

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

March 1, 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: Roery MaClean. Others present: Terry Norman (IA representatives). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Carl Klappauf to accept the minutes of February 1, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

REPORTS

Financial Review-John Penkala

John Penkala presented the Final budget for both the Operations and Debt for 2022-2023. Past due amounts were discussed.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation at the Township Board meeting held on February 8, 2022. Carl reported that the sewer Board still needs an alternate member. The plan is to seal the asphalt at the WWTP as soon as the weather is warm enough.

IA's Monthly Report-Terry Norman

Terry stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in excellent condition. There was 1 emergency call outs during February 2022 when a generator was not starting automatically. The Septage receiving project continues. Needed Lab supplies were purchased. This item will be moved to the top of the agenda list starting in April 2022.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy stated 57,674 gallons of septage generating \$4,470 were received during the month of February 2022. Septage activity continues at a high level.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

Connections to sewer (see list) John Penkala

The DeGroot property connection fees were paid and another paid off in February 2022. Others are either paying monthly or in some stage of construction.

Wauman's property and C6 – Carl Klappauf

No update at this time. This item will be removed due to inactivity.

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.

Septage Holding Tank Project – Terry Norman

The project is ongoing. This item will be combined with IA's monthly report in April 2022.

Federal Covid Relief – John Penkala

Motion1: The Sewer Board asks the Township Board to consider allocating \$75,000 from the 1st ARPA payment and \$75,000 from the 2nd ARPA payment to be used towards payment of the debt incurred from the Septage Receiving Tank Project. Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Carl Klappauf. Voting: Carl Klappauf yes, Dave Nagy yes, John Penkala yes, Kim Evans yes. Motion passes unanimously.

Miss Dig contract out – Terry Norman

This item has been built into the contract with IA and can be removed.

State Grants – John Penkala

A possible source of funding – HB5522 – has been passed by the Michigan House and a different version – SB0565 – has been passed by the Senate. Both bills have been referred back to committee. The process of applying for grants/funding thru EGLE has started and a meeting with them will be held shortly. A meeting with the USDA was held. During January and February of 2022 applications were due for projects in 2023. Porter Township is not eligible for grants because of per capita income in Porter Township is too high.

DHHS assistance – John Penkala

Contact information was put on the March 1 sewer bills. This item can be removed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The next Sewer Board meeting is **Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Penkala