

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 11/10/2014.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Fire Dept-Chief Sheridan reported that a gas detector has been purchased with donations from the annual pancake breakfast. We are sending a firefighter to an extrication class.

Old Business-

Sewer Finances-budget figures for the operation and maintenance fund were reviewed. An increase will be necessary to keep up with increased costs. Final recommendation for the increase will be handled during the budget meetings.

Street Abandonment-the petition signatures have been collected and will be forwarded to Ottawa County for review.

New Business-

Outdoor Wood Furnaces-the Board reviewed current regulations for the furnaces, ordinances that have been adopted by other communities and recommendations from the DEQ. A resident presented information on problems caused by a neighbor's unit. Building code requirements will be reviewed. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Building Department Update-the ISO analysis of our building code operations was reviewed. We have appealed the change in rating from a 3 to a 4, and are working with ISO to make the changes necessary to retain our 3 rating. A letter from the Bureau of Construction Codes regarding the requirements for a library of code books was also reviewed.

Board Member Discussion-

Joint Meeting-topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting were suggested.

Road Projects-the Ottawa County plan for road improvement was presented and is available to review.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)