund stated that the adjournment time was not documented in the minutes, adjournment of the meeting was at 10:45 a.m.

Approve Invoices:

General Fund 54,308.89

Sewer Fund \$88,073.06

Invoice more than \$500.00.

Dave Murray addressed the Board of Trustees stating the invoice that came from TRIMEDIA for \$7,816.31. This Wetland Delineation cost agreement with TRIMEDIA and Clark Township was \$2500.00 instead of the \$7,816.31. The Board of Trustees did approve the original cost of \$2,500. Dave Murray would like Peek-A-Boo fund reimbursed for \$5316.31. Clymer stated that he has the information and will call TRIMEDIA regarding reimbursement for \$5316.31 overcharge for the Wetland's Delineation. Island Wildlife will donate \$2,500 for the Wetland's Delineation. Fitzgerald will adjust the Peek-A-Boo fund once the township receives reimbursed by TRIMEDIA.

CONSENT AGENDA: Schuster made a motion to approve the consent agenda with these changes. Kozma seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

EGL: Notice of Authorization

Mark Clymer – 49 W State Ave - Peek-A-Boo Trail.

*Bd approved at 10-18-23 Reg. mtg.
Susan J. Rutledge
Mark Clymer*

Schuster would like the public to have their input on any ordinance and a hearing is necessary to pass a zoning ordinance. Clymer stated that the public hearing can be prior to a regular board meeting if a notice is published in the paper and a notice is on the website. Fitzgerald also would like the board of Trustees to be able to review these draft ordinances prior to the next Board of Trustees meeting. Clymer will have the Township Attorney look at these ordinances prior to adopting them.

Kozma made a motion to table this discussion till the next board meeting and have Erin Evashevski, Attorney, reviews ordinances, and then schedule a public meeting. A discussion on a fire and burning ordinance and alternative energy ordinance will be done at the public hearing. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Property of Fire and Ambulance New Hall:

Fitzgerald and Rutledge spoke with Steve Autore regarding the property he owns on M134. The township is interested in this property for the new Fire and Ambulance Hall. Steve Autore is interested in selling these property/properties. There are several parcels he would sell to the township; the township could purchase one or more parcels for this project. Steve Autore will meet with Fitzgerald and Rutledge when he has a proposal ready. Fitzgerald would like to see a wetland delineation. Fitzgerald also asks him for individual pricing on the parcels.

Rutledge stated that she would like the firefighters and ambulance members to look at Pickford and St Ignace facilities. There has been no design plan done. Rutledge stated that there needs to be two bedrooms, a kitchen area, and a meeting room.

Bids on Dump and Sewer Lagoon Fencing: Clymer stated that he has not put together bidding information on the Dump and Sewer Lagoon Fencing. He would like someone else to take over this project. James Landreville may have insight on the fencing, and someone needs to meet with him.

The township will need to contact the DNR regarding any restrictions on fencing.

Fitzgerald stated that she will speak with James Landreville.

Agenda item: The Minutes from the July 23 meeting were addressed and discussed earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Camera at the Meridian and Weston Corner- Cost Approximately \$1500,00.

The Board of Trustees discussed where these cameras were going and what their purpose needed to be. Clymer stated the main purpose of these cameras was primarily for security of the Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Schuster made a motion to purchase the cameras and put them outside the Fire and Ambulance Hall. The cost of these cameras with installation will come out of the Fire and Ambulance equipment fund. Kozma seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Airport Committee: No Meeting

Mr. Smit signed garage lease agreement.

Fitzgerald would like to go over the payment schedule with Paula Badour after the meeting.

Ambulance Corp – Handout from Keith McGowan

August 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023. Thirty calls during this time.

Clark Township Fire Department Call Report – Handout from Chet Kasper

August 15th, 2023, to September 18th, 2023. Five incidents during this time.

The number of incidents responded in 2023 is twenty-six.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Handout from Cal Burnside

Twenty complaints, issues resolved eighteen, and ongoing investigations two.

Rutledge stated that she would like to see a dog leash or chained ordinance. She stated that unleashed dogs are in people's yard and are disturbing walkers and residents. Jodi Kasier from the County Commissioner stated that state leash law and the residents can take a picture and call Mackinac County Animal Control or Sheriff's Department.

Kozma recommended that the leash laws are posted on our website.

Heritage Park:

Fitzgerald stated that the Snow's Heritage Park Committee is planning to have the "Light Up the Park" event again this year. Market in Park will have a new location at the Community Center.

The committee would like to have a tree lighting event in the park. Tree lighting will be planned the evening of the Community Christmas Party. Noel Weaver has been busy raising funds to get additional Christmas display items to add to the community displays. He is asking for display donations or money to purchase donations.

Park signage at the crossroads needs to be addressed by the committee.

Clymer asked if the banner program, Fitzgerald stated that the banners cost has increased, and it was not cost effective to continue the donation program. Other fundraisers are being done and the committee will continue to look at ideas for fundraising.

Hessel Harbor Committee: No meeting

Due to Mackinac County Road staff being down two employees in each garage maintenance on the roads, maintenance will not be done.

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

Jennifer Goudreau; Mackinac County Treasurer introduced herself.

Paul Hitchens stated that more people would come to the Board of Trustees meetings if the township provided donuts. Clymer responded that the Board of Trustees meetings are held like a business meeting not a public debate.

Paul Hitchens stated that the Board of Trustees needs to add the VFW Hall in Hessel to the agreement with the Neal House. He would like the township to have the first right to refusal on the VFW Hall. Hitchen said this area should be used for parking.

Paul Hitchens wanted to know the number of permits that the township received for short-term rentals. Clymer stated that he thought that there were twenty five out of thirty.

Paul Hitchens would like the Board of Trustees to investigate getting natural gas in this area due to the cost of propane. Clymer stated that it needs to be cost effective to bring natural gas to this area.

Paul Hitchens also wanted to know why the Board of Trustees are looking for additional property for the New Fire and Ambulance Hall. Fitzgerald stated that the property that is empty across from the pickleball courts is too rocky and is not suitable for the new building.

Paul Hitchens stated that the carpet needs to be cleaned and stretched. The Board of Trustees agreed. Fitzgerald commented that there was a company here to look at stretching the carpet and the township was told that the carpet could not be stretched. She also stated that it was cleaned at that time. The Board of Trustees discussed stretching the carpet, but no decision was made.

Paul Hitchens also commented that Clymer should speak with EGLE to make sure they understand that having temporary boathouse structures would ruin the look of this area. Hitchen stated he does not want the water area to become blue tarp area.

Paul Hitchens stated that David Bucklew from the Planning Commission finally resigned because of his conflict of interest. Clymer stated that this was not true, he resigned for personal reasons.

Robert Lohff, Les Cheneaux Schools Superintendent spoke regarding the school bond that will be on the November 2023 ballot. Fitzgerald asked if there is a prioritized project list by year. Robert Lohff thanked the Board of Trustees for their input on this bond. Robert Lohff stated he would answer any questions residents have on bond. He stated that there will be public meetings on October 11th and October 16th.

ADJOURNMENT: Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Kozma seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.