

CLYDE TOWNSHIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

3350 VINCENT ROAD

CLYDE TOWNSHIP HALL

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Meeting call to order by Supervisor Manoleas at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Turner, Neruda, Bates, Dortman, Manoleas, and McGriff. Also present was Kirk Weston from the St. Clair County Road Commission. Absent: Voight

Purpose of meeting to discuss and receive information from Mid- Michigan, and residents concerning the renewal of the sand pit permit. Along with any other questions or concerns.

Supervisor Manoleas explained at the beginning of the meeting that anyone that would like to speak to fill out an index card in order to do so. He also explained the order that the meeting would be conducted. First to speak Kirk Weston, Road Commission, then Mid-Michigan, and then the residents.

Kirk talked about the various roads in Clyde Township and their classification and what it meant. Abbottsford Road is classified as a primary road. This road is a non- season road but the company could be bonded to be able to use the road all year. Vincent Road is a primary road under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission. Both Vincent and Wildcat Roads are Class A all season roads which allow for legal loading. It was also mentioned that the Reuters had the pit about 26 years and that they did bond the road.

Treasurer McGriff brought up the topic about the dust and dirt on Abbottsford Road in front of the pit.

Randy Wargnier's concern was about a tire washer to help with the dirt on the tires on the trucks.

Discussion about the speed limit. Kirk Weston mentioned about speed studies that have been done on Abbottsford Road.

Helen Hermes's concerns Mid-Michigan taking over Burgess, and the speed limit, trucks on Vincent Road.

Mid-Michigan (Rob Wilson) commented that Supervisor Manoleas, Treasurer McGriff and Trustee Neruda came out to inspect the pit on Thursday of last week.

Mid-Michigan has been asked about the short and long term plans. Rob Wilson stated that they are not doing anything different from what Burgess was doing. The long range plans have not been finalized. They did get awarded a job that needs a lot of sand down in Marine City. So more trucks have been moving.

Rob Wilson stated that the company wants to be a good neighbor. They have changed the back alarms on the trucks to a white noise alarm that is used in a residential community. They also extended the asphalt going into the pit area. They want to be a community partner and play by the rules. The mining process is happening in the same spot that Burgess and Reuter's did, in the north east corner. After utilizing the sand maybe developing the area. Long range plans are not finalized.

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Karl Arnold's concerns about what is being hauled into the pit? Nick Burgess responded gravel for maintenance. Rob Wilson stated that they stop digging at 30 feet.

Joe Kaercher works as a truck driver for Mid-Michigan, he works for Dan's Excavating. He explained that he wants to keep his job, in order to spend the money he earns in the community.

Jackie Bligh's concern about the hours of operations. She commented that sitting outside at 10 p.m. and hearing beepers sounds like a loader cleaning up or whatever. She also expressed a thank you for the asphalt they are not speeding, she appreciates Mid-Michigan being good neighbors.

Supervisor Manoleas stated that the Board might need to readdress the hours of operation if there are any complaints.

Diane Travis handed out to the Board members a list. Mud on the road, the extended asphalt helped, need a tire wash, mud on the road is slippery, broom thing does not get the job done, someone will be hurt, also put up wall like the highways to break the noise, the noise is ridiculous. She also mentioned that the original plan was to dig a hole let it full up with water then build houses around that.

Krystal Martyniak works for Mid-Michigan. She wanted to let the residents know that they do good for the community. The company even adopts a family during the holiday season. Plus if there is a complaint call the field office and they try to take care of it immediately.

David Weiss mentioned about a car wash for the vehicles and reduce the taxes.

Helen Hermes moved into the community 30 years ago. She is concerned about the traffic, are there plans to expand? She also addressed the rest of the audience to say “shame on you” you should of complained before, kept on top of this issue.

Katherine Marsh stated that she misses Burgess. She moved here 30 years ago. She realizes everyone’s concerns about the truck traffic. She asked the question about truckers contacting other truckers about speed and the cops. Discussion. Another comment was about a traffic light on Vincent Road and her concerns about the people in Ruby and the wells.

Mr. Warfel lives at the end of Asher Road and he stated that the start time for the trucks before 5 a.m. Diesel engines running, making racket and moving the trucks around in the parking lot. Concerned about the aggregate lower than 30 feet. He is concerned about his property becoming worthless.

Cindy Duncan stated that she is not to complain her concerns is about the speed of the trucks. Safety, people are getting up to start their day, kids and the school buses are out and about. Her concerns about early in the morning seven trucks went by in a six minute time frame.

Tom Duncan asked about where and how much they can take out. Supervisor Manoleas responded by stating that they work in the North East section.

Colby Rostine’s concern about the sand pit taking over the tree farm. Rob Wilson stated that the company is following the setback requirements.

Supervisor Manoleas announced that he wanted the residents to hear this information form Mid-Michigan and not from some third party. That is why he convened this informational meeting.

Fred Wisson stated that the fault lies with you, he reminded the other people in the audience to attend a meeting to see what is going on. Third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Discussion. Various input from Board members and residents. Trustee Neruda stated that he sees that Mid-Michigan trying other pits don’t jump thru hoops like Mid-Michigan has. Other pits are nasty.

It was also stated that Mid-Michigan purchased the pit 18 months ago.

Supervisor Manoleas thanked everyone for attending. The renewal for this permit will be up on January 31. 2020. He mentioned that this information will be taken into consideration for the renewal of this permit.

- ✓ Motion by Supervisor Manoleas support from Trustee Neruda to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Prepared by Kathleen Turner,
Clerk

Ernie Manoleas
Supervisor