

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-TG, motion carries.

Public Comment-

David Rhem introduced himself as a candidate for circuit court judge.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 4/12/2010.

Treasurer's report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Fire Dept-Chief Sheridan reported that calls were down compared with last year. The annual pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 30 at the K of C Hall from 7:30 until 12:30. The cost is by donation and money collected will be used to purchase equipment.

Old Business-

Conklin Drains-a meeting will be held on May 17 with the drain commission to discuss the Conklin Drain assessment district.

County Offices-there was a discussion of the proposal by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to combine the offices of County Clerk and County Register of Deeds. Resolution 2010-05-03 was passed opposing the combination.

Coopersville Foundation-the grant of \$149 was received. This will be put toward replacement of the basketball hoops at the park.

New Business-

Fenian's Entertainment License-motion by JR with support by EK to recommend approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the entertainment license requested by Fenian's. There were concerns discussed regarding parking problems during special events. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Fireworks Permit-motion by DB to approve the permit for the Crockery Lake Association's fireworks display. The fire department agreed to provide standby services on a voluntary basis, so the fee was waived. Second-JR, motion carries.

Audit Contract-motion by TG to contract with Brickley DeLong for audit services again this year at a cost of \$7775. This is approximately the same as last year. Second-RC, motion carries.

Open Burning Ban Hearings-there was discussion of the hearings being held by the MDNRE on proposed amendments that would prohibit the burning of household trash. There was a consensus of the Board that this would create a hardship for local units for enforcement and that a letter of objection should be drafted.

Fire Millage-motion by RC to approve the ballot language to be included on the August ballot that would request a renewal of the 1.5 mil tax for operation of the fire department for 4 years. Second-EK. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Generator Service Contract-motion by RC to approve the annual service contract with Wolverine Power Systems for maintenance of the standby generator. Second-TG, motion carries.

Mining Operations-there was discussion of the mining licensing enforcement and the escrow accounts that have been set up to pay for legal, planning and engineering services. Letters will be sent to the applicants itemizing fees taken from their escrow accounts. Payment schedules will be considered, if requested.

Board Member Discussion-

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

May 10, 2010

Capitol Conference Review-JR reported on the MTA Conference held in Lansing. A list of proposed legislation was reviewed and discussed.

County Quadrant Meeting-JR reported on the meeting held with local and county officials.

Announcements

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission for May 24th has been rescheduled to May 26th.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by RC Second-DB, motion carries.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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