

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 amended. Second-MD, motion carries.

Public Comment-

Luke Meerman introduced himself as a candidate for the State House of Representatives.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 2/12/2018 and 2/19/2018.

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-TG presented a review from the last meeting

Fire Department-no report this month.

Senior Services Board-proposed programs and activities were reviewed. It was agreed that the Township Hall could be used for some of the activities. This will be monitored to be sure that it does not create conflict with regular office operations and that additional cleaning is not needed.

Zoning-no report this month.

Unfinished Business-

None

New Business-

Fire Millage-motion by Meerman to approve ballot language for renewal of the fire protection millage. Second-Redding. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Amendments-motion by GM to approve the budget amendments as presented. Second-DB, motion carries.

Community Foundation Grant-motion by JR to request the distribution of available funds from the Coopersville Area Community Foundation. \$217 is available and will be used for improvements planned at the park. Second-MD, motion carries.

Solar Energy Facilities-there has been some interest in locating commercial solar energy facilities in the Township. There is currently no ordinance regulating them in Chester Township. Motion by DB to establish a moratorium on consideration of the requests until an ordinance can be developed. The moratorium will be for one year, or until the policy is in place. Second-JR, motion carries.

Public Hearing

The budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 was presented and reviewed. Motion by GM to open the public hearing. Second-JR, motion carries. No public comment was received. Motion by JR to close the hearing. Second-GM, motion carries. Motion by GM to adopt Resolution 2018-03-01 for the General Appropriations Act, including the estimated revenues and expenditures, millage levies and pay rates. Second-MD. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote. Resolutions for salaries and sewer rates were all adopted with unanimous roll call votes.

Board Member Discussion-

Park Projects-the Conklin Recreation group has proposed construction of a batting cage at the Chester Park. JR will meet with them to discuss the batting cage and possible storage building.

Master Plan-options for reviewing and updating the Master Plan were discussed. TG will discuss further with the Planning Commission. It was agreed that a community survey will be done. Previous surveys will be reviewed and possible changes will be considered.

Vacant Lots-two lots in Conklin currently owned by Admiral Development Company were offered to the

Township as a donation. Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment was reviewed, but they were not conclusive enough to provide assurance that the Township would not be liable in the future for any problems that were found. It was recommended by our attorney that the Township decline the offer. Adjacent property owners have also declined the offer.

Announcements-

Deadline for newsletter submissions is March 19.

Election Commission will meet on April 9 at 6:45 p.m. before the regular meeting.

Election for Kent City Schools only will be held on May 8, 2018.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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