

PORTER TOWNSHIP

April 13, 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. Wylie made a motion with support from Harman to accept all minutes as presented. All in favor motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$423,614.23 savings \$311,995.24 Bair Lake \$24,801.57 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$38,548.75, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,340,090.69. Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: SEPSA report ending 1/31/2021 they had 46 incidents 29 for Mason, 1 outside service area, with 16 in Porter; 11 EMS call excluding vehicle accident with injury, 1 ice rescue, 2 power line down, 2 dispatched & cancelled en route

Building Report: For the month of March \$1,433,000.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$34,758.08, Sewer bills were approved at agenda Motion made by Marlow with support from Wylie to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried

Old Business:

Dust Control: Marlow made a motion to table this till next month as he is waiting for one more bid to come in support from Wylie all in favor motion carried

IA Contract: Marlow advised IA is in favor of the changes that were requested as making this a line of credit and that they will finance the new tank, he has the verbal approval from IA

New Business:

Troyer Lot Line Adjustment, Knepple Lot Line adjustment, Norton Land Division, Middleton Lot Line adjustment, Burkhardt/Tomasello Lot Line adjustment: Harman made a motion to accept all of the lot line adjustments and the land split support from Croninger roll call was taken; Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

Benke: Sheriff Benke advised that Mental issues and domestic violence is still up about 2% from 2019, also trailers and motor vehicles are still being stolen, they are done in the jail from 116 inmates to approx. 60 to 80 with many being let out on a tether. He also advised Michigan is doing a Criminal Justice Reform that will help people with their records, they are currently prepping the marine division and need another boat since the one they have is about 20 years old and the budget for that department went from \$60,000.00 to \$14000.00. They also have several openings for jobs included road patrol, dispatch, and guards for the jail. There was a question about people that have been shooting up on Shavehead Lake while they can shoot from their own property they can NOT shoot so it goes on another property and hunting rules are different as you must stay 40 feet from any residence while hunting, it was also brought up that Porter has an Ord that there is NO discharge of firearms in Lake Residential, Benke will check the Ord to see what can be enforced. He also advised there will be a drive through COVID vaccine at the MEC parking lot you must sign up with the health department

Roads: There had been an inquiry about stripping Wayne St, and Union Road, Marlow will be meeting with the CCRC next week and will bring this up to them. The board signed a new contract with the CCRC for Idlewilde St & Central Ave due to challenging soil conditions, this will also increase the Township portion to \$4,892.00

Cemetery Convention: Russell advised the cemetery convention is again in Traverse City this year and would like to send the Overseer, her assistant, the Sexton and the Clerk to the Convention, Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to send them. All in favor motion carried

Commission/Board Members: There were 2 applications for boards both have shown interest in both ZBA and Planning Commission, having one of the applicants here she was asked which she would prefer – Marlow then made the motion to put Hall on Planning Commission and Newvine on ZBA with support from Wylie roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

Clean Up Day: Harman made the motion for June 5, 2021 since this is what works for American Waste, support from Marlow to accept this day, all in favor motion carried

Water Dispenser: Harman advised there should be some kind of water dispenser at the township since there are no water fountains, Harman made the motion to get one delivered, support from Marlow roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

Election Workers/Food: Russell there will be 5 workers for the upcoming May 4 election, Marlow made the motion with support from Harman to pay for dinner for the workers, all in favor motion carried

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Nagy advised the plant is still going well but had C1 and B5 pumps had to be repaired since they are 16 years old, no other major repairs were needed

Septage Report: February had approximately 168,000 gallons of septage

ZBA report: Harman gave the report on the hearing from April 1, 2021 he advised they were at a stalemate but he changed and they were both then approved

Wetlands Committee: Wylie gave a report on Treasure Island where they had someone filling in to close to the wetland it was advised to the CCCD and EGLE that Porter has a 20 ft buffer for all wetlands

Planning Commission: Nagy advised they will be meeting next week for a public hearing on the new Lighting Ord they have been working on

County Commissioner: Dyes advised things have been quite they will be having the County Cleanup/Hazard Waste on May 15 at the CCRC must show proof of residency. They are still working on the County ORV Ord.

Public Comments: None

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Russell to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 8:31 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk