

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

August 11, 2014

Supervisor Meerman 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 presented. Second-EK, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 7/14/14.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Planning Commission-TG reported on the last Planning Commission meeting.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported that NEOFC had purchased a windshield cutter for the department.

An out of service tanker is going to be sold. Dwight will check on value and take bids.

Auditor-Patrick Mutchler of Brickley Delong presented the audit report for FY2013/14.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Tax Rate Request-motion by JR to approve the tax rate request presented by the treasurer. Second-Goodno, motion carries.

Streetlighting-a special assessment district, originally established in 1984 and re-certified in 2002, was reviewed. The district was set up to pay for street lights in the village of Conklin. A request was received asking that the cost of some or all of the lights be paid for by the Township at large (as is done with the intersection lights in the rest of the Township), rather than by the residents in the district. Information about the special assessment process and the costs to homeowners in the district was reviewed. Motion by DB to table the request to consider options. Second-JR, motion carries.

Road Project Schedule-Ottawa County Road Commission provided a proposal for road improvements through 2020. They will be holding a public hearing on September 18.

Henry Street-the easement for an undeveloped street in Conklin, currently held by the county, was reviewed.

Because the easement creates difficulties for developing the vacant parcel it crosses, the process for requesting abandonment was reviewed. Motion by DB to move forward with the process. Second-EK, motion carries.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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