

## PORTER TOWNSHIP

May 14, 2019

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

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

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$289,641.62 savings \$255,166.50 Bair Lake \$ 22,956.19 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$56,875.79, Sewer Receiving Funds \$139,315.58. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to approve the report. Motion carried with Harman absent.

Correspondence were read

SEPSA: There was no report this month.

Building Report: For the month of March \$ 1,445,003.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills: Township Bills \$108,469.67, Sewer bills \$70,011.19. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried with Harman absent

Old Business: The letter of intent was read then signed by the township for SEPSA to look into funding for a police officer that will patrol Porter and Mason. This is a joint letter from both boards a signed copy will be given to SEPSA motion made by Wylie with a second from Croninger to sign the letter. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent. Mason will also send a letter from their board.

New Business: Hope Anderson County Treasurer came to introduce herself to the township and advised everyone on the new tax program that everyone will be using. She also advised they are now taking payments on line at govpaynow.com. She also advised everyone of a new program that will help home owners pay property taxes called stepforwardmichigan.org.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program letter was read and approved Clerk Russell will send it to the Cass County Office of Emergency Management it will be adopted for Porter Township, Cass County.

Resolution for BOR meeting dates to be moved was read Marlow made a motion to accept the new dates with a second by Wylie all in favor with Harman absent.

CINTAS rental agreement needs to be updated, Marlow made a motion to renew second by Croninger to accept all in favor was approved with Harman absent.

Fence estimates were read with Great Lakes Fencing & Decking being approved to put a fence around Long Cemetery motion made by Marlow with a second by Wylie to accept Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, with Harman absent.

Committee Members. New members were read Wylie made a motion with support from Russell that he take the Wetland Committee Members and have them come to a meeting before deciding all in favor with Harman absent.

Tim Osborn's application was then read and accepted to the Planning Committee. All in favor with Harman absent

Lot Line adjustment for Bender was read seeing no reason to deny a motion was made by Wylie with second from Croninger to accept all in favor motion carried with Harman absent.

Carbonite Backup the computer off site backup was recently sold, and this company bought them motion made by Croninger with support from Wylie to accept the new company all in favor motion carried with Harman absent.

Indian Lake Association Fireworks application was read from RKM Fireworks for the date of June 29, 2019 with a rain date of June 30, 2019 Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to accept motion carried with Harman absent.

Totzke Farms is having trouble with their field on Wayne Street flooding they have even offered to do the work themselves, Marlow will call the Cass County Road Commission and see if this can be done.

Wetland Sewer Map Wylie advised everyone that it is now up and operational he and Klappauf will meet with Mr. Friday from the Health Department.

Carter Lake Contract: Porter Township has a new revised contract from the Cass County Road Commission to start work on Carter Lake Street it will also cost the township and additional \$19,587.93 now with \$92,263.81 at completion motion made by Marlow with support from Wylie to accept the new revised contract. Roll call was done Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, with Harman absent. The contract will be signed so work can be started.

Dust Control 2 bids were read for dust control this year with Eco Surface Solutions being cheaper this year than Great Lakes Chloride, motion made by Marlow with support from Croninger to accept the bid from Eco Surface Solutions who will also do spot applications for anyone interested that is on a private road, roll call was done Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, Harman absent

Sewer Report: Sewer report from Klappauf. Plant running smooth still has a rating of 9 out of 10 no violations with routine maintenance being done, Klappauf gave the board a motion that the sewer board recommends to the Township Board, the Sewer Authority that the GIS program be given to the Cass/Van Buren County Health Department and be used to determine if a property is located in the Porter Township Sewer District motion made by Marlow with support from Croninger to accept this all in favor with Harman absent. Klappauf and Wylie will get with Friday from the Health Department on this. Klappauf reported that B-11 homeowners were sent letters regarding some work that needs to be done from our Attorney.

Septage Report: All is running smoothly

Sherman Homeowner discussed having Emma Lane which right now is a private road paved. Marlow advised him this is not something the township can help with but told him options that can be used. Marlow will discuss with the Cass County Road Commission if they will accept the road if a private contractor does the paving.

ZBA report: No report.

Wetlands Committee: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

County Commissioner: Commissioner Dyes advised the County Hazard Waste was a success and that next year they are trying to get a shredder also. Dyes advised Jeff Carman is the new administrator and is doing a great job. He explained what they are currently working on.

Public Comments: Comments were made by homeowner in regards to the State having a new “No Wake” ordinance it was advised this did not go over as being a non-issue

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 p.m.

Beth Russell  
Porter Township Clerk