

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

June 13, 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-EK, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 5/11/2016.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Ottawa County-Commissioner Fenske presented a video from the "State of the County" report. There was also discussion on the maintenance needed on the trail system.

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. \$3500 was raised at the annual pancake breakfast. The money raised will be used to purchase a new thermal imaging camera. There was discussion of a proposal to purchase a used vehicle. Proposals for repair of fire department parking lot will be reviewed.

Unfinished Business-

Tax Forfeiture/Orphan Parcels-it was decided that the Board will look into the process for declaring orphan parcels as abandoned in order to shorten the wait time for forfeiture.

New Business-

Conklin Drain Work-repair work will be done on storm drains in Conklin. The portion needing repairs is not included in the drain district. The district should be reviewed and updated.

Donation Request-a request was received from the Lakeshore Housing Alliance for a contribution to help fund the creation of a map to identify affordable housing resources. Motion by GM to deny the request. Second-EK, motion carries.

Board Member Discussion-

Bass River/Deer Creek-GM updated the board on a recent meeting by the watershed group for this area.

Sand Creek-JR updated the board on the denial of a grant intended to clean up this watershed.

Consumers Energy Franchise-a copy of the proposed franchise contract was presented. A representative from CE will be at the July 11 meeting.

Announcements-

A newsletter will be sent out prior to the August 2, 2016 election. Deadline for submission is June 27.

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

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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