

# CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

January 13, 2020

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 EC to approve the agenda as presented. Second-MD, motion carries.

## **Public Comment-**

H. Dietrich-commented on Ottawa County mental health millage and the wind energy meeting held on January 6.

C. Elliott-commented on election information.

## **Consent Agenda-**

Minutes of 12/9/2019.

Financial report & payment of bills.

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

## **Township Reports-**

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported call number for 2019 was 170, up from 129 in 2018. Tools were being purchased with memorial donations made on behalf of Ray Kelly.

Planning Commission-no meeting was held in December, but members attended the wind energy presentation and held their organizational meeting.

Senior Services Board-JR presented information about the cooperative effort with the Northeast Ottawa Area Senior Services Board. Due to lack of participation by Chester Township residents, it was moved by GM to end our agreement with the group. Second-Goodno, motion carries. We will review our contract obligations and meet with the other parties to make future plans. Wright Township is also ending the agreement. Because we separately contract with Four Pointes, there will be little change for our residents in the social activities, and no change in wellness/health related services provided.

Zoning Department-written report provided to Board

## **Unfinished Business-**

Park Building Project-no progress to report.

Security Recommendations-update given on installation of transmitters and grant request for cameras.

## **New Business-**

Quarterly Budget Review-there were no budget amendments required at this time. There is a budget workshop scheduled for next week and there will be discussions of changes that may be needed before fiscal year end.

Legal Notices Change-due to the substantial increase in publication costs for the Grand Rapids Press, TG proposed we make the Ravenna Independent our paper of legal record. Second-EC, motion carries.

Furnace Maintenance-there was discussion of problems with the boiler and water treatment. EC is working with repair contractors to determine cause and proposed solutions.

Office Furniture-changes to the office configuration were proposed. This will be reviewed further at the budget workshop.

March Meeting-due to Presidential Primary Election scheduled for March 10, the March 9 meeting is being rescheduled. It will be held on Monday, March 16. This will also be the date of the Budget Public Hearing.

## **Board Member Discussion**

MTA Conference dates are April 27-30. Members interested in attending should let JR know.

## **Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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