

PORTER TOWNSHIP

January 11, 2024

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

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

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

Treasurers report General fund balance \$385,124.44 Money Market/Savings \$166,084.92 Bair Lake \$30,533.26 ARPA Funds \$46,167.41 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$92,883.57, Septage Funds -\$3,593.45, RR & I Fund \$26,753.99, Sewer Receiving Funds \$592,559.92 Sewer Revolving Fund \$36.13. Motion made by Russell with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried with Marlow absent

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Harman advised that at the last meeting it was discussed that they should replace one of the trucks. After some discussion it was decided to get a new one instead of a used one which will last longer. Pictures of it can be found on the SEPSA Facebook page. A down payment of \$200,000.00 was put down with another \$400,000.00 to be paid off with payments.

Building Report: For the month of November \$1,059,348.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills plus payroll \$46,204.93 Wylie made the motion with support from Harman to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried with Marlow absent; Sewer bills \$62,104.80 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

New Business:

Penkala: John Penkala secretary of the Sewer Board gave a presentation regarding the last bond payment that is due in April. At this time, they are not sure that there will be enough in that fund to pay off the bond. They might have to borrow from the other fund to be able to pay till the Township is reimbursed from money collected on taxes for tax payers that the payment was added to the taxes. He will continue to monitor this and will keep the board informed as to what will have to happen to be able to pay this on time.

Miscellaneous: Wylie advised he had a meeting with CCRC regarding what roads are the worst and the cost of them. They will send the list of them over with cost so the board can discuss how much to budget this next year for roads.

Harman advised they only had a few people that did the Light Up Union, the winners were 1st: Hall's Bait Shop, 2nd: Zatarra Day Spa, 3rd: Laura Ann Sailor with honorable mention was 1st: Thomas & Norma Kershner, 2nd: Lesley Grove, 3rd: Tom Kershner, Jr. Harman also advised he would like to have the electric company install electric to the poles in Union to be able to hang wreaths up. This was also discussed with Commissioner Lee to see if the County could help.

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised the plant is now a 3 out of 10 with the budget, and 0 out of 10 with expenses due to some major expenses. There were 2 callouts for the month of December both on 12/9/2023 to C-12 and B-5 PLC alarm, Corrective action taken was C-12 pumps reset back to normal operation, B-5 pumps reset back to normal operation, broken discharge line lift station B-4. The EGLE field manager was called out due to the broken line, also the health dept was also notified of this leak, which was handled right away. Pending projects are Septage receiving station card reader system, quotes

for SRS heating and insulation, PCL replacement quotes. The Sewer Board then gave the board the following motions:

Motion 1: The sewer board recommends to the Township Board to have the Township lawyer send a letter to Steve/Lori Bontrager, parcel #14-120-210-005-01, 69690 Bellows Rd., White Pigeon, MI 49099 stating that they will be able to keep their hookup to their septic system but before any new building permit would be issued again a hookup to the sewer system would be required. Motion made by Harman with support from Wylie to accept after some grammar errors are fixed roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea, with Marlow absent motion carried.

Motion 2: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board that Jeremiah Kinney be accepted as an alternate member of the Sewer Board: Russell made the motion with support from Croninger to accept this application all in favor with Marlow absent.

Septage Report: Nagy advised for the month of December they took in 37,638 gallons of septage to bring the year end total of 1,238,738 gallons. The month was down due to one of the haulers not dumping at the plant.

ZBA report: Harman advised that after some discussion they decided that they would grant this for a 12X12 which is smaller than they wanted.

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised he would like the board to consider putting an Alt on this board due to not being able to get a quorum at most meetings. It was advised to Nagy this is not possible the amount of people on now is what is allowed. Clerk Russell will check into how many meetings can be missed before someone can be taken off the board.

County Commissioner: Lee advised they had their first meeting of the year, Jeramiah Jones is the chairperson. They received \$1.5 million from the USDA to help finish the County Building. They should be done by October. They will also be replacing/replicating the old staircase that was taken out. When completed the Clerk, and Treasurer will be on the 2nd/Main floor of the new section. The Commissioner chambers will also be in that section. When asked about running electric through Union Lee advised he can speak to someone at Midwest – he was informed this is I&M electric he will check into this.

Public Comments: None

Motion made by Croninger and supported by Harman to adjourn all in favor
motion carried at 7:14 p.m. with Marlow absent

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk