

PORTER TOWNSHIP

April 12, 2022

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from last month meetings, Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the minutes, Marlow then advised that he has a correction to the March minutes to take the word bypass out, Marlow then made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction support from Croninger all in favor motion carried. There was a comment from audience member H Gableman to add something regarding the public portion of North Drive to the minutes from last month since this did not come from a board member no other corrections were made.

Treasurers report General fund balance \$638,069.67 Savings \$316,030.94 Bair Lake \$18,734.14 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$106,255.03, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,189,483.50. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Mason Township had a total of 22 incidents, Porter/Newberg Township Area had a total of 1 incident, out of the area had 5 incidents, Porter Township had 19 incidents, St Joseph County had 13 incidents with a total for the month of 60. Fire Chief Holdeman also advised that they would like the township to consider giving them some of the ARPA funds received some things they are requesting help with are CPR machine is out of compliance, a new electronic sign, new Social media, the parking lot also will need to be done soon to be able to continue to use it. Since they are set up for mutual aid in St Joseph County which the state requires they are working to set up with Mottville, White Pigeon and the southern part of Constantine who also pay for mutual aid.

Building Report: For the month of March \$1,112,500.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$56,488.31, Sewer bills \$43,402.87 were approved at the agenda Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried

New Business:

Agenda Meeting Date: Due to the upcoming election in May Russell made the motion with support from Croninger to changed the May agenda meeting to May 2 at 3:30 roll call was taken

Election Workers: Election workers were announced for the upcoming election

Election Worker Food: Russell made the motion with support from Marlow to pay for pizza/food for dinner for the May 3, 2022 election

Sewer Budget: Marlow made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the Sewer Budget as presented to the board by the Sewer Board. Roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

Dust Control The county will be doing a county wide dust control this year, Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept the bid from the CCRC for dust control, roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried contract was signed

Road Contracts: The roads were discussed at the agenda as to which are the worst, Mason St, Baldwin Prairie Road, Robbins Lake Road, Central Ave, and Rainbow Road; Marlow made the motion to accept these amounts/contracts with support from Wylie. Roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried these contracts/estimates were signed

Culvert Buck Lake: Resident Boyer gave the update regarding the plug that was causing the problem, after a portion was taken out it instantly helped. He suggested they wait a week to see if this continues to flow like it should since the creek flows through the park. When asked about the road settling he advised it has been that way for some time.

ARPA Funds: The Township is in favor of giving the funds to SEPSA, Sewer, and Roads decisions will be made soon on all of these

North Drive: There has not been any update the homeowner seems to be taking care of the bill owned to Niblock for the repairs to the manhole cover that was coverer over

Miscellaneous: Harman brought up Cleanup day. It was determined that Porter Township will try vouchers this year to see if it works better. Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to try vouchers this year to be cut off at \$5,000.00 roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, Harman abstained from voting motion carried
This will run from June 1 through June 15 vouchers can be picked up at the Admin office

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised there were no emergency callouts this past month. Routine maintenance was the only corrective action taken. Pending and continuing projects are the septage receiving tank (75,000 gallon holding tank), CT Electric moved electric line, Fence was removed for excavation, excavation and tank layout, compaction test; test was good.

Septage Report: Klappauf advised March brought in 138,293 gallons of septage this month, which is about \$10,713. The holding tank is moving forward waiting for the steel to be delivered

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: None

County Commissioner: Dyes advised they are moving forward with the countywide ORV ORD since this will make it safer for also. They will need a sticker with working lights, Also the courthouse will be redone at no cost to the people. Annex will be going to the courthouse it has been hard since it has set empty for 20 years now. Dyes also advised that the county has money to put into parks, it was brought up that there is a park on Shavehead Lake and the people would like to see if there is any money to help with things such as trash. Dyes also announced that there will be a Hazard Waste drop off on April 27 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Public Comments: Resident Paski has some questions regarding the upcoming meeting regarding weeds and the 20% that they need. Resident R Gableman had some comments regarding the North Drive pavement he does not feel that they need to have a road agreement in place to be able to pave North Drive he also feels that the board was not right when they discussed this road and the Private Road Maintenance Agreement at a budget meeting. He also advised he has sent his interruption of the Ord to the clerk and supervisor and would like the attorney to look at what he sent and give feedback as it is. Resident H Gableman asked does the township discuss roads and have all requirements been made. Resident Alwine advised Harvey St is also in bad shape and who should he contact he was told the CCRC

Motion made by Harman and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor
motion carried at 8:22 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk