

PORTER TOWNSHIP

April 9, 2018

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

Roll Call: Present were, Russell Croninger, Wylie and Harman. Marlow, Absent.

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$356,853.14 savings \$254,733.81 Bair Lake \$ 22,961.09 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$73,798.97, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,465,622.82. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read including the information

SEPSA: SEPSA Report for the month of January was read by Harman.

Building Report: For the month of March \$ 251,950.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills: Township Bills \$78,093.42, Sewer bills \$57774.69. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried

New Business: Nancy DuFour thanked the Township for sending her to MTA Conference. She shared about the individual classes that she attended. Nancy & Beth Russell both spoke on the Election Update class and explained how it will affect the Township. Leard Wylie spoke on the Medical vs. Recreational Marijuana class and stated that some of the items will not affect us because the Township did an OPT OUT on allowing it to become a commercial use item. Individuals could have 2 ½ oz. & up to 12 plants inside their home. Tommy spoke on the Body Language class that was one that he attended.

Peter Ter Lowe: from the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy explained what they are doing in our area. The Vision is to protect the areas. They are currently working on a project that is in the Crane Pond area (Three Rivers) and will effect North Porter.

May Agenda Meeting: Due to the Election concerning White Pigeon schools on May 7, the Agenda meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8 at 3:30 pm, also, the Sewer Board will be holding there May 7 meeting at the Sewer Plant.

Clean-up Day will be held June 1, 2019 from 8-12. The Township will provide pickup for those unable to bring their items. A list will be available for items that are acceptable, at the Township.

Refreshments for clean-up day: Motion by Wylie for the Township to purchase these refreshments. Supported by Croninger. Motion passed.

Fireworks Birch/Shavehead: Birch Lake has filed a request for July 6 with a rain date of July 13. Fireworks will be done at Camp Tannadoonah. Shavehead Lake has filed a request for July 6 with a rain date of July 7. Fireworks will be done at Camp Friedenswald. Wylie made the motion to accept the date. Supported by Harman. Motion passed.

Emergency Vehicles – SEPSA: Mason Township has requested that due to the number of break-ins & thefts in the area that we go jointly to have a stronger police presence in the area. SEPSA will need to be involved in this also according to the contract they have with the Township. Russell stated that the cost would be shared with Mason and that we would both need to write a letter of intent to SEPSA. Harman made a motion to get the letter of intent ready and notify Mason to do the same. Supported by Wylie. Roll call vote: Harman, yes, Wylie yes, Croninger yes, Russell yes. Motion passed.

Sewer Report: Sewer report from Klappauf. Plant running smooth. He also brought up the issue at Lift Station B-11 and the electrical problem that is being caused by the change of elevation and a resident's water discharge. This is going to be looked into more by Ray. Ray will be getting the elevation numbers. There are two possibilities to repair this, 1) change the elevation and 2.) Raise the lift station. This will be decided after elevation info is available. Everything that was done with the SAW Grant is working fine.

Septage Report: Nagy reported that the Septage in March 86,278 gallons brought \$6,600.00 in revenue. April counts are going up.

Klappauf was given permission to contact Seeber (attorney) to clarify the document she gave the Township in regards to on-line meetings.
There has not been a date set for the joint meeting w/Building Department.
Wylie will be making a presentation at the next Sewer Board meeting in regards to the Public Health Department.
Russell stated that she will be handling all the motions and resolutions that have been passed for the Sewer Board.
There is a letter coming in regards to Emma Lane from the attorney.

ZBA report: No report.

Wetlands Committee: Two regular members have been accepted to the Board and one new alternate. However, due to the passing away of one member the alternate has been moved to permanent member.

Planning Commission: No new business. Nagy stated that they are still in need of one member.

County Commissioner Cass County Hazardous Waste will be May 11. There will also be a rate increase for additions being made along Wetland Areas.
Commissioner Dyes is also working on the renovation of the County Court House. He explained what they are currently working on.

Public Comments: Comments were made by Pat McCullen & another resident in regards to the Township writing a "No Wake" ordinance. Planning Commission will be looking into this. They also discussed the current road problems. Russell explained what the Township was doing to remedy the culvert situation. Additional comments by Julie Pakse concerning the water problem at B-11 and how this is affecting homes in the area.

Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
Pat Keirn for
Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk