

PORTER TOWNSHIP

March 12, 2024

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 the minutes as presented All in favor motion carried.

Treasurers report General fund balance \$557,174.23 Money Market \$175,854.38 Bair Lake \$42,668.16 ARPA Funds \$46,356.82 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$66,165.10, Septage Funds \$-18,197.47, RR & I Fund \$73,600.13, Sewer Receiving Funds \$657,386.64. Motion made by Marlow with supported by Wylie to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Harman advised they are still waiting for the new truck.

Building Report: For the month of November \$4,074,500.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills plus payroll \$46,062.45 Harman made the motion with support from Wylie to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$62,370.65 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

Old Business:

New Business:

Sewer Treatment Plant Mowing: Bid for this year's mowing was read with the amount being the same as last year. Marlow made a motion with support from Harman to accept the bid roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried.

Undersheriff Roach: The undersheriff gave an update as to what is going on in the area. April is Drug Take Back any old prescriptions can be taken to the Cass County Sherriff office for disposal. They currently have 2 candidates that are almost ready to graduate hoping to send 4 more in May, August, and September and are also from Cass County. A question regarding ride-alongs was asked it was advised that they no longer do this due to liability.

Miscellaneous: Nagy brought up that he is having a hard time getting a quorum for the Planning Commission he has an email from a member that is willing to step down if someone else would/could take her place. Motion was made by Wylie with support from Marlow to accept the resignation that was emailed to Nagy as soon as the Township Board has received it roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea, motion carried.

Sewer Report: Klappauf advised during the month of February the WWTP is currently operating on both SBR's Meeting NPDES permit limits producing phenomenal water quality. They were recently inspected by EGLE who gave them high marks. There were no emergency callouts. Corrective actions taken were routine maintenance. The board was also presented a quote to install at new generator at B6 lift station where there is currently no generator. After looking it over the board has more questions regarding this. It was given back to the Sewer Committee for more information. The "beast" as broken down and Klappauf advised he told the plant to order the part. It was advised this is not the way this is done it must be approved by the Township Board for ALL spending. Harman made the motion with support from Marlow to accept the part that was ordered and pay for it. Roll call was taken Croninger – nay, Marlow – yea,

Harman - yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – nay. Yea having more motion passed. They will also find out if there is a warranty or service agreement on this equipment. Upgrades to the PLC's must be done soon. It was discussed that this is the computer that runs much of the equipment and will cost \$49,000 Croninger made a motion with support from Harman to accept the quote with 90 day terms. Roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Wylie – yea, Harman – yea, Russell – yea. Motion carried.

Motion 1: The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to approve the installation of a replacement window in the laboratory at a cost of \$600. The window has already been purchased. Motion made by Marlow with support from Wylie to table this till more quotes can be obtained. All in favor motion carried.

Septage Report: Nagy advised for the month of February they took in 66,870 gallons bring in approximately \$6,018.00. Nagy also advised he is seeing a trend and will watch this to see if the trend keeps going down and try to catch it before it goes down to far.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised the next meeting is March 20 and he is still having trouble getting people to attend.

County Commissioner: Lee advised they Law Enforcement Strategic Planning was established. They were established to look for funds for the Police and Prosecutor's office so they can try to get more people interested in those jobs. They will also be establishing an advisory committee to oversee the money after this board has been dissolved. They will also be trying to find money for ambulance/fire service for the areas in Cass County that currently don't have any services. They would like to make a video to get people involved.

Public Comments: Karen Tan advised the oversee committee will be established due to some thinking money is not being spent correctly, and make sure funds are going were they are supposed to. Roger Boyer advised his understanding is to try to get more money to be used instead of asking for a millage.

Motion made by Harman and supported by Marlow to adjourn all in favor
motion carried at 7:15 p.m.

Beth Russell
Porter Township Clerk