

PORTER TOWNSHIP

November 14, 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: Wylie made the motion with support from Marlow 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: From the first of the year to present: 15 Calvin Township, 23 Cass County, 10 Constantine Township, 2 Constantine Village, 1 Elkhart County, IN, 148 Mason Township, 26 Mottville Township, 45 Newberg Township, 28 Porter Township (NWBRG SVC AREA), 186 Porter Township (SFA SVC AREA), 11 St. Joseph County, MI, 17 White Pigeon Village

Building Report: For the month of November \$1,408,900.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$49,956.67 Wylie made the motion with support from Harman to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$78,281.25 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

Wightman GIS Support Agreement Maps: Contract was signed by Marlow to accept the plan for a Block of 20 hours this will be split between the Township and the Sewer Dept.

New Business:

Benke: Sheriff Benke advised the Cass County Animal Shelter will be having a Christmas for the Animals Open House on Saturday December 2, 2023 from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm things they are needing is Monetary, Pet food, and cleaning supplies accepted: special needs are Dry dog food, bleach, kitty litter, dish soap, laundry soap. He also gave an update to the new tower that was installed next to the Porter Township Admin Offices. He advised the tower was installed in cooperation with Five Star and the Township, the Sheriff Dept will be doing other things with Five Star also. The tower was put on line October 3 and is now working great. Benke went out himself and drove around the area and tested and advised it has an amazing range. St. Joseph County also helped fund this project as it will help them also. This was a \$2 million-dollar project. Another thing he advised all is the new scam that is going around where people take a picture of an item and sell it so buyer beware.

Fish Land: Harman made the motion with support from Wylie to accept this land split all in favor motion carried.

Collins/Slabaugh/Collins: Marlow made the motion to accept the two lot line adjustments support from Wylie all in favor motion carried.

Vagis: Marlow made the motion with support from Croninger to accept this lot line adjustment all in favor motion carried.

Body-Worn Camera Policy: Harman made the motion with support from Wylie to table this till next month roll call was taken Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried.

Playground: Marlow gave an update on the funding he has applied for that would help put in a playground/exercise area in Porter Township. It would be about a 38' X 38' area. The grant would not pay it all but would pay most funding would also be needed from the community or other businesses. The Township is looking at areas in the area.

Miscellaneous: Russell advised the rest of the board that Trustee from Mason Charlie Arnold would like to thank the Porter Township Board for working well with Mason and it is appreciated. He advised things get done better when we work together

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised the plant is running a 4 out of 10 for the budget due to some big expenses. During the moth of October there were no emergency callouts. Corrective action taken was Legacy HVAC did a service call on the furnace a heating actuator was replaced. There was also a Headworks program issue and John Rounds was called out for the SRS actuator. Pending project is the SBR #1 Service is postponed till spring. It was also decided that the Township can hire Adam Howard from Perceptive Controls for the installation and inspections of new taps. He also advised that IAI will be reimbursing Porter for the Belt Press that was purchased.

Septage Report: Nagy advised for the month of August septage took in 121,936 gallons of septage were received the WWTP this is down from last years total.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised the meeting scheduled for November 15, 2023 has been cancelled due to no business. He also advised he would not be able to get a quorum if they were to have a meeting. He has requested any of the members who constantly miss to step down so they can appoint someone who is willing to come to the meetings. He also advised so far, they have only had 2 permits for bubblers this year so far. He also advised all that the gas station in Union is building a new building it will be on the lot next to where the current building is.

County Commissioner: Roger Boyer gave the report for RJ Lee he advised that there was a meeting regarding salary and a 10% increase was approved for the Sheriff road patrol the problem they are having is that the Pokagon Indian Patrol is taking the officers from the Sheriff. It was also passed to include paid mileage for any training the county does.

Public Comments: None

Motion made by Harman and supported by Wylie to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 7:08 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk