

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 4/10/2017.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-no meeting held in April

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls. Five recruits will be attending Medical First Responder classes. A joint training for dealing with farm equipment related emergencies is being planned. The annual pancake for the Conklin Firefighters Association is being held on Sunday, May 28.

Unfinished Business-

Cemetery Ordinance-meeting were held with the sextons to review the updated ordinance. The only change recommended was to increase the size of lots. Motion by GM to adopt ordinance 2017-05-01 (previous ordinance 2000-09-01 is repealed). Second-JR. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Roofing Quotes-proposals from 3 contractors for roof replacement on the park buildings were reviewed. GM asked that this item be tabled to allow for more information to be gathered.

Park Opening-additional water testing delayed the opening of the park bathrooms, but it was finally opened on May 8th.

Road End Ordinance-tabled

New Business-

County Drain Maintenance-notice was received that work will be done on the Lewis & Gates Drain.

Election Equipment-Hart was chosen as the vendor to provide the equipment. Ottawa County will contract with them to pick up the old equipment and deliver the new. All election officials and workers will need to be trained prior to the next election.

Farmland Preservation-VanOeffelen Trust has made application to enroll 6 parcels in the Farmland Preservation program. Motion by GM to recommend approval of all applications, conditional on approvals from the Ottawa County Conservation District and Planning Commission. Second-TG, motion carries.

Food Truck-there was discussion of a request to operate a food truck on a vacant lot in Conklin. There is not currently an ordinance regulating food trucks. It was proposed that a process for granting a temporary permit be developed and allow them to operate on a trial basis while an ordinance is drafted. GM will set up a meeting with the applicant to discuss the process.

Drainage Problem-there was a problem with water coming in the Township board room and a contractor will be coming out Tuesday to look at the drains.

Library Board Appointment-GM will talk with a potential representative

Civil Infractions-the process for issuing civil infraction tickets was discussed. A draft ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting to update our process.

Board Member Discussion-

Audit-auditors will be working at the office on May 15 & 16.

MTA Conference-JR & DB attended the conference in Lansing and discussed the classes attended.

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Legislative Forum-GM gave an update on the Forum he attended.

Boater Safety Class-Ottawa County Sheriff's office will be holding a class on boater safety. The training is required for anyone operating a watercraft. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Township office.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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