

## CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

March 9, 2015

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

### **Agenda Approval-**

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

### **Public Comment-**

None

### **Consent Agenda-**

Minutes of 2/9/15 & 3/2/15

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

### **Township Reports-**

Supervisor read the Community Policing report

Fire Dept-Chief Sheridan reported on fire department activities including truck maintenance and the Fireman's Ball set for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Old Business-**

Outdoor Wood Burners-discussion continued regarding possible regulation of outdoor wood burning furnaces. Motion by DB to table this item until more information can be gathered. Neighboring communities with existing ordinances will be contacted, and an article will be prepared to include in the next Township newsletter. Second-JR, motion carries.

Sewer Rates-the increase in sewer rates was discussed. A letter has been received from DEQ stating that increased monitoring of the lagoons must be done and should begin immediately.

### **New Business-**

Conklin Drain Invoice-a bill for work done in the Conklin Drain district was reviewed. Motion by GM to assess properties in the drain district, rather than to pay out of the drain at large expenses. The \$630 bill will be divided between all properties. Second-DB, motion carries.

Winter Parking-the parking ordinance regulating parking in residential areas was reviewed. Difficulties have occurred with cars being in the way of snow plows. GM will contact the Road Commission to discuss possible changes to our ordinance that would reduce problem areas.

### **Budget Public Hearing-**

Redding presented the proposed budget for FY2015-16.

The hearing was opened for public comment. None was received and the hearing was closed. Motion by TG to adopt Resolution 2015-03-01 General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Second-EK. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote. Resolutions setting the salaries for elected officials were presented and unanimously approved. An increase of 1.7% (cost of living allowance amount) was approved. Current salaries will be set at-Supervisor \$9204, Clerk & Treasurer \$16135 & Trustees \$2585.

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

### **Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Janice Redding  
Chester Township Clerk

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