

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

Agenda Approval-

Motion by TG to approve the agenda as amended. Second-MD, motion carries.

Public Comment-

Kurt Dufendach spoke regarding the denial of his commercial permit request. Dan Dietrich spoke supporting Kurt's proposed use.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 11/13/2017.

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. It was noted that the regular meeting set for January 22nd has been rescheduled and will be held on Tuesday, January 9.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls, truck repairs and upcoming physicals.

Zoning Administrator-monthly report was presented

Senior Services-contract for an agreement between Chester, Wright and Polkton Townships, along with City of Coopersville to provide services for local seniors has been drafted and should be signed and completed by the end of the year. A survey is being sent out in all four communities to gauge awareness and interest in the activities and services to be provided.

Ottawa County Commission-Commissioner Fenske presented information on County level programs. He explained the cuts being proposed to the Mental Health services, provided information about the Purchase of Development Rights program to preserve agricultural property, and talked about the Active Shooter trainings to be held. Anyone interested in attending can register at www.miottawa.org.

Unfinished Business-

Board Appointments-GM presented the list of appointees he was nominating. Jon Denhof and Dave Swanson will be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Dale Fedewa will return to the Planning Commission and Paul Herremans will replace Susan Balcom, Board of Review will be Amanda Erler, Al Rosel, Marth Fuhst, Dee Walcott and Mark Denhof. Motion by TG to confirm the nominations. Second-MD, motion carries.

New Business-

Fire Department Physicals-Chief Sheridan presented a proposed policy regarding reimbursement of additional medical testing when done as a follow up to the regular annual exams. Motion by MD to approve as presented. Second-JR, motion carries.

Dock Ordinance-an amendment to the existing ordinance regulating docks at Crockery Lake was requested by the Lake Association. There were several minor updates, but most significant would be a requirement for setbacks from property lines when placing docks, and storing boats. Motion by MD to have legal counsel draft the change for the Board to review before adopting. Second-GM, motion carries.

Board Member Discussion-

Budget Meeting Schedule-workshop meetings were set for Monday, January 29 and Monday, February 19 for budget review. Public hearing will be held on Monday, March 12.

Announcements-

Revenue Sharing application (CVTRS) has been completed and submitted to the State for approval.

This will provide an additional \$6344 in revenue sharing funds for this fiscal year.

2018 Capital Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 31 in Lansing.

Board of Review Training is required for all members. Several locations will hold training sessions in February.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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