

PORTER TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call Present were Harvey, Russell, Croninger, Northrup, Wylie.

Minutes The minutes were reviewed and a motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurers report General fund balance \$231,640.31 savings \$233,027.32 Bair Lake \$1,761.35 total sewer funds \$1,334,365.25 Motion made by Russell and supported by Northrup to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read

SEPSA Mason Twp EMS calls 11; Outside Service Area 3 calls; Porter runs 20 calls Total 34

Building Report For the month of July \$1,096,500 in new and remodeling construction.

Picnic Report on picnic. Not as many people attended as we would have liked, but we had a good time. To date the cost is approximately \$65. Have not received a bill for the cooking of the pig. That will be \$200. Hope to do this again next year with a larger attendance.

Election Had a fair turn-out. We had two very close decisions. A recount has been asked for in the Supervisor and in the Treasurer counts.

Pat Williams Asked the board to consider re-instating the Wetlands Ordinance as there are some areas where we need to be able to enforce .

Bills Township Bills \$61,313.99; Sewer bills \$42,526.94 Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Scott Teeter Scott Teeter was in attendance and addressed the audience. He is running for Circuit Court Judge.

Culvert on Wayne Street Motion made by Harvey and supported by Northrup to table this for now. Motion carried.

Hoffman Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to uphold the decision made by the Planning Commission to keep the zoning on the island in Shavehead Lake as Agriculture. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup yes; Wylie yes. Motion carried. Will notify our attorney.

Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector Ed Wainwright is resigning as our inspector due to having bad health. John Dobberteen from Sturgis has applied for the position. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to retain Mr. Dobberteen. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Northrup yes; Harvey yes; Croninger yes; Russell yes. Motion carried. Will notify the State.

Appointments Need to re-appoint Dave Nagy and Jeff Moore to the Sewer Board. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Harvey to re-appoint these two gentlemen. Their terms to expire 6/30/19 Motion carried.

ZBA check list and procedures Have been presented with a check list and procedures for the ZBA which they want to use. Motion made by Russell and supported by Northrup to approve this request. Motion carried.

North Terrace Drive Repair Still need to repair a bad place on North Terrace Drive where the sewer was repaired. The cost for this will be \$2,097 and should be paid by the Sewer funds.

Lot Line Adjustment Connie Dalrymple asking for lot line adjustment on her own property. After reviewing the request, motion made by Northrup and supported by Russell to approve. Motion carried.

Cemetery Someone has been driving through Long Cemetery to get to the far east side where they have put in a cement slab and mulch on the property just outside of the cemetery grounds. They are planning on setting a large boulder on the slab. Mowers have put in stakes to keep anyone from driving through and need to get quotes for a fence for the back side of the cemetery. Our Cemetery Overseer would like to have fences around all of the cemeteries.

Wetlands Ordinance Wylie asking to have the Ordinance re-instated due to the problem with the dredging on Birch Lake. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to re-instate the Ordinance. Roll call vote: Northrup no; Wylie yes; Harvey no; Croninger yes; Russell no. Motion defeated. Will discuss this further at another time.

Septage Sewer Board wants to raise the Septage rates. After discussion, motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup change the rates to \$0.0675 per gallon effective September 15. Motion carried.

Sewer Report Report from Klappauf on the Sewer Board. Septage report from Nagy.

ZBA report Nothing at present

Wetlands Committee Nothing at present.

Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for August 17.

Road Commissioner Fournier gave report on the Road Commission.

County Commissioner. Report from Dyes

Public comments

Motion made by Wylie and Northrup to adjourn... Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk