

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

Oaths of Office were given to all elected officials and several appointees.

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 11/14/2016.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-TG presented a review from the last meeting. A public hearing will be held at the January meeting for proposed ordinance changes.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls. Physicals will be conducted at the next firefighter meeting. Two recent recruits will be leaving. It is difficult to find people willing and able to go through the training.

Unfinished Business-

Consumers Energy Franchise-a draft of the most recent franchise contract was reviewed. The item was tabled for additional information.

Road End Ordinance-no action taken. Tabled for the next meeting.

New Business-

Senior Services Authority-the formation of a cooperative authority to administer the tax money collected through the Senior Services millage was discussed. Drafts of the authority's bylaws, and of a contract between the four participating municipalities were reviewed. The documents explained the distribution of the tax dollars, and the purposes for which they are to be used. Current programs may continue, and some may be modified. It was the recommendation of the Board that the lunches held at the St. Francis DePaul building be discontinued. It is planned to consolidate services and utilize the programs made available at the Coopersville location in the Community Building.

Appointed Duties-agreements for compensation of elected officials to perform additional, non-statutory duties were reviewed and approved.

Parking in Conklin-options for providing legal parking areas on Main Street in Conklin were discussed. A meeting with the Ottawa County Road Commission was recommended, along with review by the Planning Commission of the parking ordinance requirements.

Ordinance Amendments-the proposed amendments, scheduled for public hearing in January, were reviewed.

Dock Ordinance-the Crockery Lake Association is reviewing the requirements of the existing dock ordinance and will provide the Board with a recommendation of whether or not to update the ordinance. No action recommended at this time.

Board Member Discussion-

The application to the state for the Cities, Villages and Townships Revenue Sharing program has been submitted. A copy of all the required documents is available on the Township website under "Performance Dashboard".

GM gave a report on the Legislative Forum he attended.

JR discussed the election recount.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Janice Redding
Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)