

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Diane Schmidt, City Clerk
DATE: March 31, 2010
RE: *Communications



For the Agenda April 5, 2010

***Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved Clare City Commission agenda of April 5, 2010.**

The following major items of correspondence were either received by or transmitted by the City since the last regularly scheduled City Commission meeting:

Clare Neighborhood Watch. The most recent edition of the City's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter is attached for the Commission's information.

MML Correspondence. The City received correspondence from the MML advising us of a dues reduction.

Kudos for Chief Midge. The City received the attached letter from a Clare resident offering her appreciation for a job well done.

Kudos for Website. We received the att'd email from a management official of AT&T complementing the City's website.

Bureau of Aeronautics Correspondence. We received the att'd letter from MDOT regarding the entitlement funds for our airport; Dick Acker attended the meeting and informed me that the Michigan Aeronautics Commission approved the funding, thus clearing the way for us to be reimbursed for our share of the costs to construct the airport T-hangars.

MML Issue Advisory. The MML shared with us that the House Appropriations Committee approved a 1% increase to revenue sharing for the upcoming budget year.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The City received a copy of the attached Proclamation of Governor Granholm related to sexual assault awareness; we will ask the Mayor to sign a similar proclamation for the City.

Kudos for City. We received the att'd, unsolicited email from a local businessman regarding the efforts of the City's Police Department and Department of Public Works in support of the annual St. Patty's Day activities.

Attachments. As noted above.

CLARE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

Message from Police Chief Miedzianowski.

Welcome to the Neighborhood Watch Program. We seek your input and participation. To make your watch program a success and our City a greater and safer community to live, work and enjoy through our combined efforts.

Coordinator of Neighborhood Watch

As I travel around Clare I see areas that could be improved. I also see Clare as a very warm and inviting City. But problems do exist that need to be addressed and eradicated. The Police Department is doing a wonderful job protecting our streets and neighborhoods. They do need extra eyes and ears to assist them in keeping crime out of our neighborhoods. The place to start is with **YOU**, to join a Neighborhood Watch in your area of Clare. The assistance is needed, not by a few, but all of the residents. As Neighborhood Watch trainings have taken place this past January, there were residents that did talk about the many problems that face the City. Residents talked about drugs, unknown people in and out of their Multi-Housing community.

Loud music at all hours of the night and speeding cars. People coming up to their windows and peering in and abandoned cars.

Two Neighborhood Watch Training Classes Given

On January 19, 2010 we did a training class over at Gateway High-rise Community. There were 27 residents that took the training. They had a lot of questions and problems to discuss with the police during and after the training. There were many hand-outs for the residents to take and read at their leisure. They are now certified and will get a Neighborhood Watch sign put up in the spring of this year. I did attend their Council meeting on February 4, 2010, again there were problems mentioned. Especially no fire drills in their complex.

On January 26, 2010 we did training over at Rosewood Manor. There were 11 residents in attendance that night. Their problems were different from that of Gateway. They were more concerned about the noise in the area. Speeding cars and loud music. There were some internal issues that needed to be addressed by the management company. They are now certified and will get Neighborhood Watch signs in the spring.

Name our Neighborhood Watch and draw our new logo

We ask that the students of the Primary School to choose our new name and our logo. There were many students who submitted a drawing and a name. Needless to say, that Clare Neighborhood Watch was what they wrote.

So our new name is **Clare Neighborhood Watch**. The logo will be put on t-shirts and will be available very soon. The involvement of the children was tremendous; we need to get our children involved at an early age. Watch for further announcements on the awarding of the best logo.

National Night Out Event

A committee was formed in January for the planning of the National Night Out Event. We did meet in February also. There is a need for more residents to step forward to assist us in the planning of this event.

National Night Out is an event held every year towards the fall of the year. More than 14,000 communities in the United States and more than 10 million people participated in this event.

This event is for all neighborhoods to show criminals and drug dealers that we will endure in our efforts to eradicate our Cities of crime and drugs. This event will encompass the whole County of Clare. The Clare Police Chief and Clare County Sheriff are onboard and support this effort. We will be holding the event over at Shamrock Park the date we are celebrating is August 12, 2010. One of the attractions is going to be a dunk tank and we will be dunking our City Police Officers as well as the Sheriff Department Officers. If you would like to set-up an informational table you may do so by calling Bob at 989-424-6151. I am very excited about this event. Watch for more announcements.

Meeting with Apartment Communities

There was a meeting scheduled to ask our Apartment Community managers to come together and give us input on crime in their prospective housing units. Only two showed up for the meeting. So we will have to go to each and every apartment community to get their input and set-up a time to train their residents in Neighborhood Watch.

We will be training other Apartment Communities in the very near future. There is a lot of work to be done. We are ready to tackle this over the spring.

Meeting with Community Pastors

There was a meeting scheduled and only one Pastor showed up. He did have a lot of things to say about our community. He will try to get the other Pastors on board. What we wanted to do was let the Pastors know what the Police Department was doing and for them to offer their input. Once again I will go from church to church to talk to the Pastors this spring.

Neighborhood Watch Training

We would like to offer residents throughout the City of Clare Neighborhood Watch Training. The training only takes about an hour and a half to complete. All training will be done at the City of Clare Police Department, 207 West Fifth Street. Call Bob at 989-424-6151 to set-up a date and time for the training. Our goal is to eradicate crime and drugs from our neighborhoods.

Drug Summit
Watch for further announcements on this event coming in the fall of 2010.

Tasks accomplished

- Met with Apt Managers
- Met with Pastor
- Training at Gateway
- Training at Rosewood
- Met with Main Street Manager
- Meeting with Police Department Officials
- Name the Neighborhood Watch and come up with logo
- Sent Newsletter via e-mail

Upcoming Events Planned

- Domestic Violence/sexual Assault Workshop
- Fundraising
- CPR Training
- Business Watch
- Neighborhood Watch Trainings
- Homeland Security
- Fire Safety
- MSU Cooperative Extension Classes

Things to remember

- In-put is always needed
- It's better to be Pro-Active than Re-active
- Neighbor helping neighbor
- Get to know your neighbor



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Better Communities. Better Michigan.

March 16, 2010

Mr. Ken A. Hibl
City Manager
Clare
202 W. Fifth St.
Clare MI 48617-1490

Re: Fiscal year 2010/11 League Dues

Dear Ken,

We have received many inquiries from our members about what to expect for League dues for the upcoming 2010/11 fiscal year. With many of you currently working on your 2010/11 budgets, we understand the importance of getting you information as early as possible. Knowing that you face many tough budget decisions this year and beyond, the League intends to do its part to help address the fiscal issues challenging our members.

To that end, we are recommending to the League Board that we eliminate the Environmental Affairs Assessment (EAA) beginning with the 2010/11 fiscal year. This change in no way represents a diminishment in our commitment to work on environmental issues on behalf of our members. The elimination of the EAA will, however, **reduce your community's dues by 12%**. This change will be presented to the League Board of Trustees at their April 13, 2010 meeting for approval. If approved, it will affect dues beginning July 1, 2010, and be formally announced at the League's Capital Conference.

The League certainly recognizes the difficulties being faced by our membership, and we will always do our part to assist. In addition to the 12% proposed reduction for 2010/11, the League froze dues for the 2009/10 fiscal year foregoing a scheduled inflationary increase of 4.4%. Dues were also cut by 10% for the 2005/06 fiscal year.

Rest assured that in spite of our reductions in dues revenue, the League is committed to delivering the highest level of service and fighting every day to improve all of our member communities.

Dan Gilmartin
ED/CEO

Jeff Jenks
President

March 25, 2010

Mr. Ken Hibl
Clare City Manager
202 West 5th Street
Clare, Michigan 48617

Dear Mr. Hibl,

Too often we hear complaints about things in the city and many times good service and good work does not get recognized as it should.

Two days ago, it was brought to my attention by our daycare provider that a registered sex offender (convicted of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, Under 13 years of age) had moved into her neighborhood. This individual is residing four houses down from one daycare, and approximately a half a block from where our daughter attends daycare. I did a drive-by to check things out, and noted that it seemed uncomfortably close.

I then contacted Chief Dwayne Miedzianowski and expressed my concern over the situation. Chief was proactive in investigating, then communicating with me what the police department (in cooperation with the Clare County Sheriff's department) was going to do. This morning I received a phone call from Chief that an electronic measurement was taken, they had made a visit to both daycare providers, and the individual was indeed residing too close to our daycare and would be required to relocate. Chief Miedzianowski will also be conducting a "Stranger Danger" awareness class with the children that attend our daycare.

As a citizen of Clare, it is a great feeling to know we have a police department that takes the concerns of our citizens and the safety of our children seriously and reacts in an expeditious manner. I would like to thank Chief Miedzianowski for his service to our community.

Best regards,



Angela M. Isaac
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Clare, MI 48617
989-424-6162

From: Sarah Schumacher [sschumacher@cityofclare.org]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 4:29 PM
To: 'Diane Schmidt'; 'Ken Hibel'; Steven J Kingsbury

FYI,

I received a phone call today from Gavin Goetz, Director, External Affairs at AT&T, Saginaw Area. Mr. Goetz receives email updates from our website, and had a question concerning a recent email he received. During our conversation, he told me what a 'great' job the City of Clare is doing to keep the community up to date through our website. Mr. Goetz has the opportunity to work with many communities in our area, and feels that we have been doing an 'outstanding job' updating our website and keeping the public informed.

Sarah Schumacher
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KIRK T. STEUDLE
DIRECTOR

March 17, 2010

Ken Hibel
City Manager
202 West Fifth Street
Clare, Michigan 48617-1490

Dear Airport Sponsor:

Subject: Site work and construction for 6-unit t-hangar (Phase 2)

A request for a development project totaling \$150,000 in federal/state/local funding will be presented to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for approval at their meeting on March 25, 2010. Approval of this project authorizes granting state participating funds, subject to the issuance of the federal grant. It also authorizes the state to pay all project bills following the issuance of federal and state grants.

Upon project approval by the Commission, the Bureau will issue a news release, which may initiate a contact from the news media requesting more detailed information. The press release and related information can be found by visiting our website at www.michigan.gov/aero.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Hammond".

Rick Hammond, Administrator
Airports Division
Bureau of Aeronautics and Freight Services

From: Steven J. Kingsbury [skingsbury@cityofclare.org]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 5:41 PM
To: Ken Hibl
Subject: FW: Locals Score Victory on Revenue Sharing

Evening Ken,

You probably already have read or heard the below message, but in case you hadn't...

Steven J. Kingsbury
 Treasurer, Finance Director and
 Director of Information Technology
 City of Clare
skingsbury@cityofclare.org
 989-386-7541 extension 107

From: Andrea Messinger [mailto:amessinger@mml.org]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 2:15 PM
To: skingsbury@cityofclare.org
Subject: Locals Score Victory on Revenue Sharing



Communities Score Victory on Revenue Sharing!

Instead of a cut, your community could be looking at an increase to your state revenue sharing dollars if House action yesterday holds through the budget process. After previously eyeing a 3.1-percent cut to statutory revenue sharing (1.25-percent overall blended cut), the House Appropriations Committee Thursday agreed to add a 1-percent increase to revenue sharing.

So instead of a cut, we're now looking at an increase! While this isn't a huge increase, it is a reflection of the House Appropriations Committee's desire to prevent further cuts to communities throughout the state.

This increase has a long way to go before it officially could happen, but the League's legislative staff in Lansing is cautiously optimistic about this extremely positive turn of events. To pay for the proposed increase, the amendment tie barred the budget bill to a package of 10 bills which close various tax loopholes worth approximately \$26 million.

It all happened very quickly, and here's a quick summary: There was a hearing on the budget bill with the proposed 3.1-percent cut on Wednesday and Andy Schor from the League testified in opposition to the cut along with Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski, a member of the League Board of Trustees, and Jennifer Goulet of ArtServe of Michigan. Officials from the Michigan Townships Association and Michigan Association of Counties also testified in opposition.

We believe having Mayor Majewski testify, in particular, went a long way in convincing the committee that our communities have already suffered enough through several

previous cuts to revenue sharing on top of the other economic blows they have endured. The bill will now be voted on by the full House before going over to the Senate.

Many thanks go out to Rep. Joan Bauer (D-Lansing), Rep. Doug Bennett (D-Muskegon), Rep. Shanelle Jackson (D-Detroit), Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-Salem), and Rep. Vince Gregory (D-Southfield) for holding firm on their opposition to cuts to communities. Thanks also go out to General Government Sub-Committee Chair Fred Durhal (D-Detroit) and Rep. Robert Dean (D-Grand Rapids) for introducing the amendment to restore and increase funds to revenue sharing.

The vote on the amendment to restore and increase the revenue sharing funds was as follows:

Supporting the amendment: Democratic Reps. Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Brown, Dean, Durhal, Espinoza, Gonzalez, Gregory, Jackson, Lahti, McDowell, Miller, Smith, Switalski, Tlaib. Passing (Abstaining) on the amendment: Democratic Reps. LeBlanc and Spade; Republican Reps. Caul, Genetski, Haines. Opposing the amendment: Democratic Rep. Hammel; Republican Reps. Moss, Agema, Booher, Green, Hildenbrand, Lori, Proos, Rogers, Schuitmaker. The final bill passed on a 19-8-4 vote, with 19 Democrats supporting, 4 Republicans passing (abstaining) and 8 Republicans opposing.

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Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Whereas, Every two and a half minutes a person is raped in the United States and in Michigan, over 70 percent of rape victims are under the age of 20; and,

Whereas, Sexual assault is an intolerable, violent crime with extensive short and long-term implications for victims, their loved ones and to society as a whole; and,

Whereas, It is estimated that less than half of all sexual assaults are ever reported; and,

Whereas, The state of Michigan has a proud tradition of strong legislation intended to reduce the incidence of sexual assault and violence; and,

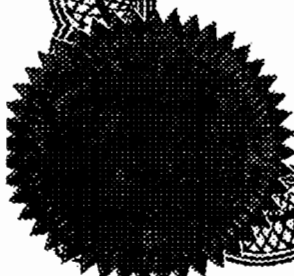
Whereas, Elimination of sexual violence is achievable through change at the individual, family, community, organization, and societal levels; and,

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about how to stop perpetration of sexual violence before it can start and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and the Michigan Department of Community Health are dedicated to the elimination of all sexual violence in our state and to the empowerment of Michigan's sexual assault survivors;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Michigan. I urge all citizens to help end this tragic epidemic that is devastating our society by supporting victims of sexual assault and to stand against further assault.

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor



Clare Irish Festival.txt

From: Tom Kunse [tom@norlo.net]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:38 PM
To: Ken Hibl
Cc: Dewayne Miedzianowski; Bob Bonham
Subject: Clare Irish Festival

Ken,

I continue to be impressed with the extra effort the employees of the of City of Clare put forth. The Irish Festival is one weekend when a large number of guests visit our town and they are almost universally impressed.

There were 570 runners in the road race this year and I received over 20 compliments on:

1) The friendliness, hospitality and helpfulness of the Clare Police and Police Auxiliary. Most of our participants are from large cities and cannot comprehend dealing with a police department that is so generous of their time and so pleasant to deal with. The men in blue are exceptional ambassadors for the City.

2) The runners appreciated the DPW placing cones on the street to help with a safe event.

3) Numerous comments on how clean the City looked - they noted how the DPW cleaned the sidewalks.

4) Several comments on how the roads were clean and safe to run on.

This was the 16th St Patrick's Day Race I worked at and every year we have increased the number of runners - and therefore the number of visitors to Clare - but this would not have been possible without such great cooperation from the City. I have never been more proud to call Clare my home.

Thank you,

Tom Kunse
(989) 386-2389

March 4, 2010

Clare City Commissioners
Clare, Michigan

Re: Board Member Appointee

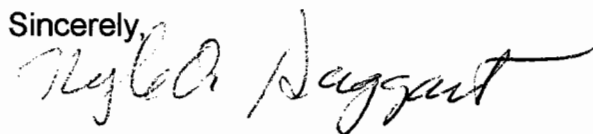
At the regular meeting of the Clare Municipal Airport Advisory Board on March 3, 2010, the board unanimously voted to recommend Mr. Rod Leslie of Clare to be placed on the board.

Rod would be filling the position vacated by Ron Harris.

Rod meets the criteria that he is a non-pilot, resident of Clare.

It is requested that the Commissioners approve Rod Leslie for this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nyle Haggart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Nyle Haggart
President
Clare Municipal Airport Advisory Board

JAYNIE SMITH HOERAUF, P.C.

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February 24, 2010

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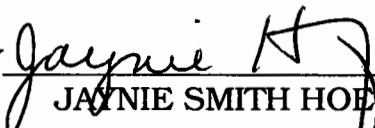
RE: McGuirk Drive

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm a meeting in regard to the above matter scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at Clare City Hall upstairs conference room.

Sincerely,

JAYNIE SMITH HOERAUF, P.C.

BY 
JAYNIE SMITH HOERAUF

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