

PORTER TOWNSHIP

February 8, 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, Marlow with Harman absent

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$362,916.70 Savings \$314,405.98 Bair Lake \$12,624.83 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds 78,678.29, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,074,912.45. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: No report

Building Report: For the month of March \$187,200.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$29,116.41, Sewer bills \$62,242.788 were approved at the agenda Motion made by Marlow with support from Wylie to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Old Business:

New Business:

Stamp-Davis, Stoner, Zimont Land Splits: Wylie made the motion with support from Marlow to accept all 3 land splits all in favor with Harman absent

2018 Plumbing Code: Per letter read from Plumbing Inspector Dobberteen the state has adopted the 2018 Plumbing Code the Township needs to adopt this also, motion made by Marlow with support from Russell to adopt the 2018 Plumbing Code all in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Sewer Rate Increase: Nagy and Klappauf gave the reasons they feel the monthly sewer bill should be increased by \$4.00 the last increase being in 2014, Motion made by Wylie to accept the \$4.00 increase, having no second the motion died, Croninger then made a motion to accept a \$3.50 increase starting April 1, 2022 support from Russell, roll call was taken, Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, Harman absent motion carried

Budget Hearing Dates: Dates were set for Friday March 4 at 3:30 p.m. and March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Wylie made the motion to accept these dates with support from Russell all in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Charlie Fish Mr. Fish has some questions on how an Ord is written and who writes he was informed the Planning Commission determines if an Ord should be written

Miscellaneous: Russell advised the board that she has 2 quotes so far for a new auditor

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised the plant continues to operate in excellent condition. Corrective actions taken were routine maintenance, and installed 31 replacement Mission Communication System Radios, pending projects are the Septage receiving tank (75,000 gallon holding tank), and operator Stoddard attended a 3-day class for Miss Dig on-line. There have been about 9 new properties that have gotten new connection fees, Marlow also made a motion with support from Wylie to put 2-1-1 on the billing so

people will know where they can go to find help for bills, all in favor motion carried with Harman absent, they re still working on a grant or loan from the USDA

Marlow then made a motion to accept Amendment #1 which is a Addendum of the original contract dated February 16, 2019 between Porter Township and Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc to extend the existing service dated February 16, 2021 due to expire April 30, 2022 for a six year period to begin May 1, 2022, Financial Compensation will be dictated as outlined in attachment A of this amendment Motion made by Marlow with support from Wylie to accept roll call was taken; Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, with Harman absent motion carried

Septage Report: Nagy advised December brought in 58,300 gallons of septage, this month was low due to it being extremely cold several days, Jan and Feb are always bad months due to the cold and snow

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised the next meeting will be March 16 at 6:00 p.m. they will be completing Shady Point Campgrounds

County Commissioner: Dyes advised at the last meeting in January the board approved a resolution to engage West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum to pursue a grant to rewrite our solid waste plant, EGLE is funding the grant, the new plan with include recycling, New hardware was approved for the 911 center. Sheriff Benke reported the January vaccination clinic at the Animal Control Center vaccinated 79 dogs and 1 cat, the next clinic will be February 12, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., he also advised that the county Treasurer Anderson reported her office has streamlined the process to pay delinquent taxes on line with a credit card. They will also have Telamon Corp will hold office hours in the county every Thursday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be available by pone on Wednesday. They will be there to assist residents with delinquent mortgages, taxes and/or utilities to apply for assistance to apply for assistance through the Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund. The county will also be taking the money from ARPA to help Townships and the County with roads, VBCDHD will be giving out FREE KN95 Masks to organizations and community member in Van Buren and Cass Counties.

Public Comments: Hall advised the board that she was informed that the new Lighting Ord is not enforceable. Nagy advised he has business with the attorney he will ask why this is not enforceable

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 8:12 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk