

CLYDE TOWNSHIP 1<sup>ST</sup> MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

CLYDE TOWNSHIP HALL

3350 VINCENT ROAD

JUNE 7, 2022

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Manoleas at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge

Roll call: Voight absent, Compton, Manoleas, DeShon, Neruda, Turner, and Dortman

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Motion by Clerk Turner support from Supervisor Manoleas to add to the agenda revised Treasurer's report dated May 2, 2022. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- Motion by Clerk Turner support from Trustee Neruda to add to the agenda proposed budget 2022-2023. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- Motion by Clerk Turner support from Trustee DeShon to add to the agenda siren agreement. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- Motion by Clerk Turner support from Supervisor Manoleas to add to the agenda a quote from Hi-Tech for 2 computers to be used as poll books using the \$1,500.00 grant from the state. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- Motion by Trustee Neruda support from Clerk Turner to add to the agenda to close the office at noon o July 1, 2022. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Turner presented to the Board a letter received from May O'Brien VFW. Topic in letter was concerning the reimbursement of flags that were used for the veterans at the Township cemeteries for

Memorial Day. Trustee Neruda stated that the flags will be sent out.

Public Comment 2:06 p.m. Statement from Michele Dedoe is attached to these minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **KCI PROPOSAL ON POSTAGE FOR TAX BILLS**

Treasurer Compton presented this bill to the Township Board in order to show them the increase. This increase she found out was for toner and ink.

#### **TWO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Discussion on this topic. It was mentioned that having only one public comment could streamline meetings.

- Motion by Trustee DeShon support from Trustee Neruda to go from two public comments to one public comment at the end of the meeting with a time limit of three (3) minutes for each person. Yeas: 4 Nays: 4 Motion carried.

#### **FLOOD PLAN AGREEMENT**

Discussion. Supervisor Manoleas will get back to the Board when he gets more information either from the State or the Federal Government. This topic will be put on next meeting's agenda.

#### **COMPENSATION FOR TRUSTEE NERUDA**

Trustee DeShon stated to the Board because Trustee Neruda is immediate supervisor over all the employees of the Township should the Board consider any compensation for this position. It was asked of Trustee Neruda to gather information on the hours he

invests in this position and submit this information to the Township Board for their consideration.

### **INCREASE FOR ELECTION WORKERS/CHAIRPERSON/TRAINING**

Discussion.

- Motion by Supervisor Manoleas support from Trustee Neruda to approve the increases as presented on the list with a correction of \$17.00/hour for Chairperson. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### **FIREFIGHTER'S PAY**

Discussion.

- Motion by Supervisor Manoleas support from Trustee Deshon to approve the proposed amounts of firefighter's pay, eliminate stipends with the exception of Secretary/Treasurer \$200.00 starting July 1, 2022. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstained 1.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT FURNITURE**

Discussion. Dispatch desk fell apart while moving the desk for the new flooring installation. Quote from Kerr Albert.

- Motion Supervisor Manoleas support from Trustee Neruda to approve quote from Kerr Albert for a desk in the amount of \$1,356.80, Capital Outlay. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### **LIGHTING CONTRACT WITH DTE (JAKE'S WILDERNESS PARK)**

Discussion on this contract. It was determined to send this to the Township attorney to get direction on this contract.

### **REVISED TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Compton explained the changed. This change involved a special assessment that was not included in the prior report.

- Motion by Trustee Neruda support from Trustee Dortman to accept the correction of \$914.01 and revised Treasurer' report

dated May 2, 2022 subject to audit. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### **PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023**

Discussion in the proposed budget concerning mainly the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer wages. During this discussion it was mentioned about a letter from the AFSCME union. Treasurer Compton offered to have her Deputy clock in hourly. It was stated to wait for this letter. Increase of \$3,500.00 or \$3,000.00?

- Motion by Clerk Turner support from Trustee Neruda to make both the Deputy Clerk and the Deputy Treasurer an increase of \$3,500.00 each. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk at \$9,000.00

Deputy Treasurer at \$12,500.00

### **SIREN AGREEMENT**

Discussion.

- Motion by Trustee Dortman support from Supervisor Manoleas to approve the agreement with West Shore in the amount of \$725.00. Yea: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### **HI-TECH QUOTE FOR ELECTION LAPTOPS**

Discussion on using the grant of \$1,500.00 to purchase new laptops for the Poll Book for elections. It was mentioned that the laptops the Township have are very old. The Township will only have to pay about \$564.00 to purchase these laptops.

- Motion by Clerk Turner support from Trustee Dortman to approve the purchase of 2 laptops from Hi-Tech in the amount of \$2,064.00. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### **JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> CLOSURE**

Discussion.

- Motion by Trustee Neruda support from Clerk Turner to close office at noon on Friday, July 1, 2022. Yeas: 2 Nays: 4 Motion failed.

## TIDBITS

News from Mickey Walsh, Road Commission that the Rabidue project will start this week. Also the Timberline project was awarded to Raymond and will start very soon. Roundabout at Abbottsford will start when school is out.

Public Comment: 3:36 p.m. Chuck Raski voiced his concern that the Board reduce the Public Comment time during the meetings. He also suggested that the Board members look at the agenda to help shorten meetings.

Michele Dedoe commented that the Township should look into using some of the ARPA money to digitalized the minutes.

It was determined to put ARPA Funds on the next meeting's agenda.

- Motion by Supervisor Manoleas support from Trustee Neruda to adjourn meeting. Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

---

Prepared by Kathleen Turner,  
Clerk

---

Supervisor, Ernie Manoleas



0/7/22

Sometimes board members display an appalling lack of respect for each other and/or the public they serve. Elected <sup>officials</sup> should lead by example. They should conduct themselves with the highest level of civility and decorum.

Every member of the board has a right to their opinion and has the right to ask question. Board members should be able to state their opinions or questions without interruptions or ridicule. If a board member has a different opinion then wait your turn and then state your opinion, but do not belittle the other members of the board, this is bullying.

The public wants to hear the opinions and questions they have concerning issues and also hear the answers. I don't want questions asked behind closed doors as suggested by a member of this board.

Government is suppose to be transparent.

There are times when the public feels that the board rushes items through so that the public is not aware or unable to voice their opinion. An example of this is the hiring of a second seasonal worker. The item was brought up at a scheduled board meeting. It was to <sup>be</sup> carried over to the next board meeting in 2 weeks; however it was added to a special meeting a week after the first and the public wasn't allowed to speak until the end of the meeting. This is a change from the usual handling of public comment, as there is usually public comment before and after all items are addressed.

There was nothing new in the township that this hiring could not have waited another week.

The township should be run like a business and should have a process/procedure for any new or additional position:

1. Department head submits request to board with detailed reasoning as for the need.
2. Board approves position
3. Position posted
4. Applications reviewed
5. Interview appropriate applicants
6. Board hires

By not posting the job it did not give others an opportunity to apply, including Veterans and the disabled. As a government entity this may not comply with the Veterans Preferences Act and the Americans Disability Act.