

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 JR to approve the agenda as amended. Second-DB, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 3/9/2015.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-report will be included in Unfinished Business item.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls, training and equipment for the department. The NEOFC Dance made about \$11,000 that will be used by the group to fund equipment purchases and projects. The Memorial Day Breakfast is set for Sunday, May 24.

Unfinished Business-

Henry Street-the abandonment of the street right of way was finalized by Ottawa County. Motion by DB to return the property to the tax roll by deeding it to the adjacent property owners. That portion of Henry Street included in parcel 70-01-32-179-002 will be deeded to that property, with the remainder going to 70-01-32-100-035. Second-JR, motion carries.

Painting Contract-it was decided that walls in the meeting room and entry way will be painted with one coat of high quality paint. The work will be done following the election.

Zoning Amendment-motion by JR to adopt Ordinance 2015-01-01 for Section 327 Walls and Fences as revised by the Planning Commission. Second-TG. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

New Business-

Coopersville Foundation Grant-motion by EK to request grant funds from Coopersville Foundation for work on the park pavilion. Second-JR, motion carries.

Link Farmland Preservation-motion by GM to recommend approval of the request to put property at the corner of Truman and Squires Avenue owned by Doanne Link into the Farmland Preservation program. Second-Goodno, motion carries.

Crockery Lake Fireworks-motion by JR to approve the permit request for fireworks on July 3, 2015. Second-EK, motion carries.

Personnel Policies-there was discussion of what Township policy should be regarding paid time off for salaried employees and the policy for reimbursement of medical tests required for firefighters. Draft policies will be reviewed at future meetings.

Sewer Inspections-job description and pay rate for inspections being performed at the sewer lagoons were discussed. Motion by GM that Trustee Goodno be appointed as inspector and be paid \$20.00 per visit. Second-JR, motion carries. Supervisor Meerman has also been trained and will be appointed as alternate.

Board Member Discussion-

Freedom of Information Act-new legislation has been passed that will require an update to our policies. A draft will be prepared and sent to Board members prior to next month's meeting.

Insurance Grants-a list of grant options that are available through our insurance carrier were reviewed.

MTA Legislative Day-JR & DB will be going to Lansing on April 16 to meet with legislators.

Road Commission Meeting April 29 will be attended by GM.

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Property Maintenance-several properties that need repairs were discussed.

Announcements-

Election-Tuesday, May 5.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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