

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 1/30/2017, 2/13/2017, 2/20/2017.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls and maintenance on the fire trucks. The new pagers are in service. We are processing several new medical recruits. Chief will be attending the emergency planning conference.

Planning Commission-TG discussed the zoning amendments and application reviews that were done at the last meeting.

County Commissioner Fenske presented information on Ottawa County programs.

Public Hearing

The budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 was presented and reviewed. Motion by GM to open the public hearing. Second-JR, motion carries. No public comment was received. Motion by JR to close the hearing. Second-GM, motion carries. Motion by DB to adopt Resolution 2017-03-01 for the General Appropriations Act, including the estimated revenues and expenditures, millage levies and pay rates. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote. Resolutions for salaries, sewer rates and paid time off for hourly workers were all adopted with unanimous roll call votes.

Unfinished Business-

Zoning Amendments-motion by DB, support by MD to adopt Ordinance 2017-01-01 (Section 301D-Accessory Buildings on Vacant Lots) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote. Motion by GM, support by DB to adopt Ordinance 2017-01-02 (Chapter 2-Definitions) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote. Motion by DB, support by JR to adopt Ordinance 2017-01-03 (Section 553-Lot Coverage) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Consumers Energy Franchise-Motion by GM to readopt the Consumers Energy Franchise ordinance due to a delay in the publication of the previous ordinance. Second-Berenbrock. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

New Business-

Budget Amendments-the budget for FY2016-17 was reviewed and amendments were made based on the amounts projected for 3/31/2017. Motion by DB to adopt the amendments as presented. Second-TG, motion carries. Bills received prior to March 31 that do not exceed the budgeted amounts, are authorized for payment.

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-DB, motion carries.

Dock Ordinance-the existing ordinance regulating the placement of docks at Crockery Lake was reviewed by the Lake Association and their recommendation was that no changes be made. There was discussion of possible additions that would include definitions and setbacks. The Lake Association will be notified that

there would be further discussion at the April meeting.

Board Member Discussion-

Senior Services Millage-JR reported on a proposal from the City of Coopersville that the Senior Services program be handled as part of the Coopersville Recreation Department. Additional information will be needed for this proposal to be considered.

Announcements-

A newsletter will be sent out prior to the May 2 election for Coopersville Schools and the Kent ISD. Deadline for submission is March 20. Memorial Day information should be included.

The Election Commission will be on Monday, April 10, just prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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