

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

March 7, 2023

The Sewer Board Meeting was called to order by Carl Klappauf, Chairman, at 7:00pm at the Porter Township Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board members present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, Al Newvine, Leard Wylie (Township Board Representative) and John Penkala. Board member absent: Kim Evans. Others present: Rob Smith and Ray Stoddard (IA representatives). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Carl Klappauf to accept the minutes of February 7, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions from the floor

None

REPORTS

IA's Monthly Report-Rob Smith

- Rob stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in excellent condition.
- The newly purchased press should be running in the next few weeks.
- All 11 manholes have been found on North Drive.
- An additional 3 spare pumps are needed. One will be ordered now and a schedule will be determined when funds are available for the next 2.
- There generator at C-4 is OK...it was running due to an electric company problem.
- There were -0- emergency call outs during February 2023. That is 5 months in a row without any emergency callouts.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy stated 69,504 gallons of septage generating \$5,387 were received during the month of February 2023. Dave presented local areas and their current septage rates per gallon in cents: Niles 7.5, Three Rivers 9.0 or 11.0, Elkhart 8.0, Marcellus 10.5, Porter Twp 7.75.

Motion1: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to increase the septage rate per gallon from 7.75 cents to 9.0 cents effective June 1, 2023. Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Al Newvine. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review-John Penkala

John Penkala stated that the Township Hall is still not getting invoices to be paid in a timely manner. Past due amount at 2/28/23 is \$47,109 and the projected Debt payments still look to be covered by collections.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation to the Township Board meeting held on February 14, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

R, R, I Fund discussion – Dave Nagy

Continued discussion on the proper funding and use of the R, R & I fund.

IA Loan – Carl Klappauf

The amount is not final yet.

Federal Covid Relief – John Penkala

Final ARPA funds have not been distributed as of 3/7/23.

State/Federal Grants – John Penkala

None completed as of 3/7/23

WWTP driveway/lot – Carl Klappauf

Work cannot be started until it warms up in the spring of 2023.

Sewer Board Alternate member – Carl Klappauf

The sewer board still needs to fill the position of alternate.

North Drive - Carl Klappauf

All 11 manholes have been found.

New Business

None

The next Sewer Board meeting is **Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.**

Motioned made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Al Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Penkala

Sewer Board Secretary