

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 2/1/2016, 2/8/2016 & 2/15/2016.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-TG presented a review from the last meeting

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls. A new recruit has submitted their application. Training will be done with a house that is scheduled to be burned in April.

Public Hearing

The budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 was presented and reviewed. Motion by DB to open the public hearing.

Second-GM, motion carries. No public comment was received. Motion by DB to close the hearing.

Second-TG, motion carries. Motion by EK to adopt Resolution 2016-03-01 for the General Appropriations Act, including the estimated revenues and expenditures, millage levies and pay rates.

Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Unfinished Business-

Senior Services Millage-motion by TG that the senior service millage no longer specify that services will be provided solely by Four Pointes (formerly North Ottawa County Council on Aging). This will allow for flexibility in contracting for services. Second-EK, motion carries. Ballot language will be presented at the April meeting. A renewal of the current millage of .125 for 4 years will be requested on the August ballot.

Zoning Amendments-motion by DB, support by JR to adopt Ordinance 2016-02-01 (Section 328-Keeping of Animals) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by DB, support by TG to adopt Ordinance 2016-02-02 (Section 340-Ponds and Artificial Bodies of Water) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

New Business-

Budget Amendments-the budget for FY2015-16 was reviewed and amendments were made based on the amounts projected for 3/31/2016. Motion by GM to adopt the amendments as presented. Second-EK, motion carries. Motion by DB to authorize payment of any bills received prior to March 31, so long as the payment does not exceed the budgeted amounts. Second-EK, motion carries.

Community Foundation Grant-motion by GM to request a grant distribution from the Coopersville Area Community Foundation of \$210.00 for the purpose of fence repair at the Chester Township Park. Second-EK, motion carries.

Insurance Policy-the options for renewal of the policy were reviewed. It was agreed that none of the options would be added on this year's policy, but would be reviewed again for next year. Grants for risk reduction projects are available from the insurance carrier. These will be reviewed for potential requests.

Conklin Recreation-a request from the Little League group was reviewed. They have proposed a building project that would provide storage, and possibly an area for concession sales. Money has been included in the budget for next year to begin saving toward a possible building.

Board Member Discussion-

Repairs are needed on Arrowhead Drive for access to the sewer lagoons. GM will contact the Road Commission.

Announcements-

A newsletter will be sent out prior to the May 3 election for Sparta Schools bond proposal. Deadline for submission is March 21. Memorial Day information should be included.

The Election Commission will be on Monday, April 11, just prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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