

## PORTER TOWNSHIP

January 8, 2019

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

Roll Call Present were Croninger, Wylie, Russell with Marlow absent, Harman late

Minutes The minutes from December were reviewed: motion was made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to accept the minutes. Motion carried Marlow and Harman absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$190,921.51 savings \$254433.99 Bair Lake \$10,131.98 total sewer funds \$1,446,633.62 Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to approve the report. All in favor with Harman and Marlow Absent

Correspondence was read

Building Report For the month of July was 353,100.00 in new and remodeling construction.

SEPSA Report There was no report this month

Bills Township bills were read of \$27,913.06 with \$45,171.71 in sewer bills. Wylie made a motion to pay the bills supported by Croninger. All in favor with Marlow and Harman absent

SEMCO Mike Kessler from SEMCO energy did a presentation on the upcoming gas lines that will be installed around Birch Lake. They will be starting in March

BOR Members Clerk Russell advised that Max Brown advised he is no longer able to be on the board, Dan Harvey will be taking his place, John Penkala will be staying on as Chairperson, and Ron Grotovsky will also remain. Croninger made a motion to accept the BOR members, supported by Harman. All in favor

Lot Line Adjustments There were 2 lot line adjustments both from the same owner A & V Reames, Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to allow this. All in favor

MTA Clerk Russell advised everyone that this year's convention will be in Grand Rapids, and it will be in April this year.

Sewer Report Sewer report from Klappauf who advised things are running smoothly. The sewer board then had many motions. Motion 1; the sewer board recommends to the Township Board that section 708 of the Sewer Ordinance be changed to the following; Unpaid Monthly Sewer Rates and Charges. Motion 2 recommends that a fee of \$20.00 be added to past due monthly sewer invoices, Motion was made by Wylie with support by Croninger to accept the changes pending the recommendation of our lawyer, Roll call taken Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Motion 3; the sewer board recommends the Township Board add a subsection to Section 705 of the sewer ordinance, Unpaid Yearly Sewer Assessments and set forth in the Schedule of Fees “Resolution to Collect Fees”, Motion 4 recommends that a fee of \$100 be added. Wylie made a motion to accept the motions concurrent with the lawyer's advice support by Croninger. Roll call taken Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Motion 5; sewer board recommends that Section 702 Subsection (e) from Cash Payment to Connection Fee Billing (i) The connection fee can be paid up front or billed in equal yearly installments as set forth in the “Resolution to Collect Fees”, Motion 6 the sewer board recommends that a yearly fee be added to the “Resolution to Collect Fees” which would be \$200.00 added on once a year. Motion made by Wylie with a review from the lawyer and to accept any changes, support from Croninger, Roll Call; Croninger – yes, Harman – no, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Motion 7; the sewer board recommends to the Sewer Authority that the township lawyer be contacted to address access to the right of way on Emma Lane, Motion 8 recommends that action in Section 709 subsection (a) be used to address past due invoices, changed to discontinue the service provided by the system by disconnection the building sewer from the service connection. Motion made by Wylie to direct the sewer authority to utilize 709(a) to address past due bills, support by Harman, roll call taken, Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. These will all be sent to the lawyer to get approval

Septage Klappauf advised septage for the month was 61,100 gallons, they are on track to be equal or better than last year with no permit violations

Wetlands Committee No report

Planning Commission No report

County Commissioner Dyes advised the road commission will start working on Carter Lake January 21, He also advised they have an organizational meeting coming up.

Public Comments No comments

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn Motion carried with Marlow absent Adjourned at 9:18 pm

Beth Russell  
Porter Township Clerk