

PORTER TOWNSHIP

April 11, 2023

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

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

Minutes: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept all minutes with a correction to Budget 1 meeting name all in favor motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$538,293.61 Savings \$323,078.88 Bair Lake \$31,278.12 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$92,331.17, Sewer Receiving Funds \$1,033,600.71. Motion made by Wylie with supported by Marlow to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: None

Building Report: For the month of November \$509,751.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$38,515.26, Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$63,459.49 were approved at the agenda meeting

Terlep Land Division: Marlow made the motion with support from Russell to accept the land split all in favor motion carried

Septage Rate: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept the motion from the Sewer Board to increase the septage rate from 7.75 cents to 9 cents changing the Ord. starting June 1, 2023 roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried.

Sunset Blvd Cleanup House Russell made the motion with support from Wylie to accept Zoning Enforcement to go clean up a house that he has been working on getting cleaned up. This has already been to court. Roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Wylie – yes, Harman – yes, Russell – yes. Motion carried

Zoning Enforcement Rate: Marlow read a letter that came from Ord Enforcement Haydon who is asking for a pay increase as he uses his own material as well as his own vehicle Russell made the motion to accept the new rate support from Croninger roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes. Motion carried

Codification of Ord: Marlow advised he will follow up with the company that Silver Creek also uses and get a couple of quotes regarding this.

May Agenda Meeting: Due to election on May 2 the agenda meeting needs to be moved Marlow made the motion with support from Russell to move it to Wednesday May 3 at 3:30 pm roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – no (will be absent), Wylie – yes, Russell – yes, motion carried

Election Rate: Russell advised the election workers have not had an increase in many years and would like to give them a .25 raise. Croninger made the motion with support from Harman to accept this increase, roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried.

Election Food: Russell made the motion with support from Marlow to pay up to \$80.00 for food for the Election workers on May 2, 2023 roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried.

North Drive: Manholes have been found will send this now to the Sewer Board to determine who is going to pay for this to be fixed since Marlow has communication that IAI employee Rob Smith approved for them to pave

Miscellaneous: Russell advised Smith had brought a bill for a new lawn mower since the one they currently have is broken she advised that instead of buying a new one that a lawn care service should be hired.

Sewer Report: WWTP continues to operate in excellent condition 5 out of 10 for the month, 10 out of 10 for the bond budget, this month there were no emergency callouts, he also advised the storage tank amount has been capped off at \$300,000.00 that IAI has been holding a loan for, the previous loan for the "beast" will be paid off this month. Motion 1 was then presented to the board: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to make \$84,000 available to repair SBR 2. These repairs consist of the following: Actuator (2) \$14,600, Pumps (2) \$18,400, Decanter \$44,000, Filter/Cages \$7,000 with a total of \$84,000. Smith from the WWTP also advised he added some to this cost and is now \$151,599.00 to repair the SBR. Marlow made the motion with support from Russell to table the Sewer motion all in favor motion carried. Klaupauf also advised they had contacted Kim Evans regarding his not coming and he advised he would have to resign Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept his resignation. A new project on Beechwood was discussed and the contractor knows what he will need to do

Septage Report: Nagy advised this month they had 87,398 gallons which is down due to the SBR #1 being out.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: Wylie advised he is watching a new project on Sunset Blvd that appears to be close to the wetlands so far, they are far enough away but will keep an eye on them to make sure they don't get to close.

Planning Commission: Nagy advised they had a meeting regarding a special use for a dirt drag strip in North Porter it was denied due to not fitting into any of the Porter Township Ord.

County Commissioner: Lee advised the commissioners voted to adopt a new meeting schedule, the first Thursday of the month will be a regular meeting to pay bills and conduct business, while the third Thursday of the month will be a Committee of the Whole will allow a more relaxed discussions about agenda items. They will also be mating 10% to the Sheriff Water Division in purchasing a boat, Lee has also written a Resolution and Ord named Cass County Child Protection Ordinance: Zero Tolerance for the Dissemination of Sexually Explicit Material to Minors the Ord this will give parents more control over what their children are exposed to. The Ord can be read in the Township Clerk's office.

Public Comments: Jamie Thompson advised that while most did not want the sewer when it went in and that only 1400 people are on the sewer and knew it would not be able to be supported the system in now over 20 years old and the Township Board should be prepared to spend money for upkeep Tom Harman then advised this should have been brought up when doing the budget

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 7:12 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk