

Clerk Redding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present: Dianne Berenbrock, Troy Goodno & Ed Kelly. Gary Meerman was absent.

Motion by DB to appoint Jan Redding to chair the meeting in the Supervisor's absence. Second-EK, motion carries.

**Agenda Approval-**

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

**Public Comment-**

None

**Consent Agenda-**

Minutes of 2/10/14 & 2/17/14.

Financial 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 on fire department activities.

**Old Business-**

None

**New Business-**

Conklin Recreation-a representative from the group had asked to be on the agenda, but was unable to attend. Item tabled.

**Budget Public Hearing-**

Redding presented the proposed budget for FY2014-15. Motion by EK, second by JR to adopt officer salary resolutions. There is no change in the salary amounts. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

The fire millage expires in 2014 and a renewal will need to be placed on the ballot at the August election.

Current millage amount is 1.5 mills, which will generate about \$112,000 for this tax year. Expenditures for the fire operations are expected to be about \$115,000 for the coming fiscal year. Revenues are not sufficient to cover all expenses and be able to set money aside for equipment replacement and property maintenance. A recommendation was made that the millage request be increased from 1.5 to 1.75.

Motion by EK to adopt Resolution 2014-03-06 as amended. Second-DB. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

The hearing was opened for public comment. None was received and the hearing was closed. Motion by DB to adopt Resolution 2014-03-01 General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Second-EK. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by TG to authorize payment of invoices received through the end of March, so long as amounts are within the budget allowances. Second-EK, motion carries.

**Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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