

PORTER TOWNSHIP

August 14, 2018

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

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

Minutes The minutes from July were reviewed with corrections made: motion was made by Marlow and supported by Croninger to accept the corrected minutes. Motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$592,685.98 savings \$254,220.78 Bair Lake \$21,786.27 total sewer funds \$1,356,718.52 Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve the report.

Correspondence was read.

Building Report For the month of July was \$2,020.00 in new and remodeling construction.

SEPSA Report Harmon advised there were 50 runs

Bills Bill were read of \$58,917.91 with \$71,193.45 in sewer bills. A motion was made by Wylie second by Marlow to pay these bills. Motion carried

Horizon Marlow advised he is requesting this be tabled till he has a chance to check on current interest on the accounts before we decide how much to transfer to a different bank Motion made by Marlow second by Wylie to table this. Motion carried

Road repair Marlow advised that the road commission has started doing the chip & seal for our township and it is moving along

Jones Darla advised they are having trouble with people in the area cutting through her wetlands trying to make another waterway. She referred to the Riparian Rights ordinances and that these people are trespassing. She also advised she has contacted the Sherriff as well as the DEQ and DNR about this problem since they are doing damage to the creek bottom. She also advised when they are cutting through the lily pads and other growth this is going to the dam and will eventually clog the dam. She also showed pictures of several things at the dam that are there illegally. She also advised they have put a pier on her neighbor's property without the proper permits since this is wetlands. Marlow advised he will get with Ordinance enforcement Hayden as well as the DNR and DEQ as well as our legal counsel to see what the township can do about this matter.

Kelly Mike and Lucretia (Lu) Kelly advised they got a letter from the township attorney requesting payment for an invoice that was from the backup of the sewer due to a sump pump that had been running in their home. This caused backflow to other homes, the pumping station and the manhole. It is the opinion of the Sewer board that they pay this bill and that they be given at least a year to pay with no interest. Option 2 was that if they goes to court option 1 is off. After discussion Marlow advised he would like to table this till more information is acquired. Nagy then advised that the problem went away when the pump was disconnected. Harman made a motion to table till the board has more information Second by Russell. Roll call – Harman – yes, Marlow – yes, Croninger – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes this will be tabled till next month, Wylie then made a motion to delay payment date till all figures are in Second by Marlow Roll call: Marlow – yes, Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes.

Land split Raymond and Cheryl Kiendl would like a land split motion made by Marlow with second by Croninger to approve. Steven and Brenda Rodman are also requesting a land spit motion made by Russell second by Marlow to approve – All in favor. Mary Louis Parks estate is requesting a lot line adjustment this has already been done they did not know they had to bring it to the township motion made by Russell second by Marlow to approve – All in favor

Building Meeting It was discussed that the building department meet with the planning Planning commission it will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Ordinances and Planning Commission Nagy advised that he is still wanting the Ordinances to be updated and Codified last time they checked the cost was approximately \$8000.00 he will check to see what the cost is now

Sewer Report Sewer report from Klappauf. He advised the SAW grant will be over in 2018 – and would like to meet with the board to do an analysis, the meeting was set Aug 29th at 7:00 pm will find out if everyone is available that night and set the meeting. He also brought it to our attention that they have \$10,000.00 that are outstanding and that they had payment of \$20,000.00 for 10 invoices.

Septage Nagy advised that last month they were about 25 to 30 thousand gallons short of what they have done in the past. This was due to having a problem at the plant which has been fixed. They took in 91,1000 gallons, they should be able to match 2016 and 2017 by the end of this year. He also advised they still have about \$122,295.00 still outstanding from sewer assessments and utility bills. Nagy and Klappauf they unpaid rates and charges. This was tabled till we get legal opinion on what can be charged. Marlow made a motion to table till rectified. Second by Wylie. Marlow – yes, Harman - yes, Wylie - yes, Croninger - yes, Russell – yes

Nagy also advised that they would like to be able to set up Vargis with a payment plan for the sewer hookup fee that is outstanding of \$5600.00 Marlow advised there should be a plan recommendation. The sewer board requested 2 motions be considered. Motion 1 is change the wording in the ordinances, Motion 2 option is to enforce the current ordinance and find a way to disconnect customers that have outstanding balances. Harman advised motion 2 should be denied. Motion was made by Harman with second by Croninger to table this till we get more information. Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – no, Russell – yes.

The board was given a draft of the Septage Hauler Invoicing Procedure we will accept it when they have it complete.

Indian Lake is still discussing hooking into the sewer on the Indiana side. We will only consider serious proposals that will not cost the township anything

ZBA report No report

Wetlands Committee It was discussed to either suspend the wetland ordinances completely or reinstate. This was tabled for more information

Planning Commission No report

County Commissioner Skip Dyes advised they are helping with getting backpacks for school children he handed out fliers. He also advised that it is in great sadness that Linda Pruitt the county Treasurer has passed. He will advise the township when they have more information about any service. He also advised that he could use any input from the township in what we would like to see going on in the area.

No Public Comments

Motion made by Marlow and supported by Croninger to adjourn Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:41 pm

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk