

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

June 9, 2014

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-GM, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of May 12, 2014.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

County Commissioner-None

Sheriff's Dept.-GM read the report submitted

Fire Dept.-Chester Township Fire Dept. will be at the Berlin Fair doing a safety demonstration for kids. \$3200 was donated at the pancake breakfast that will be used for equipment.

Planning Commission-TG reported that the updated Master Plan has been adopted and a special use hearing is scheduled for the June meeting.

Old Business-

Cemetery Fence-the Board discussed options for markers to be placed at the corners of McNitt & Bennett cemeteries. It was decided that sections of wood fencing would be used. JR will contact landscaper to install.

Planning Consultant-motion by DB to approve the service agreement with Greg Ransford. Copies of the agreement will be included in the next Planning Commission packet. Second-GM, motion carries.

New Business-

Master Plan Maps-the number of maps and plan copies to be printed was discussed. JR will prepare copies and have extra large size maps printed.

Farmland Preservation for Zahm-motion by EK to recommend approval of a Farmland Preservation Agreement for property located in Section 25 on Kenowa Ave. Second-GM, motion carries.

Policy Resolution-Motion by EK to adopt the Township policy regarding public inspection and copying of records. This is required by the State for compliance with the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements. Second-TG. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Board Member Discussion-

Emergency Management-GM reported on a meeting with Ottawa County Emergency Management Director, Beth Thomas. The Board will be looking into designating Red Cross shelters, an emergency preparation checklist and educating our residents on preparing for an emergency.

Road Commission-GM met with Managing Director, Brett Laughlin to discuss possible road repair and improvement projects. The Township will be provided with recommendations for work to be done, along with cost estimates.

Water Resources-a meeting was held with Water Resources Director, Joe Bush. Problems with drains, flooding, and the water level at Crockery Lake were discussed. Reports will be provided on assessments done and recommendations for improvements.

Community Concerns-some of the issues reported to Board members recently have been stray dogs, smoke from wood burners, lack of natural gas service and disturbing of the peace in some areas. Possible actions were discussed, but more information is needed before proceeding with any new regulations.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Janice Redding
Chester Township Clerk

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