

## CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

January 12, 2015

Supervisor Meerman called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 12/8/2014.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

### **Township Reports-**

Community Policing-reports on activity in the Township

Planning Commission-public hearing scheduled for January 26 to review ordinance amendments

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported that there were 91 calls for 2014, which is down considerably from the past 2 years.

### **Old Business-**

Henry Street-the petition for abandonment will have to be amended due to sale of one of the adjoining properties. When the filing is completed, a public hearing will be scheduled by Ottawa County.

ISO Rating-operational changes have been made, and the community rating has been improved. It is now back to the previous level.

Sewer Rates-the rate ordinance was reviewed. An increase in the monthly operation and maintenance fee will be required in order to keep up with costs. This amount will be determined during the budget process.

### **New Business-**

Audit Proposal-a request for proposal has been sent to several audit firms.

Farmland Preservation-notification was received about upcoming workshops explaining the Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Program were scheduled. Township resolutions of support are required for any farmland property owners to participate in the program.

Frontier Metro Act Permit-renewal papers for the permit were received. Motion by EK to authorize Clerk Redding to sign the contract renewal and submit the papers. Second-GM, motion carries.

### **Board Member Discussion-**

DB reported that she had checked with our bank to see if they would collect tax payments on behalf of the Township and that is no longer a service that they provide except in a few special cases.

### **Announcements-**

A budget workshop will be held on 2/2/2015.

### **Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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