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St. Clair Township Board Meeting
November 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Boulter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call: Present-Trustees Mollan, Hovis, Kays, Boeck, Treasurer Hanrahan and Clerk Skonieczny.

- 1) Moved by Clerk Skonieczny. Seconded by Trustee Boeck to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- 2) Moved by Trustee Kays. Seconded by Trustee Boeck to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Township Board Meeting. Motion carried.
- 3) Moved by Clerk Skonieczny. Seconded by Treasurer Boeck to pay all bills.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED 11-6-17

GENERAL FUND

S. MILITELLO	CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY DOWN PYMT	1,494.00
C. CUNNINGHAM	ACCTG SERVICES 8 HRS	240.00
L. GARZA	MILEAGE REC PROG	39.06
US POST OFFICE	ENVELOPES AND POSTAGE	1,648.00
DTE ENERGY	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	2,436.97
DTE ENERGY	TWP HALL ELECTRICITY	280.91
SIR SPEEDY	COPIES	12.40
VERIZON	PHONES	104.38
EXXON MOBIL	TRUCK FUEL	46.94
R. HANRAHAN	PETTY CASH	103.21
SEMCO ENERGY	TWP HEATING	37.85
BLUETARP (LUMBERJACK)	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	42.45
A. SINGER	MEDICAL	220.48
PEST CORP	PEST CONTROL	33.00
JANETIZE IT	HALL CLEANING	625.00
J&J LAWN	LAWN CARE	620.00
CARL'S SEPTIC SERVICE	PORTABLE RESTROOM	145.00
CITY OF MARYSVILLE	RESPONSE COSTS	370.00
ILLINOIS MUTUAL INS	INSURANCE	647.37
NATIONWIDE	PENSION	268.80
NATIONWIDE	DEFERRED COMP	2,023.85
KCI	TAX BILLS	900.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5.58
AT&T	TWP PHONES	368.61
RESA	COMPUTER SERVICES	151.05
CHINA TWP FAMILY DENTISTRY	MEDICAL	420.00
MARCOTTE DISPOSAL	REFUSE	32,647.89

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KELLY LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	196.00
NETWORK COMPUTERS	INTERNET	50.00
21ST CENTURY MEDIA (VOICE)	PUBLICATIONS	144.00
SCC IT	ZONING MAPS	<u>272.50</u>
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	46,595.30
 INSPECTION FUND		
BS&A SOFTWARE	ANNUAL CONTRACT - BLDG	<u>1,140.00</u>
	TOTAL INSPECTION FUND	1,140.00
 SEWER FUND		
BMJ	SANITARY SYS CAPACITY EVAL	65.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	102.84
DELUDE	MAINT. STATIONS 1 AND 4	3,950.00
DTE ENERGY	PUMP STATION ELECTRICITY	<u>445.53</u>
	TOTAL SEWER FUND	4,563.37
 WATER FUND		
BMJ	WATER SYS CAPACITY EVAL	65.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	102.85
DELUDE	REPAIRED WATER SHUT-OFF NEWMAN RD	600.00
CITY OF ST. CLAIR	WATER PURCHASE	18,005.58
MICHIGAN DEQ	ANNUAL DUES	<u>1,291.55</u>
	TOTAL WATER FUND	<u>20,064.98</u>
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	72,363.65

Roll call: Yes - Trustees Mollan, Hovis, Kays, Boeck, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulier.
 Motion carried.

4) Citizens who wish to address the Board:

1. D. Miller questioned bids, cement pad and invoice for generator at Pump Station I.

5) Moved by Clerk Skonieczny. Seconded by Trustee Boeck to adopt Resolution 17-13 Opposition to House Bills 5096, 5097 & 5098

RESOLUTION 17-13
 OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 5096, 5097 & 5098

WHEREAS: House Bills 5096, 5097 and 5098 seek to amend various local government statutes and the County Road Law in a way that would significantly reduce local governments, county road agencies and county drain commissions abilities to charge adequate fees, provide safe and reasonable criteria to access public jurisdictions and collect adequate bonding should these properties be damaged and need restoration from telecommunication providers and their contractors that wish to work, install and maintain cable, fiber-optics, extended poles/antennas, towers and power units on public properties; and

WHEREAS, the effect of these bills would force local government, county road agencies, public works departments and drain commissions to subsidize telecommunications with local and Michigan Transportation Funds; and

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WHEREAS, as legal guardians of the public property and road ROW, local governments, county drain commissions and county road agencies must ensure work in their jurisdictions is performed safely, does not damage our infrastructure and meets engineering standards (above/below ground), along with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, local government, county road agencies do not profit by issuing permits, but simply recover the costs of issuing permits, making site inspections and performing related tasks and, when the project is completed, funds should be reconciled with the permit holder; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096, 5097 and 5098 limits fees to \$300 per permit or \$1,000 on multiple projects; and

WHEREAS, such a “one-size-fits-all” fee does not account for the type of work planned in a rural or urban setting, nor does it consider the risks a project may pose, and in general the bills supplant engineering-based management with a “cookie-cutter” approach that puts public resources and workers at risk; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096, 5097 and 5098 limits security/bonding to \$20,000 regardless of the potential risk and damage beyond that amount, rural vs. urban setting and requires that bonds be returned within 60 days after a project is completed, even if damage is being contested; and

WHEREAS, these bills do not take into consideration the statewide ramifications and precedent these bills would create; and

WHEREAS, that while the telecommunications industry may be able to point to isolated instances of local obstacles, it is certainly not a statewide problem; now therefore; be it

Resolved by St Clair Township, that we urge our elected State Representative Dan Lauwers and Senator Phil Pavlov to oppose House Bills 5096, 5097 and 5098.

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to our elected State Officials.

Roll call: Yes - Trustees Mollan, Hovis, Kays, Boeck, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulrier. Motion carried.

6) Moved by Clerk Skonieczny. Seconded by Treasurer Hanrahan to allocate \$2,000 to the Recreation Committee for the Children’s Christmas Party on December 9, 2017. Roll call: Yes - Trustees Mollan, Hovis, Kays, Boeck, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulrier. Motion carried

7) Trustee Hovis presented the Township Board with a chart of salary comparisons of 16 Townships in St. Clair County. Moved by Trustee Boeck. Seconded by Trustee Kays to table Township Board salaries until the next meeting. Motion Carried.

8) Moved by Trustee Kays. Seconded by Clerk Skonieczny to remove the Deed Restriction on Lot 146, Blue River Garden Subdivision 74-30-200-0014-000. Roll call: Yes - Trustees Mollan, Hovis, Kays, Boeck, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulrier. Motion Carred

- 9) Discussion on Blight by Township Board Members. Consensus of the Board is to follow these steps.
1. Complaint form filled out and signed.
 2. Ordinance Enforcer goes out and does a visual of property in complaint.
 3. Blight letters sent if deemed necessary.
 4. If letter does not resolve issue, then issue comes in front of Township Board for further discussion and potential ticket issued.

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10) Call from the Table:

1. Trustee Boeck questioned status of generator install and bids for pad.
2. Trustee Mollan questioned status of Roadhawk blight issue.

11) Brief Comments from Floor:

1. L. Varty – Stated she wants to see an end date of blight once letter is sent out.
2. C. Jones – Will sign written complaint against Roadhawk.

Moved by Trustee Mollan. Seconded by Trustee Boeck to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Joyce A Skonieczny
Clerk