

PORTER TOWNSHIP

July 9, 2019

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and a motion made by Harman and supported by Marlow accept the minutes as printed and also accept the minutes from the work session June 18, 2019. Motion carried with Wylie absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$292,781.20 savings \$256,020.10 Bair Lake \$24,158.54 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$58,617.27, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,038,818.45. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Harman to approve the report. Motion carried with Wylie absent

Correspondence were read

SEPSA: There was no report this month.

Building Report: For the month of March \$1,770,500.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills Township Bills: Township Bills \$79,546.63, Sewer bills \$59,099.01. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Croninger to approve the paying of the bills. Motion carried

Construction Board of Appeals: Marlow made a motion to Appoint to the Construction Board of Appeals the following: Bert Gale, Michael Alwine, and Scott Paddock to serve as needed. Motion made by Marlow support from Croninger to accept these applications. Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes Wylie absent motion carried

Construction Board of Appeals Fees: It was discussed and decided it will be \$450.00 to file an appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals, Motion made by Russell with support from Harman to accept this amount for fees Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes, Wylie absent motion carried

Sewer Employee Hire: Application for a new hire to the Sewer Department that will work for the board, Motion made by Marlow with support by Croninger to accept Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes, Wylie absent motion carried

Cerafico: The owner has been having trouble with the final demo of her home and is asking if the Township will help her with this. Clerk Russell advised the board that we have a bid from John's Excavating for a demo. Harman made a motion to accept the demo and accept the bid from John, support from Marlow, motion carried with Wylie absent

Cemetery Convention: We will be sending 5 people again to the cemetery convention in August. Marlow made a motion to accept with the stipulation that DuFour give a report with support from Croninger motion carried with Wylie absent

IT Work: Clerk Russell has been doing most of the in house IT work above her normal duties, Marlow made a motion to table the extra pay till next month to figure out a pay rate. Support from Croninger motion carried with Wylie absent

Miscellaneous: Several concerned citizens were here to inquire about Lakeview DR, Central Ave and Idlewild the road is in serious need of repair and have heard that they will be doing major renovations to

the road. Marlow advised the county has engineers looking into what will be needed to repair these but no renovations to the road will be done. Marlow will keep the homeowners informed as to what is going on.

Miller: Representative Aaron Miller gave a quick update as to what is going on in the state. He advised that the Governor has signed the bill to change Michigan No Fault insurance to be more of a consumer choice. He also answered questions for citizens about road money, lotto money and school funding

Sewer Report: Sewer report from Klappauf. Plant running smooth still has a rating of 10 out of 10 no violations with routine maintenance being done, Pump B-6 had a failure a new pump was installed. They are still looking into changing the by-laws to be able to meet via computer. Klappauf also advised they had to motions for the board, motion 1 to put penalties on all bills after the first day late, the board did not agree to this and made it 90 days, Marlow advised this has already been decided. Motion 2 recommends to the board to changed Sewer Ordinance under Article II Definitions Section 201: be changed to Available Public Sanitary Sewer System: A public gravity flow sanitary sewer system (tapped or untapped) located in the right of way, easement, highway, street, or public way that is located within the Sewer District: this change would make everyone in the sewer district hook up no matter how far off the road they are. Russell made the motion to table this till next month after we speak to our attorney support from Croninger motion carried with Wylie absent

Septage Report: Klappauf advised they had 123018 gallons in septage for the month the plant continues to run in excellent condition

ZBA report: No report.

Wetlands Committee: No report.

Planning Commission: No report

County Commissioner Dyes advised they are still meeting about the county building to decide what can be done with it. He is meeting with several people including one from Notre Dame, He also advised there is a new location for the Secretary of State in Dowagiac it is located in the Lewis Cass building compound – he also advised reservations can be made at this location to make it more convenient

Public Comments: Bob Thompson Cass County Road Commission Board Chairman came to inform the township of what is going on with Union Road and to answer any questions anyone had, He advised the contractor poured the concrete without having it inspected and it was the wrong by 7 ft. it then rained which then washed the wall away. He also advised that the reason they are using concrete in some of the new culverts is that is what EGLE is requiring now. A question also came up why do they do such a bad job at patching potholes, his answer was they use temps who don't care.

Motion made by Marlow and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk