

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

June 5, 2018

The Sewer Board Meeting was called to order by Carl Klappauf, Chairman, at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board members present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, Leard Wylie (Township representative) & Jeff Moore. Board members absent: Ross Molho (alternate), Roery MacLean, John Penkala. Others present: Ray Galovich (IA representative). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Dave Nagy, to accept the minutes of May 1, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

Financial Review-John Penkala

None given due to the absence of John Penkala.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf summarized the Sewer Board and sewer plant's activities for the Township Board at the May 8, 2018 Township Board meeting.

IA's Monthly Report-Ray Galovich

Ray Galovich stated the plant continued to run exceptionally well during the month of May 2018. There were four emergency call outs this month; 5/3 for power outage on South route & Birch Lake, 5/11 for power phase loss at station B-12, 5/27 for B-4 high level alarm due to customer's illegal sump pump hook up to the sanitary sewer system and 5/31 for plugged lateral to gravity line on Hazel Street. No action was taken on installing a flow meter at the septage receiving station due to the high cost, approximately \$50,000, of this item.

EQ Basin Repair-Ray Galovich

The EQ Basin repair was completed. The repair was delayed by approximately 2 weeks because of low temperatures and snow causing the total cost to go over budget by approximately \$4,000.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy summarized, with charts, the septage receiving activity for May 2018. 119,000 gallons were received generating \$9,269 in sales. A total of 309 customers would have needed to be added to the system to generate this amount of income.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

John Penkala will report on a possible change to the Ordinances. This discussion was tabled until the July 9, 2018 meeting.

10 Year Budget-John Penkala

The Saw Grant needs to be completed to complete the 10-year budget. This discussion was tabled until the July 9, 2018 meeting.

Past Due Payments-John Penkala

John Penkala will monitor the implementation of the penalty rate change. This discussion was tabled until the July 3, 2018 meeting...

Septage Rate Increase

Dave Nagy will continue to investigate.

Alexis International Corp

Parcel 14-120-019-005-01....John Penkala will investigate and report. This discussion was tabled until the July 9, 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Kelly-Woodland Drive (Birch Lake). Illegal hook-up of sump pump to the sanitary sewer and recovery of PTWWTP expenses.

Motion was made and passed unanimously to recommend to the Township Board to recover \$6,719.60 of sewer plant expenses from Mike Kelly-Woodland Drive (Birch Lake) for his illegal hook-up of sump pump to the sanitary sewer system.

Beechwood Manhole

Leard Wylie reported on a customer complaint (Hershberger) regarding a washout around the manhole located at the end of the blacktop on Beechwood Road. After reviewing pictures of the situation, it was determined this needs to be addressed by the Cass County Road Commission.

Land Split Determination

Leard Wylie presented a land split for lot 14-120-030-006-30 (Mat Sampson) to determine if a sewer tap was required prior to the land split approval. It was determined, per established written procedures, that no sewer tap was required prior to the land split approval.

Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Leard Wylie, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be at the Township hall on July 3, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nagy for John Penkala, Sewer Board Secretary