

PORTER TOWNSHIP

December 12, 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 \$333,256.27 Savings \$165,343.11 Bair Lake \$30,468.57 ARPA Funds \$46,069.59 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$69,210.52, Septage Funds \$1,209.85, RR & I Fund \$21,665.94, Sewer Receiving Funds \$590,595.55 Sewer Revolving Fund \$26.12. 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 \$3,714,500.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills plus payroll \$45,843.97 Wylie made the motion with support from Harman to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$61,984.91 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

Body Worn Camera Policy: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to table this till he can get more information from our attorney regarding this policy. Roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea. Motion carried

New Business:

Township Holidays/Meeting Dates: Marlow made the motion with support from Harman to accept the meeting and holiday dates as presented. Roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried

Sewer Board Meeting Dates: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept the dates as presented Roll call was taken: Croninger – yea

Planning Commission Meeting Dates: Harman made the motion to accept the dates as presented support from Marlow Roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried.

Ord Codification: Update was given Nagy and Wylie have went over the Ord that list that was sent by the Codification company some were not on the list the Clerk will send them what is not on the list. They are still moving forward on this.

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised the plant is still doing good. They have put in for reimbursement of the belt press.

Motion was presented: A motion was passed by the Sewer Board that recommends the Township Board to:

Authorize township attorney to notify, in writing, the owner of record of property #14-120-210-005-00 they are in violation of Sewer Ordinance 2-1-04 Article 111, Section 303 by not hooking up to the public sewer and instead installed a private septic system. This property is in the Special Assessment District and has lake frontage with Long Lake.

Further, the Township Board is requested to authorize one of the two proposed solutions to rectify this situation:

1. Connect property to public sewer system and decommission their private septic system.
2. Split property in two sections. The lakefront parcel will eventually connect to the public sewer system. The back parcel, with no lake frontage, will keep their recently installed private septic system as allowed by Sewer Ordinance 2-1-04, Article II, Section 201, Subsection (1).

There was some discussion on this. Harman made the motion with support from Marlow to table this till our attorney can be notified and give her opinion on what would be the best way to handle this. Roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea. Motion carried. Also, discussed was a complaint that had come in for now it will be dismissed since the Clerk has reached out to this person with no response and the phone number that was given was not in service. Question on who will be doing what for inspections it was explained that this was decided last month being: The Sewer Plant still needs to do the MISS DIG when finding a tap and the lines, inspections on where the taps are installed will be done by Adam Howard from Perceptive Controls who was recommended by the treatment plant all disconnects, reconnects fall under the Michigan Plumbing Code and our inspector will still be doing those.

Septage Report: Nagy advised for the month of November septage took in 82564 gallons of septage were received the WWTP this is down from last years total. Last year they brought in 1.4 million gallons while this year they have brought in about 1.2 million gallons.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised he has had 6 applications for Bubblers this year all being on Long Lake.

County Commissioner: Lee advised he went to the Conservation District Awards, CCRC got hit with ransomware but the IT department was able to get their information back without having to pay for it. The Christmas for the Animals at the Humane Society went well they had about 300 visitors and brought in about \$3000.00 in donations. This will only get them through about 1/3 of the year. The Transit Authority in Cass is going for a quarter of a Mil in February if this does not go through they might be forced to be taken apart at this time they are the only public transportation in most of Cass County, they are wanting to merge with Dial-A-Ride in Dowagiac. Also, several areas of Cass County are having trouble with ambulance service. While Porter and Mason do not since we both share SEPSA which as a Mil to keep them running and is grateful for living in Mason Township.

Public Comments: Ross Gableman spoke about North Drive and what happened when it was paved that the manholes were not marked but that a representative from IAI Sewer told them to go ahead and pave. Also, by paving this road it saved money since they don't have to have dust control done on it. He then advised that when the CCRC dug out the manholes and put the riser on they did a terrible job on 2 of the 4 their contractor would have done a better job.

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

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk