

PORTER TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2011 7:00 P.M. PORTER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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, Croninger, Northrup and Wylie

Minutes of the last meetings were reviewed and a motion made by Northrup and supported by Croninger to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Checking \$182,999.25; Money Market \$178,759.62 Total sewer funds \$3,541,907.15. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence read.

Fire and Ambulance—No one in attendance

Building Report For the month of January \$70,800 in new and remodeling construction.

Sewer Plant report from Tippman

Bills Township bills in the amount of \$25,403.69 (which includes payroll) and \$40,020.23 in Sewer bills was read.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Gundy report Alwine was not there to explain what is going on at the present time. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Harvey to table. Motion carried.

Septage Agreement Ken Jones from Wightman-Petrie was in attendance and advised where we stand on this project.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to proceed with Task 3 pending approval from the DEQ and the plant is approved by the DEQ. Motion carried.

Baldwin Lake Boat Launch after much research, it has been determined that the Road Commission/Parks Department own this boat launch and they will do the necessary repairs. The money used will be the funds at the county designated for parks in Porter Township from the sale of the last two parks.

MTA convention reports Reports from Dan, Marty and Nancy. Dave Nagy attended also but was not in attendance this evening.

Lawn Care Bid Have a bid from Lucky 13 to again take care of the lawns belonging to the Township. The charges will remain the same as last year unless the gas prices go above \$4 a gallon. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to approve this bid. Motion carried.

Maintenance Agreement for Clerk's accounting program. After much discussion, motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to approve this agreement. Roll call vote: Harvey yes, Russell yes, Croninger yes, Northrup yes, Wylie yes. Motion carried.

Domain Name – Web Site After finally getting the web site back up and running and getting our email back up, discussed with Mapletonics about hosting our Web site. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to have Mapletonics hold the domain name. Motion carried.

Wetlands ByLaws Wylie presented the proposed by-laws for the Wetlands Committee with proposed changes. The approval of these by-laws will dissolve the present committee and a new committee will need to be appointed.

A motion made by Croninger and supported by Wylie to approve the By-laws presented with the change that one (1) member shall be from the Planning Commission and (1) member will be a member of the Township Board. The other three (3) will be appointed by the Township Board. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup yes; Wylie yes. Motion carried 5 yes votes. To become effective immediately.

Appointments Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to appoint Wylie to the Wetlands Committee. His term will expire 11/20/2012. Motion carried.

Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to appoint Jeff Kline to the Wetlands Committee with is term to expire 2/12/12. Motion carried...

Motion made by Harvey and supported by Northrup to move Wayne Bryant from alternate to regular member with is term to expire 11/17/13. Motion carried.

Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to appoint Tom Robbins from the Planning Commission to the Wetlands Committee pending his acceptance and the approval of the Planning Commission. His term to expire 3/8/14. Motion carried.

Will look into appointing alternates to the committee.

Board of Review appointment Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to appoint Vickie Hall to the Board of Review as an alternate. Her term to expire 1/1/13. Motion carried. Also approval for her to go to the BOR School was included in the bills.

Dog Kennel Was taken care of at the Agenda Meeting.

Dates Set March 22, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. for Settlement. Will have budget hearing at Agenda Meeting in March and public hearing on March 8 before the board meeting with approval of the budget at the March meeting.

Intergovernmental Forum to be held March 10 at SWM College. Attending will be Northrup, Harvey, Croninger and Russell. Will check with the County in March to see if there is room for spouses to attend.

Scholarship from SWMC. Again offering scholarship from the Townships. Suggested Sue McCammon, Sue White and Helen Croninger to again be the committee to decide.

Budget Adjustments Need to move \$32,000 to amend the budget. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Northrup to allow the Clerk to make the necessary changes with the funds to be taken from the budget for expenses to Newberg Township. (SEPSA now has the contract with them) Wylie amended the motion to include the money needed for the Septage tasks to be included in the budget adjustments to be paid for by the Township out of our General Fund. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to include this in the motion. Voice vote taken, 2 yes, 3 no. The amendment was defeated. The original motion to amend the budget was approved.

Zoning Changes Have some housekeeping changes that need to be made to the Zoning Ordinance 111.800 Lake Residential District "LR" to include LR is All Waterfront Property. 111.801 (b) Boat houses—to include a boat house gives a boat access from water into it. 111.507 Fences (d) Open style fences (wire, wood, cyclone, etc.) which are at least 80% open and not over four (4) feet in height may extend into the set-back, *both front and rear*, for the district involved. General provisions—Lake Residential District Ordinance 111.801 (e) All decks, should read, all attached decks and *detached*, decks that are larger than 200 square feet in size. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the changes. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Northrup yes; Harvey yes; Croninger yes; Russell yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission report none

Sewer Board Report from Klappauf

Sewer Department Report none

No reports from Board of Appeals for Wetlands Committee

County Commissioner reports Reports from Charlie Arnold and Gordon Bickel. Suggested the undersheriff come to one of our meetings to talk about the new web site.

Public Comments

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk

