

PORTER TOWNSHIP

MARCH 14, 2017

BUDGET HEARING

Called to order at 6:45 p.m. Pledge to the flag was repeated. Roll call found all board members present except for Tom Harman.

The budget was reviewed.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried. Budget hearing adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Regular meeting

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 \$344,465.76 savings \$233,164.30 Bair Lake \$6,153.16 total sewer funds \$1,717,432.07 Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read.

SEPSA No report

Building Report For the month of February \$225,900.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills \$51,439.59 Sewer bills \$49,121.56. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried

Credit Card Still working on the resolution and with Chemical Bank to get the Credit Card. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to table this until next month. Motion carried.

Insurance Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to table until we get more information. Motion carried.

Emergency Lights Still not installed. Will check to see where we stand on getting them.

Roof Repair Need to get a quote on fixing the roof. We lost several shingles during this last storm. These shingles have been up on this roof since the building was built. Will ask for quotes.

Chas Brothers and Sheriff Department Chas Brothers addressed the board in regard Representative from Sheriff office is Makenzie Kreiner and they are involved with the Neighborhood Watch program. The board has no problem with them proceeding with the program and check into getting members of Porter involved. Motion made by Harman and supported by Russell to approve their proceeding with the program in Porter. Motion carried.

Copy Machine—Would like to have the big copy machine made to scan. After discussion, motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to approve having the machine programmed to scan. Motion carried.

Budgets The Sewer Board budget for 2017-2018 was presented with \$566,364 in revenue and \$566,364 in Expenses. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to accept the budget as presented. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wyle yes; Harman yes. Motion carried.

Budget for the Township for the fiscal year 2017-2018 was presented. Revenues \$729,017 and expenses \$706,671 with a surplus in the general fund of \$22,400. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to accept the budget as presented. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie yes; Harman yes. Motion carried.

Voting Machines Will be getting new machines from the State sometime this year.

Appointments; the following are up for re-appointment. Rick Russwurm on Planning; John Penkala on Sewer and Tom Robbins on Wetlands. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to approve re-appointment of these citizens to expire 3/31/20 each. Motion carried.

Road Contracts Need to sign the road contracts and get them sent to Cassopolis.

Plumbing Inspector Still having some problems with him. Will talk to the Building Inspector.

Motion to forgive debt incurred by Sewer Dept. to Township Discussion held on this. Motion made by Wylie that John and Helen get together and go over the expenses and get the numbers together in regards to money spent for supplies, etc. Will then set a joint board meeting. Motion carried. Board was asked to rescind the motion made last month in regards to the forgiving of the expenses for the sewer from township funds. Motion made by Harman and supported by Russell to rescind. Roll call vote: Marlow no; Russell yes; Croninger no; Wylie no; Harman no. Motion defeated.

Sewer Report Report from Klappauf on the Sewer Board. Asking to raise the Septage charge by 1cent per gallon. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie to approve the increase. Motion carried. Will go into effect with the May billing.

ZBA report No report Received resignation from Jamie Thompson. Motion made by Croninger and supported by Russell to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

Wetlands Committee Nothing at present.

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

Road Commission No one present

County Commissioner Report from Dyes

State Representative Aaron Miller was in attendance and addressed the Board and citizens present.

Public Comments

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:80. p.m.

Marty Russell

Porter Township Clerk