

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

November 9, 2015

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 JR to approve the agenda as presented. Second-GM, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 10/12/2015 regular meeting and elections commission.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-ordinance amendments regarding pond construction and keeping of animals being considered by the Planning Commission were discussed.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls, trainings and possible change to the pager system.

County Commission-Commissioner Fenske presented information on possible millage request by the Ottawa County Community Mental Health and other County business.

Unfinished Business-

Sewer Ordinance-a clarification of the policy regarding O&M charges on vacant property will be prepared for review at the next meeting.

Road Abandonment-tabled for more information

Contract for Snow Plowing-motion by GM to award contract to CenterPointe Concrete. Second-EK, motion carries.

New Business-

Farmland Preservation-motion by EK to recommend approval of a Farmland Preservation Agreement for Shepard Farms on parcels 70-01-04-100-002 and 70-01-04-200-002. Second-TG, motion carries.

Building Inspector-motion by DB to appoint Robert Kempf as a building inspector. He will be working for us through Imperial Municipal Services. Second-EK, motion carries.

Board Appointments-motion by JR to approve the appointees as presented by GM. Jon Denhof and Norm VanDyke will continue to serve on the Planning Commission. Mike Dunnuck will be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second-TG, motion carries.

Meeting Schedule-motion by DB to approve the meeting schedule as amended. Second-EK, motion carries. The schedule will be posted on the website.

Joint Meeting-whether or not to hold a joint meeting in January with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals was discussed. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Board Member Discussion-

JR announced that Evelyn Coxon will be appointed as Deputy Clerk.

Announcements-

Budget workshop meeting will be held on February 1 and March 7 of 2016. The budget public hearing is scheduled for the regular Board meeting on March 14.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:250 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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