

PORTER TOWNSHIP

APRIL 18, 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 \$393,436.87 savings \$233,201.99 Bair Lake \$6,153.47 total sewer funds \$1,763,099.06 Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read.

SEPSA Mason Township 13 runs; Outside area 1 run; Porter runs 15 runs.

Building Report For the month of March \$95,600.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Convention Reports Marlow, Russell, Harman, Wylie, Dufour, Nagy all gave reports on the Convention we all recently attended.

Bills Township Bills \$43,586.08 Sewer bills \$43,122.68. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried

Credit Card Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to table the credit card resolution until we get the problems worked out with the bank. Motion carried.

Insurance Motion made by Russell and supported by Harman to table the insurance until we get all the quotes. Motion carried.

Public Comments—Deviated from our normal procedures and asked for public comments. A citizen asked about getting a meter at the sewer plant to make sure everyone is charged the correct amount. Comments received from several other citizens.

Constantine Schools The president of the school board addressed the audience and explained the reasons for the election to be held on May 2.

Proposed Dock Ordinance Discussion held on the proposed Ordinance. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to remand the Ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further revisions. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie yes; Harman yes. Motion carried.

Roof Repair Received 3 quotes for the roof repair. Discussion then held on do we really need a new roof and the possibility of putting on a metal roof. Will ask for bids on a metal roof. Motion made by Harman and supported by Croninger to ask for new bids. Motion carried.

Appointments; Ron Grotovsky is due to be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to re-appoint Ron to the Planning Commission. His term will be till 4/1/20. Motion carried.

Township Banks Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to use Horizon Bank and Chemical Bank for the funds of the Township. Motion carried.

Newspapers Have had problems with the Elkhart Truth charging high prices for legal ads. After discussion, motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to use the South Bend Tribune, The Neighbors paper, Lake Association secretaries for publication of the township legal ads. Motion carried.

Election Inspectors Motion made by Marlow and supported by Croninger to approve the election inspectors presented for the election on May 2. Motion carried.

Clean Up Day Harman signed disclosure in regarding awarding the contract to American Waste for clean-up day. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to hold clean-up day on June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at American Waste facilities. Roll call vote: Marlow yes; Russell yes; Wylie yes; Croninger yes. Harman abstain. Motion carried 4 yes votes.

Ordinance Officer Still have not formally hired an enforcement officer. Art Ewing has been doing it but we need background check on him yet and have to decide on wages and hours. Russell will get background check.

MalWare Have proposal for purchase of Mal Ware. Our IT person has deemed it necessary we should have one. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to purchase the Mal Ware from Malwarebytes for two years at a cost of \$594.93. Motion carried.

Customer dumping septage Have a customer that has not paid his bill for dumping septage. Will charge him 3% over 30 days and over 90 days late will not be able to dump. The Sewer Board will come up with a resolution to charge these fees for unpaid bills for dumping septage. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Russell to table the late fees until the Sewer Board presents a schedule. Motion carried.

Lot Line adjustment Have application for lot line adjustment from Dan Morrison. After discussion, motion made by Russell and supported by Harman to allow the adjustment. Roll call vote Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger no; Wylie yes; Harman yes. Motion carried 4 yes; 1 no vote.

Sewer Report Sewer report from Nagy.

ZBA report No report

Wetlands Committee Nothing at present.

Planning Commission Working on Dock Ordinance

Road Commission No one present

County Commissioner Report from Dyes

Public Comments

Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk