

Supervisor Meerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Supervisor Meerman was present in Chester Township, Clerk Helen Dietrich was present in Chester Township, Evelyn Coxon was present in Chester Township. Trustee Troy Goodno was in Chester Township in Ottawa County. Trustee Michael Dunnuck was in Chester Township.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Meerman to approve the agenda as amended to move the sewer bond renewal to after the consent agenda. Second-Dunnuck, motion carries.

Public Comment-

A resident commented on the dredging that is taking place in Crockery Lake. They feel that the expense is high.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 11-16-2020

Financial report & payment of bills.

Motion by Goodno to adopt the consent agenda with the change to revise the IRA pay to the Clerk and previous Clerk. Second-Dunnuck, motion carries with Coxon strongly objecting based on the IRA distribution to the Clerk and previous Clerk.

New Business-

Sewer Bond re-finance: Mr. Patrick Staskiewicz explained the three bond proposals for re-financing the sewer bond. Option A is to refinance with a lower interest rate. Option B is to pay \$60,000 and refinance with a lower interest rate. Option C is to pay \$110,000 and refinance with a lower interest rate. Motion by Goodno to pay \$110,000 and refinance with a lower interest rate on the sewer bond. Second by Dietrich, motion carries.

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented. Officer Tim has started policing this area
Fire Department-November had 9 calls. Emergency protocols are still in place for Covid. Consumers is engineering the new well. New valve was ordered for truck 361. Have a new applicant and one firefighter has passed training. Ottawa County Health Dept is gathering info to schedule vaccinations. First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program Grant was paid to the firefighters.

Planning Commission-Approved Kelly land division, tabled Allen application per further information. Wind Energy Systems Ordinance was discussed, the attorney is reviewing.

Senior Services-no report

Zoning Department-no report was presented.

Unfinished Business-

Park Ordinance-the ordinance has not been reviewed.

New Business-

Hall Rental- The rental of the township hall will be suspended until further guidance from DHHS.

Electronic Meeting policy-present a sample at the next meeting.

A computer hard-drive has been replaced. It was still under warranty.

The board is looking into making tax information available on-line. The township software is available for on-line service. The cost would be \$2 to the public for each search after an initial free search.

Board appointments- Jody Hyde has been appointed to the Board of Review. A representative from agriculture is still needed for the Planning Commission.

Member Discussion-

Goodno-discussion of the Crockery Lake drain and billings.

Dietrich-What is expected for zoning duties? Taking minutes and sending out notifications.

Public Comment-

A resident commented that the Crockery drain and dredging project engineering fees are rather high.

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Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting
January 11, 2021

Helen Dietrich

Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)