

PORTER TOWNSHIP

December 14, 2021

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from last month meetings, Wylie made the motion to accept the minutes as presented support from Harman all in favor with Marlow absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$381,961.78 Savings \$313,880.92 Bair Lake \$12,617.21 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$75,009.27, Sewer Receiving Funds \$981,848.18. Motion made by Wylie with supported by Harman to accept. All in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: EMS calls for the month were 33 total calls; 19 Newberg, 6 Porter, 2 Penn, 1 Calvin, 1 City of Three Rivers, 4 City of Dowagiac, Fire calls; 4 total calls 3 Newberg, 1 St Joe County

Building Report: For the month of March \$908,500.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$36,235.23, Sewer bills \$65,866.54 were approved at the agenda Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Old Business:

Shavehead Lake Weed Resolution: Russell made the motion with support from Wylie to table this till a new cost sheet is brought to the Township the current one runs out in 2022. All in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

New Business:

Matt Diane: Mr. Diane from the DNR was here to answer questions regarding Bubblers on lakes in Michigan, He advised that while they are currently not being regulated by the DNR they do encourage Townships in Michigan to either regulate them or have some permitting for them. He advised that the Department is concerned with safety; also, while homeowners on the lakes own the ground everyone in the State of Michigan owns the water and has the rights to use the water being summer or winter. The use of bubblers keeps people from using the lake in the winter. The issue is that there are a lot of people that abuse them and are not using them as intended. They are concerned with public trust and being able to use the lakes all year long

Haynie Lot Line Adjustment/Markel Land Split/Bishop Land Split: Harman made the motion to accept all with support from Wylie all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Tax Poverty Exemption: Wylie made the motion to set this at 10% above the Federal Guidelines which will be for a family of one will be \$14,168.00 roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Harman – no, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes with Marlow absent motion carried.

Holiday Schedule/Township Dates close dates/Sewer Dates/Planning Commission Dates: Wylie made the motion with support from Harman to accept the dates as presented. All in favor with Marlow absent

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Nagy advised the plant is running extremely well. Still 10 out of 10 and 8 out of 10 for the budget, there were no callouts this month. Klappauf advised Ron Janske is no longer a member Kim Evans will be moved from Alt to regular member. They will also not be able to get the new tank in till spring due to the company doing it and the weather. They also filled in the cracks in the driveway and a fan was burnt out due to a bird flying into it. It was also advised that IA will be asking for more money due to all the Miss Digg's that they have had lately due to the gas lines being ran. Klappauf made the motion to accept Kim Evans as a regular member moving him from being an Alt Wylie accepted the motion with support from Harman all in favor motion carried

Septage Report: Nagy advised October brought in 159,460 gallons of septage, the amounts were \$12,358.00. This is still in line with the rest of the year he believes they will bring in close to what they brought in last year. They have a new septage company but are not sure that there will be enough room for them to drop off.

ZBA report: There was a variance that was granted this month on Lakeview DR, while there had been some damage before the start of construction this was discussed at length where they all made up and a fence will be added to keep any further damage from happening

Wetlands Committee: Wylie advised they are looking into violations on Valley Road

Planning Commission: Nagy advised they are still working on the proposal for the Shady Point Campground they will be discussing this at the next meeting scheduled for Jan 19, he advised there are 8 or 9 places in Porter with 4 or 5 residences also.

Benke: Sherriff Benke advised they are back on track to put the new tower up. They were not sure since the company they are working with wanted to raise the cost a considerable amount they have since lowered it back down. He also advised they are still having trouble with thefts of Catalytic Converters. They are also still short about 8 people which the academy takes about 18 weeks to become an officer He advised when asked about the dispensaries about the crime in the area, Benke advised they are seeing more Marijuana in the schools due to the increase in dispensaries in the area.

County Commissioner: Dyes advised they are trying to make Cass a better place to live. They have been working on helping townships pay for road repairs and culvert replacement. They are also wanting to make some bike trails up by Lawless Park, Cass County also has the most in water trails in the area and they would like to utilize them. There is also a new recycling plant going in which will employ about 70 people.

Public Comments: Question was asked about the weed control for Shavehead since not all homeowners are in favor of this. It was explained they need to get more information to the township before they can pass the resolution to move forward then they will have public meetings regarding this.

Motion made by Harman and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor with Marlow absent motion carried at 8:26 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk