

PORTER TOWNSHIP

September 20, 2022

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

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

Minutes: Croninger made the motion with support from Harman to accept all minutes as presented all in favor motion carried with Marlow and Wylie absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$473,300.36 Savings \$316,798.79 Bair Lake \$17,343.70 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$124,147.07, Sewer Receiving Funds \$755,236.32. Motion made by Russell with supported by Harman to accept. With 2 yes and 1 no motion carried with Marlow and Wylie absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: SEPSA had the following for the month of July: EMS calls 23 total, 15 Newberg, 5 Porter, 2 Penn, 1 Marcellus, Fire Calls 7 total with 4 Newberg, 2 Porter, 1 Marcellus

Building Report: For the month of March \$1,571,500.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$278,587.49, Sewer bills \$65,152.54 were approved at the agenda, motion made by Russell with support from Harman to pay the Township bills. All in favor motion carried with Marlow and Wylie absent

Nancy DuFour: DuFour gave a report on the Cemetery Convention that she and the clerk recently went to. She thanked the Township Board for sending her, she also advised there was some very good information shared. Also, the CIMS program that the township currently uses can be used for searching for a burial, the township is wanting to use this feature. Green burials were also discussed, also that Ord are necessary and that no exceptions should be given

Yeoman Land Split: Russell made the motion with support from Harman to accept the land split. All in favor motion carried with Marlow and Wylie absent

Griffith Bair Lake: Keith Griffith from the Bair Lake, Lake Association advised they would like to renew the current weed assessment for another 5 years without having to get new petitions. Having no opposition Russell made the motion with support from Harman to extend this another 5 years with the public hearing being set for October 27 at the Newberg Fire Department w roll call taken: Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes, with Marlow and Wylie absent

Road Contract: This contract was signed to restripe several roads

Charlie Fish: Fish advised the new lake board is not taking any other recommendations for the weed control and not taking into consideration all the factors. He advised the problem seems to be from the boat launch not having a boat wash for one, and that all the entities of Cass County should be working together to get to the root of the problem.

Miscellaneous: Russell advised the furnace is now in need of replacement will need discussion on this

Sewer Report: For the month the WWTP continued to operate in excellent condition. Emergency callouts for the month were Power outage on 8-22-33 and SBR #1 decant valve actuator motor 8-29-22, routine maintenance was continued. Pending projects were Septage receiving tank. Nagy advised the SBR is a crucial part that needs to be replaced they have a used one for now and a new one will take about 18

weeks to come in. He advised the Sewer Board would like to make a motion to have \$50,000 of the ARPA money reallocated from IAI to Aqua-Aerobic System to replace this part. He also advised that when North Drive was paved all the manhole covers were paved over. The Sewer Board is asking who will be paying for the cost of the risers that need to be put in. Nagy then advised they are expecting the sealing of the parking lot to be about \$14,000.

Russell made the motion with support from Harman to accept allocating \$50,000.00 for the new SBR roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes motion carried with Marlow and Wylie absent.

Septage Report: Nagy advised they are now using the new tank for septage.

ZBA report: Harman advised they approved all that came before the board. He also advised not all should have been approved

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised they are done with the Shady Point Campgrounds and since they have no new business they have cancelled the meeting scheduled for September 21, 2022

County Commissioner: None

Public Comments:

Travis Copenhaver introduced himself again he had sent letters out that he has a client interested in developing property on M 217 by Stateline Road. He advised the marijuana sales are compared to the Sunday Liquor sales and that the Township can limit how many, where they are put let him know if there is anything he can do for Porter

Tony Lang Advised the Drain Commissioner advised that Porter initiated the project for the Union Stateline Drain, it was advised this was started by the former Drain Commissioner, he also advised that his taxes went up by about \$300 for this. He would like to know why this is

Rick Watts advised he was at the meeting and advised the same they said it started with Porter but the main problem is that they are going the wrong way,

Dale Hall advised they are going from Union Road East then south to Chapel Hill Street and that Chapel Hill is the worst of the they should be starting down farther, also going the opposite way

All were advised that this is not something the Township started but that the Clerk will have the Supervisor check on this with the CCRC and Drain Commissioner to see what they are actually doing

Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 7:10 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk