

PORTER TOWNSHIP

October 10, 2023

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

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

Minutes: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept all minutes as presented. all in favor motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$293,512.31 Savings \$211,631.42 Bair Lake \$30,291.83 ARPA Funds \$47,674.37 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$20,992.13, Septage Funds \$7,696.17, RR & I Fund \$0.00, Sewer Receiving Funds \$557,438.63 Sewer Revolving Fund \$142.73. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: There were 62 calls, 2 Calvin Township, 5 Cass County, 1, Constantine Township, 16 Mason Township, 1 Mottville Township, 5 Newberg Township, 3 Porter Township (NWBG Service area), 24 Porter Township (SFA SVC Area), 3 St. Joseph County, 2 White Pigeon Village.

Building Report: For the month of November \$3,335,480.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$63,555.17 Marlow made the motion with support from Croninger to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$65,319.84 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

Wightman GIS Support Agreement Maps: Harman made the motion with support from Wylie to table this another month so Wylie can look it over to suggest which support to go with all in favor motion carried.

New Business:

Snow Plowing: Russell made the motion with support from Harman to accept the bid for snow plowing for the next year from Mark and Deb Cloud roll call was taken Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried.

Bubbler Permit/Time: Russell made the motion with support from Marlow to accept that Bubbler Permits this year will be pulled by appointment on Thursday during Building Permit times and that they will be accepted till the end of December all in favor motion carried.

Halloween Times/Date: Marlow made the motion with support from Russell to set the Porter Township Halloween date Saturday October 28, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm all in favor motion carried

Miscellaneous: Marlow gave an update regarding Wayne Street, they are moving forward on a speed study regarding the speed limit

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised the plant is running 10 out of 10 for the bond, he also advised the belt press is currently not being used and they have a meeting with IA on Wednesday to find out why it is not being used. It was also advised if this piece of equipment can not be used they should have to purchase it back. During the month of September there were the following callouts: Plant alarm Mixer fault (rag issue), Plant alarm (aeration blower fault) (belt failure), C12 PLC issue, Plant alarm SBR PLC issue, Pre EQ filter fault, there were also the following corrective actions taken: Unit ran in reverse (de-ragged) put back to normal operation, Unit was taken out of service until the following Monday belts replaced back to normal operation, C12 PLC reset, New pump installed Influent EQ tank, facility ran in manual mode until

PLC internally reset, Filter setting adjusted to flow and alarms were reset. Pending Projects SBR #1 maintenance, Plant PLC research for system upgrade – system is outdated and is definitely ready for an upgrade. Commitments to larger expenses: BOD incubator \$3725.81 (permit required piece of precision equipment), Influent EQ tank partial grit cleaning near pump bases (2840.00)

Septage Report: Nagy advised for the month of August septage took in 131,534 gallons of septage were received the WWTP is operation on both SBR; s Meeting NPDES permit limits. There have been some low months, they would have to take in approximately 158,000 gallons for the next 3 months to be able to match last year.

ZBA report: Russell advised the variance that was voted on for Delano passed with a variation that they will build at 30 ft instead of 35 ft.

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised the next meeting will be on November 3 and they will probably meet due if for nothing else but to vote on officers.

County Commissioner: None

Public Comments: Charlie Fish advised at the ZBA meeting it was brought up regarding the electrical inspector having a body camera. He had several questions including does the attorney know answer to that: yes, she is aware that uses a body camera. She will be consulted to make sure Porter Township is in compliant with everything regarding the use of this.

Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor
motion carried at 6:44 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk