

PORTER TOWNSHIP

July 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Marlow with the pledge to the flag

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

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from last month meeting Harman advised that he would like the minutes changed so the FD ambulance bought was corrected to used not new, Marlow made the motion to accept the minutes with this correction, with support from Harman all in favor motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$316,529.51 Savings \$316,430.35 Bair Lake \$18,438.29 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$113,086.65, Sewer Receiving Funds \$676,598.15. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Harman to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: No report

Building Report: For the month of March \$4,293,944.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$58,913.96, Sewer bills \$48,419.44 were approved at the agenda, motion made by Marlow with support from Croninger to pay the Township bills. All in favor motion carried

New Business:

Elswick Lot Line Adjustment: Harman made the motion with support from Marlow to accept this lot line adjustment all in favor motion carried

Thomas/Beardsley Land Split Harman made the motion with support from Marlow to accept the 2 land splits all in favor motion carried.

August Agenda Meeting: Due to the upcoming election the agenda has to be changed Marlow made the motion with support from Harman to change to Monday August 1 at 3:30 roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes, Wylie – yes motion carried

August Board Meeting: Marlow advised he will be unavailable for the next meeting and would like it to be changed to Monday August 8th Motion made by Harman to accept this support from Marlow roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

Food for Election Workers Marlow made the motion with support from Croninger to allow \$100 to be spent on food for Election Workers roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes, Wylie – yes motion carried

SEPSA Board Nomination: Marlow made the motion to nominate Tom Harman to take the place of D Konneck on the SEPSA Board due to her passing; support from Russell roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Russell – yes, Wylie – yes motion carried

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised during the month of June C-12 had a plugged pump, B2 & B10 PLC alarms, B2 pump issues, there was a power outage on 6-17-2022, B2 PLC alarm, they reported 2 SSO events to EGLE on 6-14 and 6-15 they continued with routine maintenance, Continuing project is the Septage receiving tank; the epoxy coating has been applied the next step is plumbing. The Sewer Board presented the Township Board with 2 motions: Motion 1: The Sewer Board requests the Township Board

to consider appropriating \$75,000 or more of the 2nd ARPA payment to be used towards payment of the septage receiving tank project. Wylie made the motion with support from Russell that this will be taken into consideration but no decision has been made on anything yet. All in favor motion carried

Motion 2: The Sewer Board informs the Township Board that the application of Robert George as an alternate member to the Sewer Board is declined.

Septage Report: Nagy advised June brought in 52,672 gallons of septage this is the lowest it has been in quite some time he advised this is due to the previous project manager “babysitting” the system to feed septage into the system slowly the new tank will help with this.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised the next meeting will be July 20 they will be discussing Shady Point Campground this will be their final as they don’t have to come to the Township on this, they will also be repealing the Lighting Ord and making it part of the Nuisance Ord.

County Commissioner: Dyes advised he is running again for County Commissioner and gave out flyers advising that he is big on Cass County they will finally be remodeling the county building former courthouse. He has also been working on getting the parks dept to do more at the Park on Shavehead Lake. He has also been working on getting Dr Lawless Park to use the money donated to them many years ago to improve the area, IE: camping areas, New Lodge are just a couple of things they should be moving forward on these things. There will also be another County Wide Cleanup on August 17 from 3 pm to 6 pm at the CCRC

Public Comments: Barbara Gordon from the Cass Library came and advised they are asking for a millage increase in August, this is due to the Headlee Rollbacks that has reduced the millage from 0.75 mills to 0.6386 this equates to approximately \$213,000 annually in lost revenues and further reduction will continue in the coming years. They are wanting to restore to the original millage rate. A few of things they are facing is the Edwardsburg Library is too small and would need to be upgraded to at least 3X its current size, there is also not much parking they are concentrating on this branch due to the location with the Edwardsburg Schools. Also, nothing in the main branch has changed since it was Federally funded many years ago. If they don’t get this passed this time they will try again in November

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Harman to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 6:59 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk