

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 10/10/2016.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-JR reported on the last meeting. The proposed changes to the zoning amendment were reviewed.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan did not attend

Unfinished Business-

Consumers Energy Franchise-the franchise agreement was amended by CE and sent to the attorney for review. Discussion was held regarding the proposed changes, and whether or not they should be accepted. Attorney recommends rejecting the agreement and filing complaint with Public Service Commission. Motion by GM to table the matter. He will contact Consumers Energy to discuss. Second-EK, motion carries.

Road End Ordinance-the current ordinance, adopted in 2006, needs to be updated and prompted discussion of how to regulate a parallel road end that bisects lake front properties. A meeting was held with the Ottawa County Road Commission to discuss options. GM will contact the property owner.

New Business-

Board Appointments-motion by DB to appoint the nominees as presented. Second-JR, motion carries.

Meeting Schedule/Budget Workshops-motion by GM to adopt the 2017 meeting schedule as presented. There were no changes to regular monthly meeting nights. Second-JR, motion carries. An organizational meeting for the board is scheduled for December 5. Budget workshops will be held January 30 and February 20.

Electrical Work Proposal-a quote from Hersh Electric was reviewed for additional lighting proposed at the park pavilion. Motion by DB to approve some of the work quoted. Second, GM. Motion carries.

Board Member Discussion-

GM reported on the meeting held with Ottawa County Road Commission. Items discussed included most effective use of millage money, frequency of mowing roadsides and visibility problems at certain intersections, maintenance and repairs of "neighborhood roads", and speed limits. The status of unused alleys and undeveloped road rights of way was discussed. Many can only be vacated through a costly court process.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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