

Supervisor Creager called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present: Dianne Berenbrock, Troy Goodno, Ed Kelly & Jan Redding.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by EK to approve the agenda as amended. Second-DB, motion carries.

Public Comment-

Kent Engle introduced himself as a candidate for circuit court judge.

Dee Walcott commented how nice it was to have the township hall for rentals.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes from 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, & 3/1/2010.

Treasurer's report & payment of bills.

Motion by DB to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second-TG, motion carries.

Township Reports-

Attorney Bloom reported that his firm was hosting an informational seminar on zoning.

Fire Dept.-Chief Sheridan reported that the department is looking at purchasing new helmets.

Old Business-

Ambulance Resolution 2010-02-08-motion by EK to adopt the resolution to designate Rockford Ambulance Service as our primary service for emergency calls. Second-TG. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment-motion by JR to accept the recommendation of the supervisor and appoint Ross Lieffers to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second-TG, motion carries. RC is looking for another candidate to fill the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate.

Conklin Drain District-a list of properties to be assessed and approximate costs will be presented at the next meeting. Information is still needed from the County Drain Commissioner's office to finalize the figures. Approximately \$210 will be assessed to about 95 properties. Payments will be spread over a 2 year period.

Energy Audit-Chester Township will be receiving approximately \$2200 of an energy grant for projects to improve our energy efficiency. Proposed projects will be presented at a later date.

Big Springs Access-RC will contact the property owner next to the cemetery to request our maintenance worker be allowed to use their driveway to get equipment back to the cemetery.

North Ottawa County Council on Aging-JR reported on meetings concerning a proposal to move responsibility for some of the Senior Services from the NOCCOA to a local government unit for administration. Additional meetings will be held before a final agreement can be presented to the board.

County Commissioner Matt Hehl discussed the NOCCOA proposal. He also presented some information on concerns of area farmers regarding the need for an easement to cross DNR owned bike trails, and the Ottawa County Farmland Preservation program.

New Business-

Zoning Fee Resolution-motion by DB to re-adopt the updated zoning fee resolution originally adopted in 2002, including the recommendations made by CB. Second-TG. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Fee Schedule-motion by JR to adopt the fee schedule as presented, effective immediately. Second-DB, motion carries.

Road Brining-RC will discuss the proposed contract with the Ottawa County Road Commission.

Board Member Discussion-

Planning Commission-there was discussion of the work being done on updating the sign ordinance section of the zoning ordinance. JR will work with the planner to format the proposed ordinance so that it is easier

to work on.

Budget Hearing-a public hearing will be held on March 29th for the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. Any bills to be paid in this fiscal year should be turned in as soon as possible.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by DB. Second-JR, motion carries.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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