

PORTER TOWNSHIP

January 12, 2020

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from last month meeting, and agenda. Marlow made a motion with support from Croninger to accept. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$166,358.44 savings \$311,077.57 Bair Lake \$18,818.36 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$88,530.94, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,155,065.57. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: None

Building Report: For the month of March \$969,000.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$30,210.36, Sewer bills were approved at agenda Motion made by Marlow with support from Croninger to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

New Business:

Stamp-Davis: Jane Stamp-Davis came to the board to ask for a variance for the cemetery. She has already put a deposit on a headstone for her parents that is bigger than the ordinance allows. She gave reasons why this should be allowed. Marlow read her the advice from the Township Attorney regarding this that a forbearance agreement would have to be written up and signed. Russell recused herself due to the fact she is the keeper of the cemetery records and also a friend of the Stamps. Marlow made the motion to accept this after the agreement is drawn up support from Wylie Roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Harman absent motion carried

Anderson Lot Line Adjustment: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept the lot line adjustment All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

BOR Members: Marlow advised that most of our Board of Review members are wanting to retire. Russell advised there are 2 applications for new members, also making the motion to accept and to move Gary King from Alt to regular member, Rick Watts as Chairperson and Zach King as regular member with Nancy DuFour as the Alt, support from Marlow to accept all. All in favor motion carried

BOR Training: Russell made the motion to pay for the BOR training again this year as it is a requirement support from Marlow all in favor motion carried.

Birch Lakeshore Cul-De-Sac: Marlow advised this road should have been done when the sewer was put in and was not, he then made a motion to accept the CCRC contracts regarding this, support from Wylie Roll call was done, Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes with Harman absent motion carried

Idlewild/Central: Marlow advised he is still working with the CCRC on getting quotes who is also working with EGLE with permits, the cost started at \$220,000.00 and not is down to about \$86,500.00 he will keep the board informed when it comes closer to being able to work on this road also.

Commercial Building: Marlow advised he had a meeting with the owner from the old Union Market building and Michigan Works about what they are putting in boat accessories in the building and boat

storage across the street from the building. They were informed they will have to go to the Planning Commission about the CR 17 property since there are several rules they have to abide by. Nagy Chairperson for the Planning Commission also discussed some of the rules that are in place there

Miscellaneous: Russell advised her and Croninger have been discussing that the township needs to put the millage back to 1 since due to the current rollbacks the Township is currently getting .6775 it as discussed and will be brought up at the next agenda meeting.

Wylie brought up that there are several places in town that the Township still needs to clean up he then made the motion to approve the cost of cleaning up 4 properties in town, support from Marlow, all in favor motion carried the clerk will let zoning enforcement know so he can get these done

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised they are still in need of funds, while the WWTP continues to operate in excellent condition with 10 out of 10, Emergency callouts for December were 12/26 C-9 PLC alarm, 12/28 C-13 Power Fault, 12/30 Power outage (Whole System Failure) due to most of the area being without power, Corrective action was routine maintenance, Pending and Continuing Projects were Septage receiving tank engineering estimate (75,000 gallon holding tank), EQ Basin and Solids tank concrete cover.

Septage Report: Septage for the month approximately 97,602 gallons. Nagy advised they are slightly lower than what they were the last few months, and that this amount of septage is equal to about \$75,000.00 or 200 more customers, they also did the best since 2016 this is why they need more storage so they can push the septage through slower which would help the system.

ZBA report: No report

Wetlands Committee: No Report

Planning Commission: Nagy advised they are scheduled to meet Jan 20 and are working on a Lightening Ord and doing more research on the Bubbler Ord. They will be posting for a public meeting on the Lightening Ord.

County Commissioner: Dyes advised he was elected Chairperson a committee at the County that is trying to find ways to help the townships and how the townships can help the county, they are also working on the forecast for 2021 with plans and ideas, one being should they invest in culverts in Cass County. He then advised the Health board is working on getting the COVID vaccine in Cass County, they have had about 19,000 hits on the site to sign up for the vaccine they should have more starting Jan 20, right now a person has to go to the Cass Van Buren Health Department and sign up to get the vaccine they will be doing them in Cass County at the Council on Aging

Public Comments: None

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 8:44 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk