

PORTER TOWNSHIP

March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Marlow with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call Present were Croninger, Wylie, Russell, Marlow, and Harman

Minutes The minutes from February were reviewed: motion was made by Harman and supported by Wylie to accept the minutes. Motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$313,531.35 savings \$254,520.43 Bair Lake \$20,458.91 total sewer funds \$1,564,314.36 Motion made by Marlow and supported by Harman to approve the report. All in favor motion passed

Correspondence was read

Building Report For the month of July was \$1,074,600.00 in new and remodeling construction. SEPSA Report Harman gave the report for January with 54 total runs; 27 in Mason with 17 EMS, 10 other; Porter had 24; 17 EMS, 1 fire, 6 other

Bills Township bills were read of \$36,112.45 with \$64,355.12 in sewer bills. Wylie made a motion to pay the bills supported by Marlow. All in favor motion passed

Road Joe Ballina from the Cass County Road Commission was here to answer questions about the roads and culverts; he advised the contractor that was scheduled to start work on Carter Lake St has backed out due to it being more of a job than first anticipated, they will be working on it as soon as they can but have to go by the DEQ rules on this also. He also advised of several other culverts that are starting to fail they are working with the township to be able to fix them before they fail completely.

Dangerous Building There were 3 bids to demo the house located at 69750 Hazel Road, Union, MI. They bids were opened, roll call was done to accept the lowest bid; Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie- yes, Russell – yes. Motion having passed the clerk will advise the winner that they can get started on the demo

Cemetery Ordinance Wylie made a motion to accept the changes to the Cemetery Ordinance, support by Croninger, All in favor motion passed

Sewer Ordinance and Resolution Wylie made the motion to accept all the changes made to the sewer ordinances and accept the resolutions for collection of monies support by Marlow; All in favor motion passed

Budget Marlow made a motion to accept the budget with 3 corrections support from Wylie; Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell - yes

Committee Members Applications were read for the following committees Gary King Board of Review, Roger Vosmik Wetlands Protection, Barbara Belland Wetlands Protection, Ron Jaski Sewer Board, and Connie Holt for Wetlands Protection. Marlow made the motion to accept all support by Wylie. All in favor motion passed

BOR Meal Marlow advised he would like to be able to feed the board of review members the when they are here Wednesday and Thursday. Harman made the motion to feed them support by Croninger All in favor motion passed

April Agenda Due to the MTA conference the April agenda meeting needs to be changed to Monday April 1, 2019 at 3:30; Harman made the motion to move the date support by Croninger All in favor motion passed

Website There are 3 bids so far for the website; Marlow made a motion to table this till so other bids can be made and some that have put bids are wanting to come talk to the board, support from Wylie to table this All in favor motion passed

Sewer Money Marlow advised he was at the Sewer board meeting this month and discussed with them to make an adjustment to the billing, they are in favor of this, They will be moving \$5 from the debt service to O & M; the bill will go from \$27 to \$22 to the debt service and from \$30 to \$35 for the O & M this will keep the township from raising the rates at least this year. Motion made the motion to accept this support by Croninger; Roll call Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion passed

Sewer Report Klappauf advised they are still 9 out of 10 for the budget this year. They will be revising the budget due to the R& I fund; Marlow made the motion to accept their budget support by Wylie; roll call Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Klappauf then advised that the new GIS program is working and they have sent the contract for Porter to sign Marlow will sign and get back to Galovich

Septage Nagy advised septage for the month was 57,314 gallons with sales around \$90,500.00 for 2018 and that 2019 started slow with only about \$4000.00 this is probably due to the weather with no permit violations. Emergency call outs on 2/24/2019 due to the wind storm – Shavehead Lake Lift Stations B-6, B-7, and B-8. They installed the flow meter on the septage receiving station. They are also requesting an Ad Hoc Committee to identify and develop a policy for private roads as they have become a problem. They are also still working with the Health Department on getting a GIS map that has the sewer district on it.

Board of Appeals Harman advised they had a meeting last month and elected officers for the term they are still in need of one more person.

Wetlands Committee Wylie presented several changes. Wylie made the motion to accept the new bylaws as presented support by Croninger; Wylie, Croninger, Marlow, Russell – yes, Harman – no, motion carried; Wylie then advised a change in the ordinance the change is in references to the county wetland map which they no longer have Motion made by Russell with support from Marlow All in favor motion carried; Wylie then present the new application for zoning compliance if building on wetlands, Marlow made the motion to accept with support from Croninger – all in favor; motion carried; It was then advised they have a new wetland addendum, permit and a control permit Wylie made a motion to accept all of these support from Croninger; Croninger, Marlow, Wylie, Russell – yes, Harman – no motion carried; Wylie made the motion to accept the new wetland map that Whiteman is working on support by Marlow all in favor – motion carried

Planning Commission Nagy advised they have a meeting coming up on March 20th they will have an election of officers and they will be working on the Birch Lake Dock Ordinance, and possibly a new noise ordinance

County Commissioner Dyes advised they have appointed Jeff Carman to the Administrator job and are currently seeing a new Administrator and also a Finance Administrator. He also wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the Hazard Waste will be the 2nd weekend in May at the fairgrounds this is open to anyone in Cass County, He also advised they will be having a FOIA training the clerk advised she has already gotten this and is planning on attending; The new county map will be coming next month; They are still discussing what to do with old court house they should know by June; anyone interested they meet Friday's at 9:00 am

Public Comments There were 2 comments that Porter is in need of a noise ordinance, the board agrees; Nagy from the planning commission was asked to please look into this.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to adjourn Motion carried; Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk