

PORTER TOWNSHIP

June 14, 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, Harman

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$553,656.77 Savings \$316,430.35 Bair Lake \$18432.99 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$116,027.90, Sewer Receiving Funds \$539,179.53. Motion made by Wylie with supported by Marlow to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Harman advised that SEPSA just bought a ~~new~~-used Ambulance. He also advised they are hiring, he believes they currently have someone that is going through the training; he did not have a run report this month

Building Report: For the month of March \$1,354,100.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$149,987.23, Sewer bills \$48,267.14 were approved at the agenda, motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to pay the Township bills. All in favor motion carried

New Business:

Benke: Sheriff Benke gave an update from the area, they are short staffed and are looking to hire some people the shortage is affecting everywhere. They currently have 2 people in the academy. Must be 21 years old they will have academies in August and January. They had approximately 58 calls to 911 during the storm. They are also working on cooling centers for the summer for anyone that does not have air or is without electricity. There have been 4 fatalities in the county all from distracted drivers. Catalytic Converters are also still being stolen as they get about \$200 from each one. Center Dispatch 911 renewal will be on the ballot in August this helps maintain the 911 call center. The radio tower going in on 5 Star Property right behind the Admin building is still on track the site is being prepped but it looks like September of 2023 before it will be going in. This is due to the supply chain shortages, when asked if volunteers are ever used he advised yes; The Mounted Division is volunteer, as well as the Reserves that ride with officers, The Marine Division is a paid position.

BOR Date Change: Resolution was read: Whereas, the Township board received a request from Assessor Harris to have the July and December BOR dates adjusted. The request is for approval the have the July BOR date adjusted from the meeting on the Tuesday following the third Monday in July to meeting the third Monday in July. Also, to have the December BOR date adjusted from meeting on the Tuesday following the second Monday in December to the second Monday in December Motion made by Wylie with support from Marlow to accept this resolution roll call taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried

Resolution to Change Meeting Times: Russell made the motion with the support from Wylie to accept the resolution to changed the regular Township Board Meeting Time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried meeting time will be changed for the July meeting

CCRC/Sunset Blvd: There was much discussion regarding the water runoff since parking lots were paved and a hill was cut back. Bellina from CCRC advised they are looking into putting a large catch basin at the bottom of the hill for runoff, they have the project down to about \$100,00.00 and also advised that the

CCRC would be willing to pay for 50% or 50% to the homeowners. The homeowners would also need to have curbing put in. The homeowners advised it was said in the past that the Township would also pay a portion up to 25%. Marlow advised this is a county owned and maintained road so the Township is not responsible for any cost of the road. Much discussion was done on this the Township will discuss if they are going to help in any way

Litter and Vehicle/Machinery Storage Ordinance Russell made the motion with support from Harman to table this till the Planning Commission can look at it all in favor motion carried

Cemetery Convention: Russell advised the board the Annual Cemetery Convection is coming in August and would like the Township to allow the clerk, Cemetery Overseer, and sexton's to be able to attend. Marlow made the motion to send all 4 with support from Wylie, roll call taken Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes motion carried

Firework Dates Fireworks were approved at the agenda so they could have time to get EGLE permits the dates will be Baldwin 7/3, Birch 7/2, Indiana 7/2, Long 7/3, and Shavehead 7/2 all will start at dusk

Shavehead Lake Board: Russell made the motion with support from Marlow to have Pat Williams Wetland Committee, and Dave Nagy Planning Commission to be nominated for this board on behalf of the Township roll call was taken Wylie – yes, Harman – yes, Marlow – yes, Croninger – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried Russell will inform the Drain Commissioner

Charlie Fish Had some questions regarding Ord and why some lakes are different Nagy from the Planning Commission explained regarding Ord. He also had questions regarding building and zoning

Lighting Ord: this is going back to the Planning Commission

ARPA Funds: Russell made the motion to spend the ARPA give \$75,000 to IA, \$75,000 to SEPSA, and the rest on roads after some discussion the motion was amended to give IA, SEPSA and roads each 1/3 of the \$200,000 that the Township has currently received. Harman made the motion with support from Marlow to accept this proposal. Roll call was taken Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Marlow – yes, Croninger – no, Russell – yes, motion carried

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised are still working 10 out of 10 of the budget, John Bartell was at the meeting to discuss the debt the sewer owes, The Beast should be paid off, that just leaves the new holding tank. The new tank should get a coating this next week since the cement has cured. They are currently working in excellent condition with no permit violations. Emergency call outs were B-5 PLC alarms, B-4 PLC alarm, C-12 Plugged pump.

Septage Report: Nagy advised May brought in 175,771 gallons of septage he advised this should hit last year or go over, this help the cash flow on track. The first year they took in about 341 gallons vs now which is close to 1 million gallons. State grants are not available to Porter due to the Median of the tax payers is to high.

ZBA report: Harman advised he missed the meeting the application was granted

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,

County Commissioner: Dyes advised they are changing Admin at the county Jeff Carman has done an excellent job but will be leaving Matt Newt will be the new Admin, the county also has implemented a new mapping program that is available to all, He also advised that our Health Department is one of the

best in the area they are doing lots of good things for the kids in the area, August 27th the county will be having another Hazardous Waste drop off at the CCRC he believes from 9 am to 3 pm There are grants available for lakes in Cass County he has done some when he was supervisor of Calvin Township Fish also asked again about the Harman Park on the Peninsula on Shavehead Lake he will talk to the parks department to see if they can help with taking the trash and help clean it up

Public Comments: none

Motion made by Harman and supported by Russell to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 8:46 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk