

## **Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board**

**January 4, 2022**

The Sewer Board Meeting was called to order by Carl Klappauf, Chairman, at 7:00pm at the Porter Township Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Board members present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, John Penkala, Kim Evans (via Zoom teleconference) and Leard Wylie (Township Board Representative) Board member absent: Kim Roery MacClean. Others present: Ray Galovich, Terry Norman, John Barthels, and Dana Trierweiler (IA representatives). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by John Penkala to accept the minutes of December 7, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

John Barthels (Contract Operations Division Director of IA) and Dana Trierweiler (President and CEO of IA) discussed past, current, and future topics concerning IA and Porter Township.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Financial Review-John Penkala**

John Penkala reviewed the Past Due amounts at 12/31/21. The loan with IA was discussed. Currently the loan is to be paid off in April 2022 – IA will get back with us if that has changed. The 2022 forecast was discussed.

**Motion1:** The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board that in the month of January 2022 that a date and time be set to meet with the Sewer Board to discuss financial topics. Motion made by Carl Klappauf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Evans, motion passed unanimously.

#### **Township Review-Carl Klappauf**

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation at the Township Board meeting held on December 14, 2021. Carl advised that the Sewer Board will request a special meeting with the Township Board sometime in December 21/January 22 to review the maintenance budget.

#### **IA's Monthly Report-Terry Norman**

Terry stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in excellent condition. Only one emergency call out occurred during December 2021. The Septage receiving project continues.

#### **Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy**

Dave Nagy presented charts reporting that septage receiving activity for December 2021 was 125,899 gallons generating \$9,757 for the month. YTD sales is \$121,993. Septage activity continues at a high level.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf**

Ongoing review.

### **Connections to sewer (see list) John Penkala**

Carl Klappauf will address the DeGroot property at the next Township Board meeting. Other properties show no problems.

### **Oak Street Property – Leard Wylie**

The property owner is responsible for repaving the road. This can be removed.

### **Wauman's property and C6 – Carl Klappauf**

No update at this time. Situation still being resolved by legal counsel.

### **R, R, I Fund discussion – Dave Nagy**

Continued discussion on the proper funding and use of the R, R & I fund.

### **IA Loan – Carl Klappauf**

Waiting on the finalization of project costs to forward to IA.

### **Septage Holding Tank Project – Terry Norman**

The project is ongoing.

### **Federal Covid Relief – John Penkala**

John Penkala will continue to monitor.

### **Paved over manholes – Dave Nagy**

Lawyers are handling.

### **Restore area around C-13 – Terry Norman**

Area has been restored. This item can be removed.

### **Miss Dig contract out – Terry Norman**

This item has not been addressed by IA yet.

### **Kim Evans – Carl Klappauf**

Kim Evans has been approved as a full time member of the Sewer Board. This item can be removed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Norm Robertson property – John Penkala**

Nobody on the Board recalled this property. This item can be removed.

### **Sunset Splits – John Penkala**

Terry Norman has given Tom DeLano paperwork on how these properties can be hooked up to the sewer. This item can be removed.

### **State Grants – John Penkala**

The Michigan State Senate has approved various grants that may apply to Porter Township. This bill is waiting Michigan House approval. John Penkala will monitor.

### **DHHS assistance – John Penkala**

The Cass County Department of Health and Human Services offers assistance to pay utility bills including sewer bills. This item could be included on future sewer bills or newsletters to inform the public.

### **Miscellaneous**

None

Next Sewer Board meeting is **Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.**

Motion made by Carl Klappauf and seconded by John Penkala to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Penkala