

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

March 14, 2017

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 12/12/2016.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-No meeting was held in December. JR noted that the public hearing for ordinance amendments originally scheduled for January, will be postponed until February.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported the department responded to 113 calls. 18 were fire related and the rest were medical. The annual dance will be held on March 25th. Tickets are \$20 per person. A proposal was presented to replace 20 pagers at a cost of \$6998. Special pricing is being offered and a budget amendment will be needed to place the order. Motion by JR to approve the amendment. Second-GM, motion carries.

Unfinished Business-

Consumers Energy Franchise-motion by GM to adopt ordinance 2016-12-01 that sets the agreement with CE to conduct business in Chester Township. Second-DB. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Road End Ordinance-no action, item tabled.

Cemetery Ordinance-no action, item tabled.

New Business-

Quarterly Budget Review-motion by GM to amend budgets for the elections, office operations and fire building and grounds cost centers. Second-JR, motion carries.

Easement for Dispatch Tower-motion by GM to grant an easement to Consumers Energy necessary for connection to the dispatch tower to be placed on Township property. Second-JR, motion carries.

Ottawa Conservation District Grant-motion by GM to write a letter of support for the grant application related to the Rio Grande Creek watershed project. Second-JR, motion carries.

Rental Agreement-motion by TG to approve the agreement with Conklin Recreation League for use of the Township Hall for meetings and the ball fields for practice and games. In lieu of payment, the league will provide maintenance of the ball fields for the 2017 season, and will provide portable restrooms for the month of April. Second-JR, motion carries.

Board Member Discussion-

MTA Conference-the conference will be held in Lansing this year, starting on April 11. Sign up for reservations starts January 17th.

Board Room Projector-the estimate to wire and mount our projector in the ceiling, along with a pull down screen was reviewed. It was suggested that speakers be included. JR will contact the contractor.

Announcements-

Budget workshop meetings will be held on January 30 and February 20.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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