

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

July 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. Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by EC to approve the agenda as amended. Second-MD, motion carries.

Public Comment-

Resident commented that weed treatments at Crockery Lake were not working well.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 6/8/2020.

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-no report

Planning Commission-June meeting was reviewed. TG voiced concern that when approving or denying an application, more effort be made to document the findings and reasons for the decision.

Senior Services Board-update was given on what services continue to be available from Four Pointes during the Covid shutdown. Any seniors in need of assistance are encouraged to contact them for more information.

Zoning Department-written report provided to Board

Unfinished Business-

Park Building Project-no new information.

New Business-

2020-21 Quarterly Budget Review-state revenue sharing estimates are down, but all other cost centers are within budgeted amounts.

Weed Treatment Estimates-additional weed/algae treatments have been needed this season and the original cost estimate may be exceeded by more than the 10% allowed in the resolution. A public hearing would be required in that case to notify the special assessment property owners that the cost will be higher than expected.

Fireworks Permit-motion by JR to approve application for fireworks to be held at 1111 Wilson. This is a repeat permit that has been issued for several years. Support by TG, motion carries.

Online Payments-EC presented information on a service that would allow the Township to accept online payments. Motion by MD to start the service on a trial basis for one year. There is no contract, so the service could be cancelled at any time. Second-JR, motion carries.

Dufendach Properties Violations-Attorney Dawson presented information to the Township Board regarding ongoing violations on commercial property owned by Kurt Dufendach in Conklin. It was recommended that further discussions be held in closed session. Motion by JR to hold a closed session. In accordance with MCL 15.268.e, the purpose of this session will be to consult with our attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. Second-TG. Motion passes with unanimous roll call vote. Motion to return to regular session by JR, support by GM. Motion passes with unanimous roll call vote.

An invitation to rejoin the meeting was posted on the website, and regular session was reconvened at 8:30.

Board Member Discussion-

GM was contacted by a resident who is concerned with the lack of enforcement on property maintenance issues. Board discussed our policy on zoning enforcement and will review it at a future meeting.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Janice Redding
Chester Township Clerk

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