

PORTER TOWNSHIP

May 10, 2022

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from last month meeting and agenda, Wylie made the motion with support from Russell to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$653,310.78 Savings \$316,329.38 Bair Lake \$18,227.35 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$96,818.28, Sewer Receiving Funds \$485,256.95. Motion made by Wylie with supported by Marlow to accept. All in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: None

Building Report: For the month of March \$414,900.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$60,432.57, Sewer bills \$37,387.93 were approved at the agenda there were corrections made with the revised amount being \$47,937.56 Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to pay the Township bills. Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to pay the revised Sewer bills, all in favor motion carried with Harman absent

New Business:

Christensen Land Split: Russell made the motion with support from Croninger to accept this land split; all in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Rifenberg Land Split: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to accept this land split: all in favor motion carried with Harman absent

Newvine Sewer Board Alt: Russell made the motion with the support from Wylie that with no objection from the Sewer Board members in attendance that Al Newvine be made Sewer Board Alternate: roll call was taken: Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried with Harman absent

Zoning Ord Amendment to sell campground lots: Russell presented the motion from the Cass County Planning Commission as follows: Porter Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment to sell campground lots – There are ten (10) lots in Porter, eighty-two (82) lots in Newburg with tax ID's. After discussion Dan Stutsman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ryan Laylin and motion carried. Russell made the motion with support from Wylie to accept the changes. Roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Motion carried with Harman absent

Resolution of Guidelines for Applicants Requesting Consideration for Poverty Exemption Croninger made the motion with support from Marlow to add 15 % to the Federal Poverty Level roll call taken: Wylie – yes, Marlow – yes, Croninger – yes, Russell – yes with Harman absent, Motion then made by Marlow with support from Croninger to accept this resolution from our Assessor. Roll call taken: Wylie – yes, Marlow – yes, Croninger – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried with Harman absent

Attorney Update: Attorney Seeber advised she has heard from Attorney for Shavehead Lake residents regarding the new Bubblers Ord and questioned the Township Board if they were wanting to repeal the Ord not at this time

Special Assessment District: Attorney Seeber advised the SAD district has not been done properly and within the statute or compliance this could be fought at the MTT, could use PA 188 and request petitions or the board could go on its own motion which the 20% of land owners can then object to. There was some discussion on this. Another alternative would be to form a Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board which would consist of A member of the county board of commissioners, Two (2) representatives of Porter Township Boards, The County Drain Commissioner and one (1) representative from Shavehead Lake:

Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board: Russell made the motion with support from Croninger to accept this resolution, roll call was taken: Wylie – yes, Marlow – no, Croninger – yes, Russell – yes, with Aye’s having the vote motion carried with Harman

Baldwin Lake Association: Mike Schirott came to tell everyone about the upcoming triathlon that they will be having July 30 Start on Sunset Blvd, the course will be marked off. This will include swimming, biking, running with a relay also: after the race there will be cocktails and BLT’s after. All are invited to join this is a fund raiser. For more information contact the Baldwin Lake Association

Sunset Blvd Runoff: Several residents were in attendance to ask what is being done with Sunset Blvd due to property owners changing things this changed the pitch of the road. Now water is running and settling and flooding people down the line. Bellina from CCRC advised they had Whiteman & Assoc look at the engineering of this and will cost an estimate of \$250,000.00 to fix the problem. Question was why can my neighbor have a curb but I was denied: answer was this was not controlled in the past it is now. The homeowners advised they are willing to pay some but should not have to pay since this was not their fault either.

Miscellaneous: Resolution Approving Upgrades and Surfacing to Public Portion of North Dr in The Township Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept this resolution roll call was taken Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Croninger – yes, Russell – yes motion carried with Harman absent

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised they did not have a meeting this month due to not having a quorum He advised the WWTP continues to operate in excellent condition. Emergency call out were on 4/14 for power outage C1, C2, C4, C9, C11, B5, B9, B10, and routine maintenance. Pending projects are Septage receiving tank, Hatch/safety grates installed, concrete finished

Septage Report: Nagy advised March brought in 177,233 gallons of septage this month, which is about \$10,713. The holding tank is moving forward waiting for the steel to be delivered. Nagy advised that the system is now 20 years old and the SBR units will need to be replaced or refurbished he brought this up so in the future when they are discussing more money the board can be prepared

ZBA report: Schirott advised they have a meeting coming up in June they have not met since March

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised the campgrounds can start next month coming for permits

County Commissioner: Dyes advised they had several loads for the Hazard Waste they had about \$305,000.00 worth since they have had so much they will be building their own waste/recycling center. ORV ORD will be passed there is a map of the designated roads. Question from citizen was can be doing for the County Park on Shavehead Lake Peninsula currently the homeowners have been taking care of it.

Dyes advised the Park Department will have to get involved. Another question was is Lawless Park going to have overnight short-term camping. Answer was that they are working on this due to them being involved with Dark Sky

Scott McGraw Running for the upcoming Michigan House of Representatives gave a small presentation that he is running in August

Public Comments: Tommie Schmidt brought pictures regarding the Airbnb next to her house. While they are supposed to be rented by someone at least 25 years of age there was not one person there that appeared to be that age they all appeared to be younger college age. Also, while there is only supposed to be 15 people there was in the excess of 25 people, she also provided pictures and also an Ord for Short-Term rentals that Ontwa Township has had to put in place due to these rentals. She also advised Ontwa has also put in a Quiet Time from 10 pm till 8 am and would like Porter to consider both of these Ord. Her other concern was that they have a pontoon boat that is provided and not sure they know the rules of the lake.

Cheryl Kindle: Questioned that since the Township approved the public portion of North Dr who would fix if it does not go well answer was Not Porter nor the CCRC would be responsible.

Charlie Fish: If Ord overlap each other who cleans they up. It was explained that there are some that overlap due to updating them at times

Motion made by Marlow and supported by Wylie to adjourn all in favor
motion carried at 8:50 p.m. with Harman absent

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk