

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting, Porter Township Board November 7, 2011 Changed from November 8 due to election. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Present were Harvey, Russell, Croninger, Northrup and Wylie

Minutes The minutes of the last meetings were reviewed and a motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report General Fund \$50,734.99; Money Market \$182,147.58. Total Sewer Funds \$3,243,887.48. Motion made by Russell and supported by Northrup to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence The correspondence was read

SEPSA Report No one present to give report, none sent in.

Building report For the month of October, \$742,050 in new and remodeling construction.

Sewer Plant Report from Hosier

Bills presented Bills in the amount of \$21,669.33 presented for the Township and \$38,560.42 for Sewer Bills.

Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to pay the bills, Motion amended by Russell and supported by Harvey to amend the bills to include the bill from Lucky 13 for lawn care in the amount of \$1,624. Motion carried to pay the bills.

Gundy Waiting on the Courts. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to table. Motion carried.

Amos Property John Heckman has not been able to get the homeowner to cooperate to let him in the house to do the electrical hook-up. Will have to get a court order to proceed. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to table. Motion carried.

C-1 odor problem This is still a problem. Received a quote from Wightman-Petrie to do a study on this problem. The cost would be \$26,575. This is just to evaluate and report. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to remand this proposal back to the Sewer Board for their evaluation and recommendation. Motion carried.

Septage. Leard—Waiting on permits from the State. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Northrup to table. Motion carried.

Bond-up-date Report from Helen. The project has been taken care of and the Township has been saved over \$900,000 in interest. Thanks to Helen and everyone who worked on this.

Sweeper Wayne Bryant has fixed it. Needed a new belt. Thanks to Wayne.

Road Sign Had received a note from Pete that they are waiting for brackets and the sign will be ready to go up. This is the sign for directions to Birch Lake at the intersection of Birch Road and Shavehead Lake St.

Jetting Force Main at Rainbow Road problem area Recommended we do it twice a year. The cost would be approximately \$6,000 per jetting. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to give Severn Trent the go ahead to do the jetting this November. Severn Trent will bill the Township direct rather than include with their bills. Roll call vote: Wylie yes; Northrup yes; Harvey yes; Croninger yes; Russell yes. Motion carried

Audit Bid from Karl Drake Bid for \$4500 for the Township and \$4500 for the Sewer Department for a total of \$9,000. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to accept the bid. Motion carried.

December Board of Review Brousseau asking us to approve December 15 at 1:30 for board of review. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to approve. Motion carried. Will publish these dates.

Sewer Rate Increase The Sewer Board has recommended that the sewer monthly rates be increased. This is in order to continue paying the cost of the sewer. They recommend a \$8 increase starting with the December billing which will be payable in January. Motion made by Croninger and supported by Harvey to increase the rates.

Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell reluctant yes; Croninger yes; Northrup reluctant yes; Wylie yes. The whole Board is reluctant to raise the rates but find it is necessary. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

Sewer Board Newsletter Nagy and Keirn have been working on a newsletter to go out with the next sewer bills to let everyone know what is the status of the sewer and the reasons for the increase. Will look over the proposed letter and give them a decision next week.

Meeting Dates, Holiday dates and Sewer Board Meeting Dates for 2012. Clerk presented the dates for the Agenda Meeting, the Regular Meetings and the meeting dates of the Sewer Board for 2012. Changed September 64 to September 4. Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to accept the dates as Presented. This will include the August Agenda and November Agenda meetings to be held on Monday due to the Elections. Motion carried.

Planning Commission for Cass County/Porter Township. Nagy has been attending the County Planning Meetings and they are working on a Joint Master Plan. Townships can be involved with this and they are asking the involved Townships share in the cost which will be approximately \$3,000. This would be payable over two fiscal years. We may or may not have to pay the first \$1,500 this year. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to approve this expense to be spread over two years. Motion carried.
Cemetery drive retaining wall Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to table this for the time being until other pressing business is taken care of. Motion carried. Scott had given a quote of \$5,825 for this wall.

Snow Plow Bid Have a bid from Lucky 13 to plow snow and the cost will be the same as last year. Motion Made by Harvey and supported by Northrup to accept this bid. Motion carried.

Complaint Form Mike, Leard and Pam have been working on a new complaint form. Presented the revised form to the board for approval. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to approve the form. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report Nagy reported meeting to be held on November 16. Actually to be held on the 9th at 6:00

Zoning Board of Appeals Have a meeting scheduled for the 10th at 6:00 p.m. This is for an oversize building.

Sewer Board—Sewer Department Report from Nagy. Still working on the Wos property, Galbreth Property, Markle property being hooked up, Sellers complete; Amos, need entry to the house to finish; Decicco hooked to the Sewer; Herrli still working on this.

County Commissioners Report from Bickel and Arnold.

Road Commissioner Fournier Was absent.

Wetlands Report they will be setting a date for their hearing. Wylie to let Clerk know when so it can be posted .

SEPSA –Steve reported that they had accepted the lease and signed it. Clerk has a copy of the signed lease.

Reminder of Presidential Primary election to be held on February 28, 2012. There will be new applications for absentee ballot as well as for the election. Will have to declare what ballot is wanted.

Public Comments

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk