

PORTER TOWNSHIP

April 9, 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: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to accept the minutes as presented All in favor motion carried.

Treasurers report General fund balance \$629,995.18 Money Market \$182,792.61 Bair Lake \$49,066.86 ARPA Funds \$46,454,.98 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$74,710.48, Septage Funds \$-18,690.80, RR & I Fund \$89,237.01, Sewer Receiving Funds \$744,862.63. Motion made by Wylie with supported by Marlow to accept. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence: were read

SEPSA Report: Harman advised they are planning a community event soon this will be at the Mason Township/Library. This last month there were 56 fire calls, 2 Calvin Township, 4 Cass County, 21 Mason Township, 2 Mottville Township, 4 Newberg Township, 6 Porter Township (NWBR SVC Area), 15 Porter Township, 2 White Pigeon Village. They also had 51 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident calls with a YTD total of 169 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident calls

Building Report: For the month of November \$1,117,493.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills plus payroll \$94,718.35 Wylie made the motion with support from Marlow to pay the Township bills all in favor motion carried; Sewer bills \$72,253.24 was approved to be paid at the agenda meeting

New Business:

May Agenda Meeting: Due to the upcoming White Pigeon Election May 7 agenda must be moved. It was agreed to be moved to May 9 @ 3:30 pm

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

Dust Control: Bid from the CCRC was read Wylie made the motion with support from Marlow to accept this bid. Roll call was taken Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried.

Salary Resolution Board Members:

Treasurer: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to accept the Salary Resolution to raise the salary by 10% roll call was taken Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea, motion carried.

Supervisor: Wylie made the motion with support from Croninger to give the supervisor a 10% raise roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea

Trustee: Motion made by Marlow with support from Russell to give the Trustees a 10% raise roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – nay, Wylie – nay, Russell – yea, motion carried.

Clerk: Harman made the motion with support from Wylie to increase the pay by 10% roll call was taken Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried.

Copies of the resolutions will be kept on file in the Clerk's office.

Cleanup Day: Cleanup was discussed the board is still deciding when to have it Wylie the motion to table this till more information support from Croninger all in favor motion carried

ESRI Renewal: Marlow made the motion with support from Wylie to renew this and split the cost between the Township and Sewer Dept. roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea. Motion carried.

Cemetery Road: Russell read the quote from John's Excavating to put a road in the Shavehead Cemetery that would go down the hill to the lower plots. Motion made by Croninger with support from Harman to accept the bid. Roll call was taken Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea.

Cemetery Convention: Motion made by Croninger with support from Marlow to let the Clerk, Overseer, and 2 Sexton's roll call was taken: Croninger – yea, Marlow – yea, Harman – no, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea.

Benke: Sheriff Benke advised they are having a Drug Take Back there will be a drop box at the Ontwa Township Hall, they can also be dropped off at the Sheriff Dept. They are doing better with staffing as they have several people that are from the area that are currently or will be going to the Police Academy. They are also still hiring for 911 operators.

Miscellaneous: None

Sewer Report: Klappauf introduced Jon Petrsek who gave the report for the month, the WWTP is operating on both SBR's. Emergency call outs were Lift station C13 VFD fault, VFD reset pumps ran in reverse back to normal operations, routine maintenance. EGLE recently did an inspection where they were given many compliments on the cleanliness of the facility as well as the recent reporting and communication efforts, which had not been the case in the past.

Motion 1: Due to the failure of the septic system on parcel #14-120-019-026-02 and in accordance with the letter dated 10/2/2012 and the sewer ordinance, the Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board that this property be required to be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Harman made the motion with support from Russell to table this till it can be discussed; roll call was taken Croninger – yea, Harman – yea, Wylie – yea, Russell – yea motion carried with Marlow abstaining

Septage Report: For the month of March 117,238 gallons was taken in which was approximately \$10,552. Nagy also advised he is seeing a trend, while it went up this month he will continue to watch to make sure it continues to go up.

ZBA report: None

Wetlands Committee: None

Planning Commission: Nagy advised at the last meeting they approved to rezone the trailer park on Sunset Blvd paperwork was sent to the Cass County Planning Commission.

County Commissioner: Lee advised they moved the meeting for Wed 4-11 to 5:00 they will be giving a appreciation award to Animal Control, 911 operators, Crime victims. Citizens for a choice is wanting to put the zoning rights back to the Township regarding wind and solar, he also gave the election voting stats for Cass County.

Public Comments: Karen Tan inquired if the County makes the Township accountable for their actions and spending answer was no. The reason being they are having a lot of trouble in Penn Township regarding the growing of marijuana and that it is bring down property values. They were also told that either the Supervisor or the Trustees (one or both) are making money on them. She is also glad Porter does not have any dispensaries.

Larry Phillippi inquired about a structure on E Peninsula Dr this will be checked on.

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