

PORTER TOWNSHIP

May 9, 2023

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

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

Minutes: Croninger made the motion with support from Russell to accept all minutes all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Treasurers report General fund balance \$563,735.71 Savings \$323,979.47 Bair Lake \$31,296.12 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$90,222.95, Sewer Receiving Funds \$311,496.77. Motion made by Wylie with supported by Russell to accept. All in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Russell showed everyone the new program that SEPSA has started with MyLS (My Local Safety) which is a free app to help provide information regarding homes in the area that will stay confidential flyers can be picked up at the Porter Admin Office or can be found on the website

Building Report: For the month of November \$879,006.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$43,282.81, Cass County Road Commission \$92,132.48 paid from ARPA funds Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent; Sewer bills \$63,939.38 were approved at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

Codification of Ord: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to table this till June to see if the other company will get a quote in and have the company that has the quote in to give a demonstration as to which proposal would be the better fit for Porter all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

New Business:

Finch Land Division: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the land split all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Harper Land Split: Wylie made the motion with support from Russell to accept the land split all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Jaworski Land Split Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to table this due to a large monthly bill being owed having 3 yea and 1 nay motion passed with Marlow absent

Fireworks: Baldwin Lake 7-3 rain date 7-4, Birch Lake 7-1, Indiana Lake 7-3, Long-Coverdale 7-2 rain date 7-3, Shavehead 7-1 rain date 7-2 Croninger made the motion with support from Harman to accept all dates. All in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

ARPA Funds for Parts: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to use what money that was allocated to the Sewer Fund from the ARPA fund to put to order parts roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried with Marlow absent

Order Parts: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to order the following parts Sutorbilt Gaembpa rotary positive blower, Gardner Denver Sutorbilt 3MP Rotary Positive blower vacuum, and Rough Country Multifunctional Portable Power Station 1000W Generator, with ARPA funds to be used to pay this, roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Harman – no, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes having 3 yea, 1 nay motion carried with Marlow absent

Debra Hughes: Debra is the newest member of the Sewer Committee, she gave some background on herself she was welcomed to the Committee.

Miscellaneous: Wylie advised the Township has been working on a solution for money to pay for repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant he then made the motion to table this till the board can meet and discuss this more support from Croninger all in favor motion carried.

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, stayed the same due to the they are checking on the loan for the holding tank needs some discussion it is \$246,000.00 over 72 months there is no action at this time. They are still trying to get any grants from the state to help with any upgrades to the WWTP. Still want to get the parking lot paved member Newvine is checking with Niblock to see if they would give a cost on what it would be to repair. Still no word on North Drive and uncovering the manholes which have all been found. Beechwood project is moving forward they know where they will be able to hook up. They are currently cleaning the system around Birch Lake but they ran into trouble where there are some hanging lights in the right of way making it so the truck can't get through. It was advised for them to contact Ord. Enforcement regarding this.

Septage Report: Nagy advised this month they had 128,227 gallons or \$9,938.00 should see an increase after May due to the septage going up to .09 a gallon. The plant had to stop septage to be able to receive the sewage due to the SBR being down.

ZBA report: Was passed with a change they can only go over 3 ft not 4 ft to the easement

Wetlands Committee: none

Planning Commission: Nagy advised they have a meeting next Wed at this time there is no new business so he might cancel this meeting. He also advised he is having trouble getting members to show up to the meetings for a quorum

County Commissioner: Lee advised Cass County has started a MI-Hope program to qualify you must earn less than Household size: 1 = \$38,650, 2= \$52,260, 3 = \$65,880 and up they received \$500,000.00 for energy efficiency home improvements that includes roof replacement and repair, heating, ventilation and cooling, windows, water heaters plus several others this money is not paid back they also have a new program that is the emergency repair loan program, which has to be paid back, this is for emergency repairs for imminent threats to the health and safety of the household.

Public Comments: Jack Delee asked about the roads that Porter is planning on working on, he then asked about Union Road he was advised the worst part of that road in not in Porter so we have no idea if they will be working on it or not but Porter is putting approximately \$340,000.00 into roads this year \$112,000.00 from the ARPA funds that was received.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 6:56 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk