

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of Clare City Hall, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins and Gus Murphy. Absent: None. Also, present: Jeremy Howard, City Manager; Vicki Corlew, City Treasurer; Diane Lyon, City Clerk; and Officers Steven Sentz and Tom Brandon.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Moved by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the items listed with an asterisk (\*), Agenda, Minutes, Communications, Professional Development, Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-004, Board & Committee Appointments, and Bills) that are considered routine by the City Commission. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

3. **\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Approved by Consent Agenda.*

4. **\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Approved by Consent Agenda.*

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. \*BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

1. Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board-Mike Smith and Rod Leslie.

*Approved by Consent Agenda. Resolution 2025-067.*

2. Reappointment to the Downtown Development Authority-Shari Buccilli.

*Approved by Consent Agenda. Resolution 2025-068.*

3. Reappointment to the Local Development Finance Authority-Steve Letherer.

*Approved by Consent Agenda. Resolution 2025-069.*

2. Reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board-Tina Droomer.

*Approved by Consent Agenda. Resolution 2025-070.*

**B. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-004 (WASTEWATER DISCHARGE LIMITS)**

Subsequent to a public hearing (public notice attached) at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 21, 2025 the Clare City Commission considered and approved a first reading of proposed ordinance (Ordinance 2025-004) incorporating changes to the City's Ordinance Codes a 2025 mandated amendment to the City's wastewater discharge limits.

The City Commission is the approval authority of all ordinance code changes or amendments. And all ordinances require two readings and a public hearing conducted by the City Commission before the City Commission can consider an ordinance for adoption. We ask the City Commission to allow a Second Reading of the proposed ordinance amendments and subsequently approve Ordinance 2025-004 for incorporation to the City's Ordinance Codes.

Motion by Commissioner Jenkins second by Commissioner Bonham to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2025-004 by adoption of Resolution 2025-071. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

**C. EGLE DAM RISK REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT-ROUND TWO APPLICATION**

the City has been working with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) on several grant applications for additional funding for the Lake Shamrock Dam replacement project. Our dam engineers, GEI, notified us that the City of Clare was

awarded an additional \$1,300,000 grant in the second round of funding for the EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program (DRRGP) to complete the dam replacement project. We have now received the formal grant award documents from EGLE that require approval by the City Commission to allow us to accept the grant award and proceed with this next portion of the project.

The Commission is asked to approve the grant agreement as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign any and all necessary documents, and the City Treasurer to make any and all budget amendments that may be necessary.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy second by Commissioner Bussell to approve the grant award and accept the funds by adoption of Resolution 2025-072. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Meagan Jenkins Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

8. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer provided a report to the Commission.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Lake Shamrock Dredging. Mechanical dredging by the city continues at the west end of the lake with a focus on the mouth of the lake and the beach area. The city's barge operates during normal DPW business hours. Hydraulic dredging by Savin is presently on the east end of the lake. The hydraulic dredging schedule is Monday through Friday 24 hours a day.

Lake Shamrock Dam Project. GEI and Spicer, are continuing design work for the new dam and emergency/auxiliary spillway and new walkway. We have been working with EGLE and FEMA to get acceptance complete for the FEMA HHPD. The second round of the DRRGP grant is on the agenda for approval of the agreement for the August 4th City Commission meeting. This will allow us to secure an additional \$1,300,000 for the dam project from EGLE; the City's match is 10% (\$130,000) which will come out of the State grant/allocation funds that we have for the project. We will apply for additional funds from DRRGP dollars if they become available.

Downtown Clare Music and Art Festival. On Saturday, August 9th, enjoy live performances from talented musicians on the streets and in local businesses downtown from 1-4 PM, then make your way to Art Alley for the main acts starting at 4 PM, then wrap up the evening at the After Glow Party at the Doherty Hotel.

Depot Day. Depot Day is Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Clare Union Railroad Depot from 10 am – 1 pm. Stop by to help raise money towards construction the outside restrooms for the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail trailhead. A silent auction, bake sale, games, little train rides for the kids, a bounce house, and other activities will take place at this event.

Clare County Art Council Juried Art Show. The Clare County Art Council will be hosting a "Juried Art Show" on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Clare Union Railroad Depot. This event is being held in conjunction with Clare Depot Day and the Clare Music and Art Festival. The artists will set up on the east lawn of the Depot grounds from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Old US 27 Motor Car Tour. The Old US 27 Motor Car Tour will be back in Clare on Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Join hundreds of classic cars as they tour nostalgic Old US 27. Michigan's Old US 27 Motor Tour visits several cities from its starting point in Coldwater to its ending point in Cheboygan. You can follow this event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/100196076698332> for details and information.

11. \*COMMUNICATIONS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt Forsberg, Grant Township, requested that the Commission keep neighboring property owners informed of plans regarding wildlife management at the Clare Municipal Airport.
13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None.
14. \*APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*

15. \*PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
  
16. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Commissioner Murphy seconded by Commissioner Bonham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.* The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Pat Humphrey, Mayor

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Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk