

PORTER TOWNSHIP

BUDGET HEARING 6:45 P.M. March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag. Roll call taken. Present were Harvey, Russell and Croninger. Northrup and Wylie absent.

The proposed budget was reviewed and a typo changed.

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

REGULAR MEETING March 8, 2011. Administration Building, Porter Township

The meeting called to order with the pledge by Supervisor Harvey. Roll call taken. Present were Harvey, Russell, Croninger. Absent Northrup and Wylie.

Minutes The minutes were reviewed and a motion made by Croninger and supported by Harvey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Checking account \$77,733.49, Money Market \$278,797.58 Total sewer funds \$3,628,698.94. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence read.

Under-Sheriff Rick Behnke was in attendance and gave a report on the new web site available for citizens to view on the Internet.

Fire and Ambulance Report Porter 1 car fire; 11 rescue and emergency medical, 1 false alarm; Mason 1 vehicle Fire, 9 rescue and emergency medical, 1 good intent call. Total calls 26

Building Report For the month of February \$-0- in value of project. Total permit costs issued \$1,057.

Sewer Plant Report Tippman had to leave to answer an alarm.

Bills Township Bills in the amount of \$20,711.83 which includes payroll and \$42,176.81 in sewer bills which includes \$7,752.40 of cap overage. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to pay the bills. Motion Carried.

Gundy Report Mike gave report where we stand on this.

Septage Report Motion made by Croninger and supported by Russell to table this. Motion carried.

Website Domain Name Transfer This has been done and we now have control of this through Mapletonics.

Budget Approval The budget for 2011-12 was presented and a motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to approve the budget. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup absent, Wylie absent. Motion carried.

Brousseau contract Doug Brousseau, our Assessor, contract will expire on March 31. He has agreed to continue with the same amount of money. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to accept the proposal from Brousseau This is a 3 year contract as before. Motion carried.

Wetlands Alternates Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to appoint Terry Dugan and Rick Russwurm as alternates to the Wetlands Committee. Their terms would expire 3/8/13. We will ask them if they will accept the appointment. Motion carried.

Hettmansberger sewer problem The sewer board is proposing that they be notified they must hook to the sewer and they be given 180 days to get this done. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to accept the recommendation and proposal from the Sewer Board. Motion carried. They will be notified.

Davis Property off N Terrace Drive Three parcels involved. One appears to be hooked to the sewer. The large parcel with the big house in 2005 was deemed too far off of the road if you measure from N. Terrace Drive, if you measure from US 12, it is not too far off the road. The 3rd parcel is a vacant lot. FHA financing states if sewer is available, the property must be hooked up. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to accept the recommendation and rescind the previous action taken by the board in 2005 and require they be assessed as being on water and required to hook to the sewer as outlined in our Ordinance. Motion carried. They will be notified.

SEPSA meeting Set March 24 at 6:00 here to meet with SEPSA.

Zoning Change Last month the board approved a zoning change to designate LR as all waterfront property. There are instances where this would not apply. Therefore, as this has not yet been published so not yet in effect, motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to rescind the change. Motion carried.

Appointments to Sewer Board and Planning Commission Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to approve appointment of Rick Russwurm to the Planning Commission and John Penkala to the Sewer Board. Each one's term will expire 3/31/14. Motion carried.

Server Update Will look at this again when the new budget is in effect. We have a quote from Mapletonics of over \$8,000 to update the server. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to table this for the time being. Motion carried.

Torq—back up for server They have given us a quote for an update on the back-up but it would not handle as much data as we need. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to table this for the time being. Motion carried.

Pier Permits Louis Csokasy from the Road Commission has advised that the Road Commission will continue to issue these permits. These permits are for on road ends and parks.

Drug Intake Sheriff Underwood has asked to use the building on April 30 from 10-2 for drug intake. This is for Prescription drugs in original packages only.

US 12 project There will be an open house here on March 17 from 3:00 -6:00 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the closure of the road starting March 21.

Dangerous Building demo Have a bid from John Heckman for \$2900; Starke Excavating for \$4,950; Akins excavating for \$4,500 and from Keirn Construction for \$3,474 to demolish the trailer on Glendon Road. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to give the bid to John Heckman. Motion carried.

On the building in Union, have bids of \$11,250 from Keirn Construction; \$13,245 from Akins Excavating; \$17,850 from Starke Excavating. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to accept two bids and ask them to come in and answer some questions before we award the final bid. The two we are asking for more information are Keirn Construction and Akins Excavating. Motion carried. We also feel there should be more of a visual inspection before accepting the bid.

Reports—Planning will be holding a public hearing for a special land use request from Mr & Mrs Dolan

ZBA report Will hold hearing on March 10 for the island on Shavehead Lake. This is to determine the correct zoning for this property only. **Does Not** include and building permits etc. This is for Zoning Only. This hearing has been requested by our insurance attorney and township attorney. Also reported on the determination of the hearing they just had on the shed on Long Lake. That variance was denied and has been referred to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and the Building Department.

Sewer Board Klappauf gave report. Requesting their alternate be replaced as he does not attend any meetings. The current alternate is Jerry George. Will look for a replacement.

Sewer Problems Asking Dan to talk to Wightman in regards to the faulty air relief valves we have had lately. Also some solution to the problem of the cost of the adjustments needed at the sewer plant to be able to receive septage. This is a design flaw and the township should not have to bear the complete cost of repair.

Sewer Department Keirn reported the bank will not allow for the demo of the Tusing property. This demo has been ordered by the Court and we can do nothing about it, except uphold the ruling of the Court.

Holdeman is asking for a list of commercial property in the Township, this would be anything that is not a single or two family dwelling.

County Commissioners Reports from Bickel and Arnold on what is going on in the County.

Public Comments

Announced May 21 Hazardous Material and electrical items will be taken at the Cass County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Porter Township Clean-up day will be June 4 from 8:00 –noon. At American Waste.

Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk