

PORTER TOWNSHIP

January 11, 2022

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

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

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$388,784.25 Savings \$314,070.24 Bair Lake \$12,621.08 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$59,233.98, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,041,504.03. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Calls for the month totaled 57; Mason Township 21, Newberg Area 1, Porter Township 16, outside the area 7, St Joe County 12. Average time from dispatch to arrival 15:30, with average time on scene 62:49

Building Report: For the month of March \$776,100.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$33,136.35, Sewer bills \$62,808.48 were approved at the agenda Motion made by Wylie with support from Marlow to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried

Old Business:

Shavehead Lake Weed Resolution: Marlow made the motion to accept the petition as presented with the new cost sheet with support from Wylie, roll call was taken Harman – no, Croninger – no, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried, Marlow then made the motion with support from Wylie to have the first public meeting February 8 at 6:00 p.m. all in favor motion carried

New Business:

Sexton Levan: Sexton Levan advised that prices of fuel are going up and came to discuss raising prices for the cemetery cost, He would also like to add that there will be no winter burials after 2:30 p.m. due to light issues. Marlow made the motion with support from Harman to accept the changes all in favor motion carried. Marlow made the motion that the changes will take effect on March 1, 2022 with support from Wylie, all in favor motion carried

Miller Land Split: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the land split all in favor motion carried

Escrow Policy: Marlow made the motion with support from Russell to accept the policy with the change to the basic fees to \$450.00 which is the current price for a variance, all in favor motion carried

BioTech Contract: Harman made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the renewal contract roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried.

County ORV ORD Marlow gave an update on the county wide ORD for ORV there is still some concern for safety, they will be making a resolution that the Township's can either opt in or opt out

South Drive Manhole Marlow gave an update on the manhole that was covered by a homeowner on South Drive

Roads Wylie advised they were not able to do a ride around to check the roads due to the weather

Budget Planning Marlow advised he will be working on this and getting with the Treasurer and Clerk for their input meeting dates will be discussed in February

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised the treatment plant is still running in excellent condition, There was 1 emergency call out the plant generator failed, routine maintenance was hauled 287,000 gallons of solids to fields near plant (BioTech), changed blower air filters, pending projects, septage receiving tank, replace 27 of 31 Mission Communication Radios to 5G, Removed 80.1 Dry tons of solids, Motion 1 was presented to the board: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board that in the month of January 2022 a date and time be set to meet with the Sewer Board to discuss financial topics Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept and to set the date as January 18, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. all in favor motion carried

Septage Report: Nagy advised December brought in 125,899 gallons of septage, when the new tank is installed they will be able to meter it which is a better cash flow, they have 3 haulers that dump on a regular basis

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

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 and should be resolved, They will also discuss the changes that board members would like for the Bubbler Ord

County Commissioner: Dyes advised they had their first meeting on January 6, 2022 and he was made the chairperson again, there are currently 3 openings on the EDC which meets January 25 at 8:30 am in the Kincheloe Room of the County Building, Woodlands board is also taking applications for their board, the Board of Commissioners will now be meeting at 5:00 pm. There will be 2 vaccination clinics the first January 15 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the other being February 12 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm they will be offering 1 year, 3-year rabies vaccinations as well as the five-way vaccine cost is \$20.00. COVID testing continues at Ascension/Borgess in Dowagiac on Mondays from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Public Comments: none

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

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk