

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

January 8, 2018

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

Public Comment-

None

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 12/11/2017.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Planning Commission-No meeting was held last month

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported on the monthly calls. Total calls for 2017 was 127. Ice rescue training is planned. Chief will be out of town for 5-6 weeks. Assistant Chief will be filling in.

Senior Services Board-an inter-local agreement has been drafted that would establish the Senior Services Board as a joint authority including Chester, Wright and Polkton Townships and City of Coopersville. A survey asking for input on the senior programs has been mailed and also included as an insert in the Coopersville Observer.

Unfinished Business-

Dock Ordinance-an ordinance has been drafted by the attorney that would replace the existing ordinance from 1993.

The only significant change is to require setbacks from property lines for docks, boats and other structures. The Lake Association supports the changes. It was agreed that adoption of the ordinance will be tabled until the February 13 meeting. This will allow more opportunity for feedback from residents.

New Business-

Quarterly Budget Review-reports were presented showing figures for the current fiscal year and proposed amounts for the upcoming year, along with worksheets for long range planning, salaries and contracts. Further review will be done at the upcoming budget workshop. Chief Sheridan presented information on replacement of turn out gear.

Motion by GM to increase the budget for Operations Supplies by \$5000. Second-MD, motion carries.

Senior Services Contract-motion by DB to authorize JR to sign the contract for Chester Township. Second-GM, motion carries.

Board Member Discussion-

Upcoming Trainings-several training opportunities were reviewed. Anyone interested in signing up should contact JR. Food Truck-TG suggested a review of the temporary license that had been issued for the food truck. Item will be placed on the February 13 agenda for discussion.

Announcements-

Budget workshops will be held on January 29 and February 19. The budget public hearing will be held at the March 13 meeting.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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