

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

C. Elliot commented on the dock ordinance.

C. Melton urged the Board to continue working to protect the lake and wetlands.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 12/10/2018.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Guest Speaker Ben Jordan-Mr. Jordan represents the Ottawa County Conservation District and explained about potential grants he will be working on that would assist homeowners with failing septic systems. They also provide help with agricultural uses such as cover crops and manure ponds.

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Fire Department-annual physicals are complete, but drug testing still needs to be done. Turn out gear has been ordered. Imagetrend software is up and running. Still unable to use the new radios. Applications are being accepted for first responders and firefighters. Chief Sheridan will be gone for an extended period and Dennis Rosel will be filling in.

Planning Commission-No report as there was no December meeting

Senior Services Board-Rita Archer is the new director at Four Pointes. Several new activities are planned for the spring. There will be another mailing to try to keep seniors informed about upcoming events and services.

Zoning Department-written report provided to Board

Unfinished Business-

Weed Special Assessment District-the process for renewing the district was discussed. Additional cost estimates will be needed prior to adopting the first resolution and setting the public hearing date. Tabled until the February meeting.

Dock Ordinance-some changes were proposed to the ordinance passed last April. Motion by JR to accept the changes as presented, along with two additional edits. Second-EC, motion carries. Attorney was directed to prepare a final draft for adoption at the February meeting.

New Business-

Quarterly Budget Review-discussion was tabled until the budget workshop.

Contract for IT Services-motion by GM to accept the proposal from Ottawa County to provide IT services to the Township. Second-TG, motion carries.

Office Manager Duties-motion by TG to assign additional office and facilities management duties to Evelyn Coxon. Second-MD, motion carries.

Legal Notices Change-since publishing our legal notices in the Advance is no longer an option, motion by JR to change our newspaper of legal record to the Grand Rapids Press. When possible, notices will be published in the Sunday edition, but other editions may also be used. Notices can also be found on the Township website. Second-TG, motion carries.

Board Member Discussion-

ISO Review-Rating notice was received and our rating is still a 3 (1 being best, 10 worst).

MTA Conference begins April 1. Board members wishing to attend should let the clerk know before the early bird deadline of March 5.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

January 14, 2019

Budget workshop will be held next week and the public hearing will be at the regular March meeting on the 11th.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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