

PORTER TOWNSHIP

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

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

Roll Call Present were Marlow, Russell, Croninger, Wylie and Harman

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$377,285.79 savings \$233,144.50 Bair Lake \$6,152.85 Total sewer funds \$1,575,588.63 Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read.

SEPSA Report Harman reported on SEPSA but we have no report from the Chief.

Building Report For the month of January \$472,200 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills \$34,412.34 Sewer bills \$65,549.91. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried

Debit Card Still working on the resolution. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to table this until next month. Motion carried.

Insurance Still waiting for a quote from Ted Hartlieb before getting in touch with another company for a quote. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to table until we get more information. Motion carried.

Lot Split Gave permission to Harman to abstain from voting on his request for lot split. Have a split request from Knepple. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harman to approve the split request from Knepple. Motion carried.

Split for Harman—Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to approve the split.

Roll call vote taken: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie yes; Harman abstain. Motion carried.

Sewer Report Report from Klappauf on the Sewer Board. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to accept the recommendation from the Sewer Board to accept the arrangements made with IA for the purchase of the machine called “The Beast” providing the changes are made to the contract that we requested. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie yes; Harman yes. Motion carried.

Dust Control We have a bid from Great Lakes Chloride to contract with them direct to do dust control on all of the dirt roads in the Township. The bid is \$0.606 per gallon for 42% solution. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to accept the bid. Motion carried.

Emergency lights We had a power outage at our last Township Board meeting and the emergency lights did not go on. We asked to have these looked into. Have a bid from Terry Keirn to replace all four lights. There are 2 in the meeting room, 1 in the entry and 1 in the main office area. His bid is \$322.80. Motion made by Harman and supported by Russell to accept the bid. Motion carried.

Safe for Clerk Was not able to get into a filing cabinet in the Clerk’s office. Had to have the fire department get into it. Would like to get a new cabinet that will also be a safe. The cost is \$1400. The personnel records will then be protected. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to get the safe/file cabinet. Motion carried.

Raises for Township Board Members Resolution for raises for the Trustees. Will be an increase of \$5,500 each per year. Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to approve the increase. Roll call vote taken:

Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie no; Harman no. Resolution carried 3 yes; 2 no votes.

Resolution for increase in the wages for the Clerk to \$23,100 per year. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Russell to approve the increase. Roll call vote—Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie no; Harman no. Motion carried 3 yes; 2 no votes.

Resolution for Supervisor to increase the wages to \$17,050 per year. Resolution motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie no; Harman no.

Resolution carried 3 yes votes, 2 no votes. Motion carried.

Resolution for Treasurer wage. Increase to \$23,100 plus \$1617 in sewer funds for collecting sewer payments.

Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to increase the Treasurer’s salary. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie no; Harman yes. Motion carried 4 yes; 1 no vote.

Roads We have a list of roads which need repair. Central Street is on the list, however, there is a water problem on that road that should be taken care of first. After serious discussion on the roads to be done, motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to do the following: Drain on Wayne Street; Fog seal on the following roads: Harvey Street M-40 to Wood Lake 1.00 mile; Teasdale Lake –M-40 to County Line 2.02 mile; River Road State line north to 2013 recap joint 1.57 mile; Harvey Street-M-40 to birch Lakeshore 2.63 miles; Carter Lake St-Birch Road to Baldwin Prairie .55 mile; Birch Road US 12 to Teasdale 2.92 mile and Birch Road-Shavehead Lake St to

Rainbow Road .53 mile; Robbins Lake Road U S 12 to Carter Lake St .70 miles; Carter Lake Rd – Baldwin Prairie Road to Union Road .77 miles; Wood Lake St—Harvey Street to Bair Lake St 1.03 mile; Teasdale Lake rd. M-40 to Robbins Lake Rd .99 miles; Robbins Lake Road –Shavehead Lake to Sears St 1.83 miles; Sears Street – birch Road to Robbins Lake Road 1.32 miles. Will look into Central more before doing anything on that road. Motion carried.

Sewer Board Sewer Board asking the Township to forgive the funds owed to them for office use and all expenses connected with the sewer. Motion made by Croninger and supported by Wylie to do this. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Harman yes; Marlow yes; Croninger yes; Russell no. Motion carried 4 yes 1 no vote.

Sewer budget Presented to the board to look at. Will vote on this as the same time we do the Township budget.

ZBA report No report

Wetlands Committee Nothing at present.

Planning Commission Public hearing scheduled for March 15 for proposed ordinance.

Road Commission New representative from Road Commissioner. Bob Thompson.

County Commissioner Report from Dyes

Public Comments

Motion made by Harman and supported by Wylie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21. p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk