

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

December 5, 2023

The Sewer Board Meeting was called to order by Carl Klappauf, Chairman, at 6:00pm at the Township Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board members present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, Al Newvine, Debra Hughes, and Leard Wylie (Township Board representative). Board members absent: John Penkala. Others present: Jon Petrasek (IA representatives). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Dave Nagy to accept the minutes of November 7, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions from the floor

None

REPORTS

IA's Monthly Report-Jon Petrasek

- Jon stated that the plant is running well.
- Jon reviewed the IAI report for October 2023.
- John Barthels was not present to finalize the repayment of the belt press. Jon Petrasek will contact John Barthels to set up his presence at the January 2, 2024, Sewer Board meeting,
- Jon addressed the alleged odor complaint email. It was determined this was a malicious complaint.
- Jon addressed the issue of a septic hauler misusing the septic receiving station equipment. It was decided that Carl Klappauf will draft a letter to this septic hauler outlining the consequences of further abuse.
- Jon addressed the need to winterize the septic receiving building.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy stated 82,564 gallons of septage generating \$7,431 in sales were received during the month of November 2023. It was further noted that at this pace, 2023 total gallons received will fall short of the 2022 total gallons received by approximately 200,000 gallons.

Financial Review-John Penkala

No financial review is available for this meeting.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation to the Township Board meeting held on November 14, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

R, R, I Fund discussion – Dave Nagy

This item will be removed from future agendas.

Federal Covid Relief – Leard Wylie

This item will be removed from future agendas.

Sewer Board Alternate member – Carl Klappauf

The Sewer Board is still looking for an alternate member.

New Business

Property #14-120-210-005; Address: 69390 Bellows Road, White Pigeon MI 49099. This property is in the Special Assessment District and required to hook-up to the public sewer per Sewer Connection & Rate Ordinance 2-1-04, Article III, Section 303.

This property has installed a private septic system on 2/15/2023 that was permitted by the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department under Permit #CS23-116.

A motion was made by Al Newvine and seconded by Debra Hughes to request the Township Board contact the township attorney and have the attorney contact, in writing, the property owner of record and explain their violation of the ordinance and propose options to rectify the situation. Motion passed unanimously. Attached is the full motion.

The next Sewer Board meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at the Township Hall at 6:00pm.

Motioned made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Dave Nagy to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



David Nagy for John Penkala

Sewer Board Secretary