

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 presented. Second-DB, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 1/12/2015 & 2/2/2015.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-TG reported on a public hearing for zoning amendments

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls.

Old Business-

Sewer Budget-figures were reviewed showing the billing revenues and operation costs. Routine maintenance costs are rising in part due to increased monitoring requirements. A meeting has been scheduled with the Ottawa County Public Utilities manager to help prepare the budget. The amount of increase in rates will be determined at the next Board meeting.

Budget Amendments-motion by GM that the budget amendments be approved as presented. The changes are in several cost centers and represent a net increase to fund balance of \$12,349. Second-TG, motion carries.

New Business-

Audit Proposals-quotes were reviewed from 5 firms for auditing services. Motion by TG to accept the proposal of Brickley Delong. Second-EK, motion carries.

Zoning Amendments-

Section 327 Walls & Fences-motion by JR to table this amendment for further review by the Planning Commission. Clarification of some of the requirements is needed. Second-GM, motion carries.

Section 902C Special Use Standards for Single Family Dwellings-motion by DB to adopt the amendment as presented. Second-JR. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Section 1901D General Standards for All Special Uses-motion by JR to adopt the amendment as presented. Second-GM. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Board Member Discussion-

Review and inspection of the park property will be conducted as a requirement of the grant received.

GM reported on attendance at a County Road Commission meeting.

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 8:00 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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