

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting, Porter Township Board September 13, 2011 7:00 p.m. Porter Administration Building Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call taken. Present were Harvey, Russell and Croninger. Northrup and Wylie absent.

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

Treasurer's report Money market \$182,086.71; General Checking \$44,607.22. Total sewer funds \$3,374,954.77. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read.

SEPSA report. In Porter 2 fire calls, 22 rescue and emergency medical; 1 false alarm, 5 good intent. In Mason 9 rescue and emergency medical; 1 good intent. Total calls 10 in Mason and 30 in Porter.

Building Report For August \$221,250 in new and remodeling construction.

Sewer Plant Report –report from Matt Hosier

Bills Township bills in the amount of \$34,306.34 and Sewer dept bills in the amount of \$50,016.89 were Presented. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to pay the bills. Motion carried. Of these sewer bills, we will get \$5,412 back from Wightman.

Gundy Mike is taking care of this. He is now in contempt of court.

Hettmansperger/Mendoza Hettmansperger came in to get a permit to put in the sewer.

Lease-SEPSA We received notice from our Attorney that one clause in the lease needs to be changed. The following needs to be inserted “All leasehold improvements which are fixtures shall be deemed a part of the real property and shall remain at the expiration of the lease term and shall become the property of the Township.” Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to insert the above, accept the lease and sign it and forward it to SEPSA for their signature. Motion carried.

Election We will be having an election here on November 8 for the Constantine School. We will have to change our meeting date. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to change the meeting to November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Bond Resolutions Have a Resolution Approving Refunding Contract to be able to refinance the sewer bonds. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to accept the resolution and forward it to the County. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup absent; Wylie absent. Resolution carried. Copy of resolution attached to these minutes. Also need to approve a Refunding Contract to be forwarded to the County for them to act on. Resolution motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to approve the Refunding Contract to forward to the County. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup absent; Wylie absent. Motion carried.

Boundary Lines for Precincts. Due to the redistricting of the County Commissioners, we will only have one Commissioner in Porter Township. Therefore, we can now rearrange the boundary line to more evenly divide the precincts. Resolution to rearrange election precincts for the Township of Porter

Whereas Section 116-1954-XXVIII, Election Precincts, of the Michigan Election Law, Public Act 116 of 1954, MCL 168.654 to 168.661 provides for township Election Commissions to divide, rearrange or temporarily Consolidate election precincts; and

Whereas, The Township of Porter has determined that rearranging Precincts 1 and 2 is appropriate because we now have only one (1) County Commissioner for the Township, and;

Whereas, the population can now be more evenly divided between the two (2) precincts;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Porter Township Election Commission hereby directs the Township Clerk to Rearrange Precinct 1 voting at the Township Administration Building and Precinct 2 voting at the Porter Fire Station into more evenly distributed territory. Beginning with the West Township line on Mason Street in Union and proceeding East to the intersection of U S 12 and Mason Street, proceeding further East to the Township Line. All the area on the North Side of Mason Street and US 12 will become Precinct 1 and voting at the Township Administration Building and the entire area South of Mason Street and South of US 12 will become Precinct 2 and will be voting at the Porter Fire Station. The change will become effective for the Primary election To be held in August of 2012 and all future elections until changed by the Township Election Commission.

Resolution Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger. Upon roll call vote, the following voting Aye: Harvey, Russell, Croninger. The following voted no: None.

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk

Resignation Received resignation from Denise Lamphier from the Sewer Board. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to accept the resignation. Motion carried. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Russell to appoint Pat Keirn to fill the term. Her term will expire 3/31/12. Motion carried.

We now need an alternate to take her place and would like to have someone from Union or the southern lakes area.

Planning Report Report from Nagy.

ZBA Denied the request at the hearing on the 11th and have another hearing coming up on the 29th. They could also use an Alternate.

Sewer Board Report In regards to the Letherman property, the Sewer Board Made a motion to rescind the previous recommendation made by the Sewer Board in regards to John Letherman property and notify him that he must hook-up both the house and the barn no later than October 12, 2011. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to accept the recommendation from the Sewer Board and require Mr. Letherman to hook to the sewer by October 12. Motion carried. He will be notified to hook to the sewer.

In regards to the Vicki Amos Property. Motion made by the Sewer Board to recommend that the Vickie Amos Property be completed to meet all local and state codes. Will contact John Heckman to complete the job as he had previously been awarded the contract. Debt Service Issues—Sewer Board reviewed the proposed alternatives to paying the bonds and Motion made to stand behind the Township and recommend alternative #4 be used to alleviate future debt service issues. Will bring this up again when the whole board is in attendance...

In regards to the proposals for company to run the treatment plant, the Township Board will meet with the Sewer Board on September 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Administration Building.

County Commissioner Reports from Arnold and Bickel on what is going on with the County.

Road Commission Report from Pete on what is going on with the Road Commission and Park's Department.

Public Comments

Harvest Festival at Dr Lawless park October 1 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk