

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

October 12, 2015

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 9/14/2015 & 10/08/2015.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-JR reported that the commission had reviewed the pond ordinance regulations at the last meeting. A resident had requested that they amend the ordinance to allow chickens in High Density Residential.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls and the fire safety training they had done.

Unfinished Business-

Sewer Ordinance-discussion continued on possible changes to the sewer ordinance. JR will check with legal counsel for language that could add an availability charge for vacant lots and an exception for lots that are found to be unbuildable.

Road Abandonment-a letter from the Township attorney was reviewed advising the Board on how to proceed with the abandonment of Henry Street. JR will talk with the attorney about the options.

Social Media Policy-motion by DB to adopt the social media policy as presented. Second-EK, motion carries.

New Business-

Contract for Snow Plowing-one proposal had been received. Motion by DB to appoint Meerman to check with other possible contractors, and to authorize him to contract for services with a not to exceed limit of \$4000.

Quarterly Budget Review-motion by EK to approve a budget amendment adding \$1750 to the contracted services for assessing and reducing assessing salaries by \$1750. Second-GM, motion carries.

Building Maintenance-boiler repair, electrical work and installation of a room divider were discussed. Purchasing the room divider will be tabled.

Board Member Discussion-

Board Appointments-GM will have a list of nominees for openings on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals at the next meeting.

Website Update-JR reported on progress for the new website.

Water Testing-notice was received that water testing for public water sources (township office and park) would now be required quarterly, rather than annually.

Office Staff-New Assessor, Joe Clark started last week. Applications for clerical staff will be reviewed.

Announcements-

Budget workshop meeting will be held on March 2. The budget public hearing is scheduled for the regular Board meeting on March 9.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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