

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
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St. Clair Township Special Board Meeting
 July 23, 2024
 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Boulier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call:
 Present – Trustees, Hovis, Boeck, Mollan, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulier.
 Absent: Trustee Kays.

Clerk Skonieczny presented the Bills to be Approved:

BILLS TO BE APPROVED 07.23.2024		
GENERAL FUND - 101		
Atlas Locksmith	Change Locks - Clerks Office, Conference Room & Election Vault	195.00
City of Marysville	Fire Rescue/Medical Calls - June 2024, 6 calls	1,440.00
Kimball Township	Fire Rescue/Medical Calls - 2023/2024, 37 calls 2.69% of Fire Dept. Operating Costs	18,629.87
Maner Costerisan	Preparation of Qualifying Statement	200.00
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employer Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 OFC	136.50
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employer Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 DPW	88.43
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employee Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 OFC	168.00
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employee Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 DPW	70.42
Pest Control	Pest Control Services - July 2024	33.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	20,961.22
INSPECTION FUND - 542		
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employer Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 OFC	45.50
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employee Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 OFC	56.00
	TOTAL INSPECTION FUND	101.50
SEWER FUND - 590		
BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.	Pump Station Rehab Stations 1, 4 & 6: Progress Billing & Consultations	288.75

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DeLude Construction	Manhole Project - Melody Court	1,800.00
Ferguson Waterworks	Sewer Dept. Supplies, Grinding Wheel 2 each, 5x1/8 x 7/8 XP	26.03
KCI	Utility Bills - Statement & Setup - 2nd Qtr Bills	189.46
KISM	Pump Station Monitoring July 2023-June 2024	2,880.00
KISM	Pump Station Monitoring July 2024-June 2025	3,456.00
Maner Costerisan	Detailed Water/Sewer Rate Study	504.50
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employer Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 DPW	156.79
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employee Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 DPW	124.80
	TOTAL SEWER FUND	9,426.33
WATER FUND - 591		
BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.	Consultation: Water Services 1875,1867,1865 & 1855 River Rd.	400.00
Ferguson Waterworks	42 each, Bronze 1 STRT Meter Reducing Couplers	700.14
Ferguson Waterworks	3 each , Neptune Reg 5/8 T10 P/C R900I Water Meters	718.32
KCI	Utility Bills - Statement & Setup - 2nd Qtr Bills	189.46
Maner Costerisan	Detailed Water/Sewer Rate Study	504.50
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employer Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 DPW	156.79
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Employee Contribution to 457(b), Paydate 07/22/24 DPW	124.80
	TOTAL WATER FUND	2,794.01
	TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED: GENERAL/INSPECTION/WATER/SEWER/ROAD FUNDS	33,283.06
Total Bills to be Approved:	101,446,542,590 & 591	33,088.06
Total Manual Checks:	101,446,542,590 & 591	195.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL		33,283.06
Total ARPA Checks Fund 282		0.00
Total ARPA Fund Manual Checks Fund 282		0.00

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TOTAL ARPA FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL		0.00
Total All Funds, Including Manual Checks		33,283.06
PAYROLLS	PPE: 07/05 & 07/12 - Pay Date 07/22/2024	
	Office	3,486.31
	DPW	4,322.95
	Parks	60.95
	Building Department	961.17
		8,831.38

Motion by Clerk Skonieczny to approve all bills. Seconded by Trustee Mollan. Roll call: Yes – Trustees Hovis, Boeck, Mollan, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulier. Motion carried.

Citizens who wish to address the Board:

J.Leaman – Do we have an update on how we are going to pay for the pumps yet? Not at this time. Trustee Hovis is just putting all the information together.

The Murray Underground contract for \$1.1 Million dollars. What is the plan to pay for the installation? Supervisor Boulier – Treasurer Hanrahan has stated in the past that we have the monies on account.

Treasurer Hanrahan – there are many projects coming up that we need to address

Supervisor Boulier – I checked prior to signing the contract with Murray Underground that we had the money on account.

D.Miller – After the rainstorm I called the office for information and was told to contact the number on the water bill. I then called the office back and was told to contact Trustee Hovis. I contacted Trustee Hovis and he was very responsive to the entire situation with myself and my neighbors.

BZA Appointment – Did we put this on the website? No we did not. Supervisor Boulier – we did have an individual that had contacted us previously about being appointed to the BZA.

B. DiNardo - The meetings are not run very well. We need to work together not shouting and arguing among yourselves.

L. Sanger – Called several times regarding the ditch by my yard. I believe it is called Jordan Creek. It has flooded many times since we moved in. It is filled with garbage, and we have tried to maintain it ourselves. When we had the drain assessment, we thought it was going to be cleaned out every year; it has not been cleaned out in 5-6 years. On Tuesday it flooded terribly, we lost our pool, our pool pump, etc. We emailed several people last year in August. Trustee Hovis – I will find out more information. Supervisor Boulier – If it goes between the properties and most likely will be the responsibility of the Drain Commission.

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Gerald - 2458 Range Road – We were flooded and I believe it is because of all the new construction in the Township as well as the City the water is being diverted.

Property flooded again. Pump station failed. Trustee Hovis after we have the new pump stations installed we don't anticipate this happening again. Pump station one should be ready to install by August 16th, pump station six August 17th, and pump station 4 August 22nd. I am waiting for a call to see if they can be installed more quickly.

Supervisor Boulier – These problems were not caused by a power failure. This was a dramatic rain event that was out of our control. We called in support to take care of the problems.

W.Karas – Has anyone asked the Federal or State government for any help due to the once in a lifetime event. Supervisor Boulier – yes, I contacted County Commissioner Jeff Bohm and have not heard back yet.

J. Leaman – You were told by the Treasurer that the Sewer Fund had the monies to pay for the pumps. Correct. The Sewer Fund/Water fund has a cash value as of 6-17-24 of 1.2 million dollars. Are we going to wipe out the cash reserve to pay for the pumps? Trustee Hovis as of 6/30/24 there is \$1.374 million in the Sewer fund and the Water fund has \$955,000.

D. Miller – Regarding the sewage flow meter. If all the sewage goes through station one shouldn't the meter be at station one? Treasurer Hanrahan – it is at Jordan Creek. Trustee Hovis – The sewer feed is gravity fed from pump station one to Jordan Creek and then to the City. There may also be some flow coming from Cox Road. We will be going over that and will have more information further.

Correspondence/Reports – None

New Business: - Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment to Committee – Supervisor Boulier I would like to have a nomination on the Board of Zoning Appeals. I received a letter some time ago from Ryan Barck requesting to be appointed when there is an opening. Motion by Trustee Hovis to appoint Ryan Barck to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Trustee Boeck. Motion carried.

Purchase of water meters. Trustee Hovis stated we have an inventory of all the meters. We do not have any 5/8" meters, 1" – 71, 1-1/2" 1, 2" – 2. The lead time on water meters is November. Since the lead time is so long I would like to order 60 – 5/8" meters and 20 – 1" pit meters for a cost of \$28,119.60. This allows the DPW to keep busy installing meters during down times. We have 1383 residents on the water system. There have been 813 installed and 570 left to install. Motion by Trustee Hovis to order 60 – 5/8" water meters and 20 – 1" pit meters at a cost of \$28,119.60. Seconded by Trustee Boeck. Roll call: Yes – Trustees Hovis, Boeck, Mollan, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulier. Motion carried.

Pump station 2 – Driveway repairs – Trustee Hovis - with the rain last week it washed out the driveway that we share with the resident. In order to get a truck down there if necessary, we have to repair the driveway. We have two bids; one from Delude Construction for \$1,200 and if the catch basin has to be vacuumed out an additional \$350. We also have a bid from Erv. Westrick for \$1200 and if the catch basin must be vacuumed out an additional \$500. Motion by Trustee Hovis to accept the bid from Delude Construction for \$1200 to repair pump station 2 driveway and \$350 if catch basin must be vacuumed out. Seconded by Clerk Skonieczny. Roll call: Yes – Trustee Hovis, Boeck, Mollan, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulier. Motion carried.

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Discussion of Up-coming Election issues – Motion by Trustee Mollan to go into closed session at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Hovis. Roll call: Yes – Trustee Hovis, Boeck, Mollan, Treasurer Hanrahan, Clerk Skonieczny, Supervisor Boulrier. Motion carried.

Open meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m.

Call from the Table:

Trustee Boeck – What is going on with Grant Writing? We hope to have her here for the 15th. Do we still have capital outlay in the budget. Supervisor Boulrier will look into it.

Trustee Hovis – We had an inquiry regarding selling water for pools, etc? Do we want to pursue this? Supervisor Boulrier – I told Dan I did not like the idea of that, we would have to purchase a meter.

Pump station No. 5 we had to take a vac truck and clean it out. There was a lot of grease in there. I would like to write the River Crab a letter regarding the grease entering the system and see if they can repair the problem and possibly charge them to clean it out. Supervisor Boulrier – I did speak with the Manager and explained if it continued to happen, we would have to charge them.

I put a copy of the grant from Eagle for \$366,764 so you can all see what it entails.

Regarding the pumps I spoke to Kennedy Industries and was told that we do not have to lease them we can still purchase them. In five years, it would cost us 48,000 more if we lease them. In ten years it would cost approximately \$350,000. I wanted to make a committee up of some residents J.Leaman, W.Karas, R.Barck to go over all this information. I will look into getting a committee together. There are many options if we go either way.

I spoke to the City of St. Clair again and was told that the water tower is totally funded and should not cost the Township any monies. I have another meeting next Monday and will confirm.

Is it possible to have the planner come to the next meeting? If she cannot come can we look for a grant writer. Supervisor Boulrier – We can put that on the next agenda

Trustee Mollan – I wanted to follow up on B.DiNardo's comment. This Township has approximately 7,000 residents. We are 7 people who decided to step up and run for office with no qualifications required, that no one else wanted to do. We want your input; we don't have all the answers. We cannot change what has happened in the past. Moving forward we can have an all-new board. My parents still live in the Township where they raised all their children. My husband and I still live in the Township where we have raised our children. I am also a resident of the Township and I care what happens.

Brief Public Questions or Comments –

L.Varty – I would like to thank Joyce Skonieczny for the 44 years she has worked for the Township. She has worked endlessly for every election. There has been an extreme vile of information put on facebook and they should be ashamed. The way she has been treated for the last year and a half is disgusting. She has dedicated her life to the Township and elections to make sure they are run correctly.

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J. Syjud - Capital Outlay – We are being charged a capital outlay fee. So where is the money? We will have to look into it. Is there currently any inventory management regarding meters and what is the usual lifetime for a meter. Trustee Hovis – I am just getting into that.

Motion by Trustee Mollan to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Boulier. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Joyce Skonieczny
Clerk