

PORTER TOWNSHIP

May 9, 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. Harman absent

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$501,837.10 savings \$233,221.16 Bair Lake \$ 11,173.43 total sewer funds \$968,788.73. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read. Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to not purchase any of the properties offered by the County for un-paid taxes. Motion carried.

SEPSA Mason Township 28 runs; Outside area 2 run; Porter runs 16 runs. Total of 46

Building Report For the month of April \$2,609,000.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills \$140,546.00 Sewer bills \$58,108.48. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried

Credit Card We now have a credit card. Credit Card Resolution prepared and added limit of \$2500.00 to the resolution. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Croninger to accept the Resolution. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Marlow yes; Croninger yes; Russell yes; Harman absent. Motion carried.

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

Roof Bid Only have one bid. Will wait until we have more bids to open it. Motion made to table made by Russell and supported by Marlow. Motion carried.

Paul DeLano Have a problem with the sewer on Beechwood Drive. Property was split but taps were not installed. The property was split in 2003 and should have had taps installed when the lines were put in. Thus the current problem. DeLano is the realtor of record for these lots and is asking for help so the new owners can connect to the sewer. The cost of the project will probably run around \$50,000. Who is liable for the cost due to the fact the lots were missed when the mapping was done by Wightman and Associates and not included in the Assessment Roll. The property owners are willing to help pay for this. After lengthy discussion, the following motions were approved. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to move forward with the quote for the IA drawing and topography with Wightman and work with Wightman on their bond because of the original error in mapping. Motion carried...

Second motion---Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to use money from the homeowner's connection fees to pay for the sewer line and taps if necessary. Motion carried.

Third Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow that the Township will oversee the entire project with Supervisor Cory Marlow to be in charge and work with the Sewer Board and Wightman. Motion carried.

Board of Review Assessor asking for Board of Review change for the July and December dates. Motion made by Russell and supported by Marlow to approve the change. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Marlow yes; Croninger yes; Russell yes; Harman absent.

Fire Works Permits Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to approve the applications and allow the Clerk to approve the application for Long Lake when it comes in. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals. We need someone to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. Anyone interested should call the Township.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Still looking for someone to serve in that position as our current one has resigned.

Dock Ordinance The Ordinance has been re-worked for Birch Lake only. The Planning Commission will also proceed with working on the Ordinance and change it from a police power ordinance to a zoning ordinance and will be enforced on Birch Lake only. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie to approve the Ordinance in the present form as a police power ordinance to be adjusted later. Roll call vote Marlow yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Wylie yes; Harman absent.

Sign Ordinance Presented the sign ordinance. There is one change to be made which was suggested by the Cass County Planning Commission. They suggest a change in Section 111.1204 to read "no closer than the outside of the road right-of-way." Motion made by Marlow and supported by Russell to accept the Ordinance with the amendment. Roll call vote: Croninger yes; Russell yes; Wylie yes; Marlow yes; Harman absent.

Land Split Have request for land split from Nick Miller. Need more information and Clerk will contact Connie Dalrymple for more information in regards to sewer. In regards to sewer tap and access to sewer.

Sewer Report Sewer report from Klappauf. Septage report from Nagy. Motion presented by Sewer Board. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie to approve the motions as written. Motion carried.

ZBA report No report

Wetlands Committee Nothing at present.

Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Road Commission No one present

County Commissioner Report from Dyes

Public Comments

Motion made by Croninger and supported by Russell to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:44 p.m.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk