

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

February 8, 2016

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-GM, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 1/11/2016.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Planning Commission-the next meeting will include a public hearing for a special use permit and 2 proposed zoning ordinance amendments.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls. He also updated the Board on the new radios, truck servicing and siren repairs.

Unfinished Business-

Senior Services Millage-the millage for senior services will expire this year. There was discussion of how the millage monies are used and what the wording of the ballot proposal should be. Currently, the tax monies collected are sent to Four Pointes (formerly North Ottawa Council on Aging) who disperse a percentage back to the local organization for recreational services (lunches, bus trips, choir, etc.). The remainder stays with Four Pointes and is used to fund the Grand Haven facility and to provide in-home services. Additional information regarding which services are being utilized in the northeast county region will be provided to help determine if any changes to the current arrangement would be recommended.

Budget Amendments-motion by GM that the budget amendments be approved as presented. The changes are in several cost centers and represent a net increase to fund balance of \$14,684. Second-EK, motion carries.

New Business-

Zoning Amendments-drafts of the proposed changes to Section 328-Keeping of Animals and Section 340-Ponds were presented.

Building Inspector-motion by TG to appoint Art Haase as Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector, and Plan Reviewer. Second-EK, motion carries.

State Assessing Review-a letter from the Department of Treasury was reviewed. While there were a few items that will need to be corrected, we were found to have a 92% accuracy rate on our record cards. A letter addressing the corrective action to be taken will be prepared.

Announcements-

Budget workshop meeting will be held on February 15. The budget public hearing is scheduled for the regular Board meeting on March 14.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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