

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

**Agenda Approval-**

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

**Public Comment-**

None

**Presentation-**

Sand Creek Drain Project-Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner, presented information on work that needs to be done on the Sand Creek drain. The drain originates in Chester Township near Harding and 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. and continues southwest into Wright Township. A planning and design study will be conducted to determine the best solution for restoration of the drain. Representatives from Cardno JFNew discussed the work to be done over the next few months. It is hoped that additional grant money would then be available to conduct the maintenance needed.

**Consent Agenda-**

Minutes of 4/14/2014 & 4/28/2014.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

**Township Reports-**

Fire Dept-Chief Sheridan reported that Randy Graftema and Justin Beckman are joining the department on a probationary basis. Mark Piar has been placed on medical leave and Todd McDonald has resigned. The annual pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 25. A tanker truck that is no longer needed will be put up for sale.

County Commission-Matt Fenske discussed brownfield grants, revenue sharing, agricultural preservation and the water study.

**Old Business-**

Cemetery Maintenance-the mower has been doing some additional brush removal to better define the property lines. Posts with partial fencing will be installed at the corners.

Park Pavilion-quotes for some work to be done at the park were reviewed. Motion by GM to accept the bid from Coopersville Construction. Second-DB, motion carries.

**New Business-**

Conklin Recreation-GM reported on a request he had received from Conklin Recreation to work on a more formal and long term agreement with them for use of the township ball fields. A meeting will be arranged to discuss details. There was also a request to consider replacing the temporary storage unit with a building that would provide room for storing equipment and an area for concessions. This is something the Township Board would consider, but funds are not available at this time. Other requests for additional fields or batting cages were not considered.

County Wide Road Millage-a questionnaire was received from Ottawa County asking for input from the Township Board on whether or not to pursue a millage request on the November ballot. The consensus of the Board was not to support the millage request at this time as the State is working on funding options for road repair. There was concern that it would jeopardize support for the local township millage and that tax dollars collected in a county wide millage might be diverted to other areas of Ottawa County.

Conklin Sewer Repairs-a letter from Ottawa County was reviewed concerning maintenance needed on the Conklin sewer system. Motion by GM to authorize the approximately \$3900 in repairs. Second-JR, motion carries.

**Board Member Discussion-**

## CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

May 12, 2014

Audit is currently being done. A report should be available at the July meeting.  
JR & DB reported on their meetings with Representative Victory and Senator Meekhof.  
A newsletter is in the mail this week.  
GM reported on his attendance at a conference of township supervisors.  
A meeting was held with Greg Ransford regarding planning services.

### **Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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