

## PORTER TOWNSHIP

March 9, 2021

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

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$354,610.76 savings \$311,746.46 Bair Lake \$24,323.81 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$49,847.93, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,284,436.35. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Porter had 16 runs, 11 EMS call, 1 ice rescue, 2 power line down, 2 dispatched & cancelled en route, Total was 34 EMS calls, 12 Fire calls

Building Report: For the month of March \$607,900.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$34,035.27, Sewer bills were approved at agenda Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried

Old Business: Sewer Board Motion: Motion 3: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to change vendors from Midwest to Franger Gas due to cost savings. The price of propane being paid will now be reviewed annually, Motion made by Marlow with support from Wylie to accept this motion roll call was taken: Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes.

Motion 2: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to accept the proposed 2021 budgets for the Sewer Operations and the Sewer Bond. Marlow made the motion to accept their budget with support from Wylie, roll call was taken: Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes

Motion 1: the Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to accept the new 6 year contract with Infrastructure Alternatives (April 2021 – March 2027) Motion made by Marlow support from Wylie with the amendment that this is an extension of the current contract and that the statement \*Financial compensation will be dictated as outlined in attachment A of this addendum\* until the amount is known roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes.

New Business:

Delano Lot Line Adjustment/Reames Land Split/Hartman Land Split/Weaver Lot Line Adjustment: Marlow made a motion to accept and approve all the land splits and lot line adjustments support by Wylie All in favor motion carried

Harman Land Division/Harman lot line adjustment/Guijosa Lot Line Adjustment: Marlow made the motion with support from Russell to accept these as is, roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, Harman could not vote due to these being his and his daughter. Motion carried

Copenhaver: Mr. Copenhaver made a presentation on Cannabis Licensing and how it is done in Michigan and if Porter was interested in changing the ordinance to opt in he could help with that

Long Lake Goose Control: Russell read the resolution that is a standard for Goose Control this is for 5 years 2021 till 2026 Marlow made the motion to accept this resolution support from Croninger all in favor motion carried

ZBA Member: Russell made the motion to accept the application from Terry Schutter for the Zoning Board of Appeals, support from Marlow roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried

Dust Control: Marlow made the motion to table this till next month he is working on getting other bids support from Harman all in favor motion carried

Idlewild Road Contract: Marlow made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the CCRC contract for Idlewild Street that will also add an additional \$18,672.10 to this month's bills, support from Croninger all in favor motion carried

MTA Conference: Russell advised this year the MTA conference is virtual is interested to let her know, after some discussion we are not sure it would be worth it at all

Miscellaneous: Russell presented the board with present from DuFour that was all the clippings and pictures of when the Township had the Flag contest, Russell also advised all that the Cass County Conservation Club is asking for help to put up flags down US 12 in Union, Marlow advised he and Harman will donate through their businesses, Copenhagen who is at the meeting advised he is interested also.

Sewer Report: Marlow requested that IA take out of the original contract \*Whereas, the Client desires to engage Infrastructure Alternatives to upgrade their Septage Receiving Station with an addition seventy five thousand (75,000) gallon storage tank including associated piping per IAI recommendation, including plans and permitting\* and write this part up as a line of credit from IA to the Township support from Harman, roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Motion carried

Klappauf advised they are still operating in excellent condition having the following emergency callouts, Complete System Outage due to power being out, C-7 Wet Well Pump Discharge Plumbing Failure, c-10 High Wet/Well Alarm, B-13 PLC Alarm (Plugged Pumps), Plant SBR Alarm (Decanter Failed) repaired these were from January, He also advised they are still having trouble with people putting wet wipes down the sewer while they say they are flushable they are not.

Septage Report: February had approximately \$33,828.00 in septage

ZBA report: No report

Wetlands Committee: No Report

Planning Commission: No report

County Commissioner: Dyes advised they are working on getting broadband internet throughout Cass County as there are several places that are either “dead” zones or just don't have it ran to. They will also be taking bids again for the old court house. May 15 will be Tires/Hazard waste at the CCRC parking lot, there will a second one on August 21 both are from 9 am till noon

Public Comments: Copenhagen advised he is staying at his parents on High Street and it is terrible trying to get onto Sunset Blvd. when the bars are open. It was advised this has been a problem for a while and Marlow advised he will be meeting with the owners on this.

Motion made by Harman and supported by Wylie to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 8:24 p.m.

Beth Russell  
Porter Township Clerk