

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Regular meeting, Porter Township Board, August 9, 2011 Administration building 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call taken. Present were Harvey, Russell, Northrup and Wylie. Croninger absent.

Minutes the minutes were read and correction made, Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report General Checking \$54,577.10, Money market \$182,055.79 Total Sewer funds \$3,334,182.67.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Harvey to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence Read

SEPSA Report total 14 runs in Mason and 25 runs in Porter. Reminder of the breakfast Saturday the 13th at the Shrine building on Union Road from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Building Report For July \$783,100 in new and remodeling construction. This is the value of the projects.

Sewer Plant Report Hosier gave report on the plant and the outages and damage from the latest storms.

Will turn the bills into the insurance company.

Bills Township bills in the amount of \$38,037.20 read, this includes payroll also asking for permission to pay the Road Commission bill of approximately \$6,000 for the repairs to Lakeview Drive. And Sewer Department bills in the amount of \$73,634.25 which includes the balance due on the overage. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Gundy Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to table. Motion carried.

Hettmansberger/Mendoza Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to table. Motion carried.

Cemetery Meeting Set August 23 at 4:00 p.m. Will contact Scott and Nancy.

Charter Township. WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has been notified by the Secretary of State of Michigan that Porter Township has a population of 2,000 or more inhabitants, excluding the population of any incorporated village, and notice of that notification was duly published in the South Bend Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in the township, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of MCL 42.3a the Township is eligible to be incorporated as a charter township by resolution of the Township Board, and

WHEREAS after notification is received by the clerk, the township board may adopt, by a majority vote, a resolution opposed to incorporation, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board does not desire to incorporate as a Charter Township,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Board does hereby declare its intent to not incorporate Porter Township as a Charter Township.

Motion was made by Russell, and seconded by Northrup, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon Roll call vote the following voted yes. Harvey, Russell, Northrup and Wylie. Croninger absent.

There were no "no" votes.

The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk

Tannadoonah Property The board was asked to keep this on the Agenda until the situation resolved. We have not had any applications for building, etc. They have received all of their permits from the DEQ for what they have been doing. Wylie will look what they are doing.

Septage Receiving Fee Structure Resolution Resolution number 08-09-11 Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes; Wylie, Northrup Harvey, Russell. Croninger absent. Resolution adopted.

Septage Receiving Resolution Resolution number 08-09-11.1 Resolution motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to adopt the resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Russell, Harvey, Wylie, Northrup. Croninger absent. Resolution adopted.

Webinar for ZBA Motion made by Northrup and supported by Russell to approve the expense of the Webinar as offered by MTA. Steve will check with the member of the ZBA to see when they would be available to listen to the class. Motion carried.

Computer Treatment Plant We had given them one our old ones. Is too expensive to repair. Had a quote for a Laptop for \$697.93. Hosier stated he did not see any reason for them to have a computer. The quote will be

as they do not need it.

SEPSA Lease Received a letter from the Attorney in regards to some possible changes in the lease. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Harvey to table this. Motion carried 3 yes votes, 1 no vote

Lot Line Adjustment For Arthur McElwee III Motion made by Northrup and supported by Russell to approve the adjustment. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report Nagy advised we need to have the Master Plan on Computer. It needs to be looked into for corrections.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report Yeomans gave a report. The request from Troyer was again denied. They have another hearing scheduled for the deck on Indiana Lake.

Sewer Board Report from Klappauf. Mr. Letherman is asking for more time before hooking-up the house. He plans on re-building in the near future. The sewer board recommends to the township board to give a six month extension beginning August 2 to connect to the sewer, renewable twice for a total of 18 months, provided Mr. Letherman provides correspondence in writing or in person at the end of each six months with updates on his plans for the site. A definite hook up date will occur by May 1, 2013. Failure to comply with update provision will allow township to pursue hookup and put costs incurred on taxes. This is for the house on the property. This was approved by the Sewer Board to present to the Township board. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to accept the recommendation of the sewer board. Motion carried. Further discussion followed with a motion made by Northrup and supported by Russell to amend the motion to include the stipulation that the pole building must be hooked to the sewer now. Motion carried. There does not appear to be any reason why the building is not hooked to the sewer.

Severn Trent bills not yet paid. Sewer Board recommends that these bills now be paid. These are the bills connected to the Rainbow Road clean-out. These bills were on the list presented in the beginning of the meeting and approved for payment. These bills are in the amount of \$24,008.

Sewer Department Nothing to report from Brandy

County Commissioner report Report from Mr. Bickel and he presented the board with a new map of the changed commissioner districts that will take effect at the 2012 election. Mr. Arnold arrived after our meeting adjourned.

Road Commission/Parks Department Report Fournier gave a report on how the road is progressing and what the County has been doing. Also a report on the Parks Department.

Wetlands Report from Wylie. Nothing scheduled at the present time.

Opened for public comments

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk