

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call found present: Harvey, Russell, Croninger, Northrup and Wylie

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and a motion made by Northrup and supported by Croninger to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General fund \$73,823.87; Money market \$254,642.67. Total sewer funds \$3,705,992.43. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was read and items needing further review was set aside.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Asked for public comments

REPORTS

Richard Lee from the Road Commission had asked to be on the Agenda. Due to the weather, he was unable to attend. Ken Jones from Wightman, Petrie was in attendance. The Sewer Board had asked him to attend their meeting and they, in turn, asked him to attend the board meeting. He would review the discs from the inspection at Birch Lake and report back to the board. Also, two members of the Township Board and members of the Sewer Board would meet with him. The fee for the review would be approximately \$600. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Croninger to authorize Ken Jones to review the video inspection of Birch Lake and report back to the board. He will also keep the cost down as much as possible. Motion carried.

Porter Fire Report: Total incidents for the month of January – 32 2 fire, 24 rescue and emergency medical and 6 good intent calls.

Building report-- There was no building report

Sewer Plant Report—Due to the weather, Tippman had brought the reports down to the office earlier and was not in attendance.

MTA reports—Reports from each Board Member on what they had learned at the convention.

BILLS:

The bills were read Township bills in the amount of \$24,402.77. Asked to add \$90.71 on for Election Source and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$53,298.76. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to pay the bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER BOARD PROPOSAL

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to table until we hear back from the Sewer Board. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES—NUISANCE AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

The attorney had advised these could be combined. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to table this at the present time and ask the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Dave Nagy's term on the Planning Commission will expire on March 31. Need to reappoint. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Croninger to appoint Dave Nagy to the Planning Commission for another term to expire on 3/31/13.

Motion Carried.

FUND BALANCE

Need to renew support contract. This is for General Ledger and for Accounts Payable. The amount is \$1098. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to approve this expense. Motion carried.

COOKS

Proposal from Cooks Heating to service the furnaces for another year. Charge for this is \$270. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to approve this expense. Motion carried.

RAISE SEWER RATES

Helen feels we will soon have to raise the sewer rates. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to have the Sewer Board look into the possible need to raise rates and report back to the board. Motion carried.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Discussion held on the hiring of the enforcement officer. Have one application. Wylie and Northrup have agreed to talk to the applicant again and see if we can come to an agreement with him to do the enforcing.

VANCE PROPERTY

After lengthy discussion, the feeling of some of the board members is the sewer board needs to review all of this data and return to the board for further action. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to do this. Roll call vote Wylie yes; Northrup yes; Harvey no, Croninger no, Russell yes. Motion carried to send this back to the Sewer Board for recommendation from them.

LUCKY 13

Have a bid from Lucky 13 to do the lawn care again for the Township. They are asking for approval through 2012. The board cannot approve that far into the future. Will only approve one year at a time. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Wylie to approve for this coming year. Motion carried.

SEPSA APPOINTMENT

Harvey had talked with Phil Mumaw and he is willing to step down as the representative from the board to SEPSA. He has missed a number of SEPSA meetings and has never attended any of our board meetings to report to us. Harvey asking to appoint Rick Russwurm to the board in his place. His term would expire 12/31/12 Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to appoint Russwurm. Motion carried.

REPORTS

No Planning Committee report

No Wetlands Report

Sewer Board report from Klappauf. Klappauf is asking for the papers for the Septage. Believe Keirn has them. Also, Richard Wolf needs extension until 4/15 to hook up, mainly due to the weather. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to approve the delay. Motion carried.

Sewer Department report from C. Bickel for Keirn.

Reports from Arnold and Bickel on what is going on in the County.

April 22 will be the Intergovernmental forum.

U.S. 12 rework hearing will be 2/24 in Coloma. This is by invitation only.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk