

PORTER TOWNSHIP

September 10, 2019

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

Roll Call: Present were, Croninger, Marlow, Harman, Russell, with Wylie absent

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$315,960.46 savings \$257,258.35 Bair Lake \$21,150.42 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$63,114.18, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,190,339.96. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Harman to approve the report. Motion carried with Wylie absent

Correspondence were read

SEPSA: There was no report this month

Building Report: For the month of March \$236,700.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills: Township Bills \$41,989.72, Sewer bills \$46,041.87. Motion was made by Russell to authorize a partial payment for fence installation at the Long Cemetery; to be forwarded to vendor along with letter from township attorney indicating that full resolution of costs will be made once the job is completed to the satisfaction of the township support by Marlow, motion passed with Wylie absent. Marlow then made a motion with support from by Russell to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried with Wylie absent

DuFour: Nancy gave a report on the Cemetery convention she thanked the board for allowing her to go again; she advised every year she learns something. She advised that there was an Indian speaker that explained how they are trying to retrieve the bones of their ancestors. She also advised that there was also a couple gentlemen that had to do with Veterans affairs. They will be coming to see if any of our stones can be replaced with their help; green burials were also discussed with a spore suit being the latest

Miller: State Representative Aaron Miller came to talk about what is going on at the capital. He advised the gas tax was considered too extreme and is already considered "dead" he is not sure what they will try to do next. The No Fault is set to go into effect.

Land Split: Robbins would like to split their property motion made by Russell with support by Marlow to accept this. Motion passed with Wylie absent

Lot Line Adjustment: Kankel/Erbe - Kankel/Sponseller/Bricker they all own property that adjoins; Croninger made a motion to accept the adjustments, support by Marlow all in favor motion carried with Wylie absent

Birch Lake Goose Resolution: Russwurm had advised the board Birch Lake is interested in the Goose Round Up that the other lakes are doing. Motion made by Harman supported by Marlow to adopt the resolution all in favor motion passed with Wylie absent

Miscellaneous Marlow advised Union Road is open and they are working Carter Lake Street and have advised they will be done by the end of September

Sewer Report: WWTP continues to operate in excellent condition with no permit violations, Cleaned SRS Tank, EQ basin, and Filter EQ Basin, Installed SBR mixer reversing switches. Klappauf advised they

have the letter ready for disconnects. Commissioner Dyes advised he does not think that is legal. He will check this and will let the treasurer know Wed since she is in the office.

Septage Report: Nagy advised they had 99,500 gallons in septage for the month the plant continues to run in excellent condition

ZBA report: Harman advised they advised the homeowner that they had to move the structure the 20 ft. from the water. They let them have the height

Wetlands Committee: No report.

Planning Commission: Nagy advised that they have looked into the ordinances that the board with the following decisions: No Wake Ordinance: Our township attorney advised that the Planning Commission is not responsible for this type of ordinance but is the responsibility of the state's DNR division. An entity such as a private citizen or Lake Association must directly petition the DNR for such a regulation. The DNR is responsible for holding the requisite public hearings on this matter.

Golf Cart Ordinance: The sheriff of Cass County wants to work with the county directly in developing a county wide Golf Cart Ordinance (also known as an ORV or Off Road Vehicle Ordinance). This would give the sheriff's department continuity of regulation from township to township when enforcing this type of ordinance.

Noise Ordinance: The Township Board has not yet committed to this type of ordinance. He then advised since they have no more business to come in front of them they will cancel the meeting scheduled for September 18, 2019

County Commissioner Dyes advised Calvin Township is looking for fire protection the board advised him he would need to speak to SEPSA on that. They will also be breaking ground for a new Career Tech Center and some of the health department will be moving in there. At the county building they are having a finance council and also an architecture council they are wanting to move the people in the annex back to the county building. He also advised that Woodlands has voted in a new board

Public Comments Commissioner Bob Thompson was on hand to answer questions regarding roads. He advised the reason they do chip and seal IE putting rocks down is that it extends the life of the road by many years.

Motion made by Harman and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried with Wylie absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk