

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 JR to approve the agenda as amended. Second-EC, motion carries.

Public Comment-

Resident asked about minutes being put on the website.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 3/11/2019.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Fire Department-calls so far this year are up from this time last year. Two firefighters are leaving and one is joining. We continue to work on recruiting new members. Annual pancake breakfast is planned for Sunday, May 26. Proceeds will be used to purchase safety equipment.

Planning Commission-March meeting was reviewed. Draft copies of the zoning amendment and solar ordinance were provided to the Board. Motion by JR to extend the moratorium on industrial solar arrays through June 2019. Second-GM, motion carries.

Senior Services Board-a calendar of activities was provided

Zoning Department-written report provided to Board

Ottawa County Road Commission-reports were presented about operations and estimates for possible projects.

Assessing Department-Assessor Joe Clark updated the Board on recent changes in state law regarding assessing, and compliance with the requirements of the audit.

Unfinished Business-

Special Assessment District-motion by JR to approve resolution 2019-04-01. This is the second resolution in the process of adopting the special assessment district for weed treatments at Crockery Lake. There was discussion of the potential increases over the 20 year period, and the process for dealing with them. There was also discussion of how water testing is handled and the ongoing costs of that. Second-EC. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Park Building Project-nothing to report.

New Business-

Recreation Fund Grant-motion by GM to request grant funds from the Grand Haven Area Foundation to be used for park equipment. Second-MD, motion carries.

Eadie Farmland Preservation Agreement-motion by JR to approve partial termination of the farmland preservation agreement for property located at 1430 Gooding. Second-TG. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote. Motion by JR to approve partial termination of the farmland preservation agreement for property located at 22160 40th Ave. Second-TG. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution for MTA- Michigan Townships Association requested the Board adopt a resolution stating their position on the question of changing township board elections from partisan to non-partisan. Motion by GM to adopt resolution 2019-04-02 recommending the positions continue to be partisan. Second-TG. Motion carries with 3 yes and 2 no.

Board Member Discussion-

MTA Conference Report-JR and EC reported on educational sessions they attended at the conference.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

April 8, 2019

Announcements-

April 29-Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
May 3-Legislative Forum
May 7-Election Day

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)