

PORTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MARCH 9, 2010

approved

Budget Hearing 6:45 p.m. March 9, 2010

Meeting called to order with the pledge to the flag. Present were Harvey, Russell, Croninger, Northrup and Wylie.

Discussed the proposed budget.

Motion made by Russell and supported by Northrup to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk

7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, Porter Township Board held on March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: Present were Harvey, Russell, Croninger, Northrup and Wylie

The minutes of the last meetings were reviewed and a motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to approve. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read: Checking account balance \$111,493.34; Savings account balance \$254,755.05; Total sewer funds \$3,744,399.79. Motion made by Russell and supported by Northrup to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The correspondence was read

A group from Bellows Road asked to address the board with a request and presentation asking that the road be improved due to the terrible condition of the road. Louis Csokasy from the Cass County Road Commission was present and tried to answer some of their questions. His estimate is over \$400,000 to improve the road. They asked if there was stimulus money available to help. He answered that all of the stimulus money had already been spent in the County.

Reports

Porter Fire Chief was not there.

Building report for January and February. January \$111,000 in new and remodeling construction.

February \$240,000 in new and remodeling construction.

Sewer Plant Report from Tippman. Report from Ken Jones on the plug at Rainbow Road. He is asking for a flushing valve to be installed at that location to try to eliminate the back-up that causes the plug.

Motion made by Northrup and supported by Russell to approve the purchase of the flushing valve at an approximate cost of \$10,500. Roll Call vote:

Harvey yes, Russell yes, Croninger yes, Northrup yes, Wylie yes. Motion carried.

Report from Harvey on the meeting he attended in regards to the work to be done on U. S. 12 in the year 2011. (Information is available at the Administration Building)

Bills were presented. Township Bills in the amount of \$21,759.04 and sewer department bills in the amount of \$36,128.55. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Raise sewer rates—Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to table. Motion carried.

Enforcement Officer—Wylie had talked with Mike Alwine and he is agreeable to become the Enforcement Officer and agrees to our terms. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to approve Mike Alwine to be the Enforcement Officer. Motion carried.

Vance Property---The sewer board looked over this problem and they advise that they not be assessed.

The measurement was taken from U. S. 12 and not from where the tap is. Asked to have it measured again. Motion made by Croninger and supported by Wylie to table until the proper measurement can be taken. Motion carried.

Budget Approval—the budget for 2010-2011 was presented with proposed Revenues of \$736,148 and Expenditures of \$632,013.56. Resolution made by Wylie and supported by Russell to approve the budget. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Northrup no; Harvey yes; Croninger no; Russell yes. Motion carried 3 yes votes 2 no.

Audit Bid—Have bid from Karl Drake for \$4,000 for Township and \$4,000 for Sewer books and a bid from Gabridge & Co for \$5,340 for only the Township books. Had asked them for a bid on the Sewer books but did not receive it. They also want a 5 year contract. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to retain Karl Drake to continue as our auditor. Roll call vote: Russell yes; Croninger no; Harvey yes; Northrup yes; Wylie yes. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 no.

Bellowood request—They are again requesting special use permit for a Pizza Parlor. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to pass this on to the Planning Commission for further action. Motion carried.

Phone service—Have a quote from Comcast to change our phones to their service. Currently paying approximately \$500 for phone service. They quote \$234.75 which includes internet, unlimited long distance, can keep our phone numbers, and many other features. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to approve changing our service from Verizon and AT & T to Comcast. Motion carried.

Burned house on Sunset—Resident asking to have the board do something about getting the house demolished or repaired. Does not add to the value of other property with this building still standing as is. Fire Chief has advised he has been working on this but there seems to be an insurance problem. Harvey will check into this further and will have our new Ordinance Officer start working on this.

Planning Commission report—Nagy has several things now to be worked on.

No reports from ZBA—have not had any appeals for some time.

Wetlands—Temple not present but they have had nothing going on.

Sewer Board report—Klappauf

Sewer Department report—Keirn – Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to have Keirn send letters to Tusing, Cripe and Schroeder giving them until April 15 to hook-up. Motion carried.

Reports from Commissioners Bickel and Arnold.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk