

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Treasurer's report & payment of bills.

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

Public Hearing-Budget

Motion by DB to open the public hearing. Second-TG, motion carries.

JR reviewed the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010-2011. The proposed budget, adopted by cost center, and the millages that will be levied were discussed. There was no public comment. Motion by RC to close the public hearing. Support-JR, motion carries.

Motion by EK to adopt the General Appropriations Act resolution and the proposed budget as presented. Second-RC. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Salary resolutions were passed for each elected office. Salaries were set as follows: Supervisor \$8600, Clerk and Treasurer \$15,000 each and Trustees \$2400 each. There was no increase for this year.

Old Business-

North Ottawa County Council on Aging-JR reported on meetings held with representatives of NOCCOA and the 4 local units that will be coordinating the recreational senior activities. An agreement has been reached that will allow these programs to be administered locally (through City of Coopersville) and NOCCOA will no longer be directly involved. This agreement will be in effect until this fall when it may be reviewed and possibly expanded. No changes will be made to the Conklin Senior Meals program at this time.

Road Brining-motion by DB to approve the contract with Ottawa County Road Commission for chloride application for 2010 at a cost of \$5817 per application. Second-EK, motion carries.

New Business-

Elections-a grant application and resolution will have to be completed in order to receive the laptops to be provided for the electronic poll books. An Election Commission meeting will be held on April 12, just prior to the regular board meeting.

NEAT Representative-Tony DeLaRosa has resigned as the township representative to the North East Action Team meetings. Motion by RC that until another volunteer can be found, we withdraw from participation with the group. Second-DB, motion carries.

Coopersville Area Foundation-motion by DB to request the distribution for this year and use the money to replace the basketball hoops at the park. Second-EK, motion carries.

Generator Update-the generator has been installed, but the final test has not yet been done.

Cemetery Signs-new signs have been made and need to be installed. DB will arrange to have them put up by early May.

Park Opening-DB is coordinating the preparations for park opening on May 1st. Arrangements will be made with Little League to have the restrooms ready when they start practice.

Board Member Discussion-

Ottawa County Report-the report from the Ottawa County Administrator regarding the proposed combination of the offices of County Clerk and Register of Deeds was discussed. Further information will be provided regarding the feasibility of this move. Our board passed a resolution opposing the combination when it was originally proposed in 2006.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by RC. Second-DB, motion carries.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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