

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 Coxon to approve the agenda. Second-Dunnuck, motion carries.

Public Comment-

No public comment

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 12-14-2020

Financial report & payment of bills 12-15-2020 thru 1-7-2021

Motion by Goodno. Second-Dunnuck. There was discussion of the budget report. The Clerk will review and make recommendation to the board for adjustment. Motion carries

Information

Mr. Joe Bush attended the meeting. Gave an overview of the Crockery Creek drain project and the dredging of Crockery lake. Goodno asked about estimates and notification to residents. Mr. Bush responded that all residents knew of the project and unfortunately, easements were not granted. He is working with legal to obtain a lower interest rate.

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented. Officer Tim has started policing this area

Fire Department-December had 15 calls. One dog attack which could have been much worse. Emergency protocols are still in place for Covid. Six first responders have received vaccinations. A grant has been applied for to purchase new air packs. The total cost of the new well is \$25,200. The department has \$15,000 dedicated for the project. The remainder will be taken from the capital outlay fund. The firefighters have received an outpouring of support from the community during this difficult year.

Planning Commission-An additional meeting was held in December. The Allen application for a land division was granted. Wind Energy Systems Ordinance was discussed.

Senior Services-no report

Zoning Department-report attached.

Unfinished Business-

Park Ordinance-the ordinance has not been reviewed.

New Business-

Crockery Creek drain

Discussion to add the Townships' assessment to future budgets.

Sewer Bond re-finance: Mr. Patrick Staskiewicz answered questions about the sewer bond re-financing.

Meerman motioned to accept the Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Refunding Bond, Dunnuck second.

Roll-call vote-Coxon-yes; Dietrich-yes; Dunnuck-yes; Goodno-yes; Meerman-yes.

Employee Handbook

Policies are being updated. Member discussion.

Emergency Management Committee:

Meerman volunteered to sit on the committee.

Board appointments:

Motion by Meerman, second by Dunnuck to accept the re-appointments to various boards. Motion carries.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Joh Denhof, Mike Dunnuck, Dave Swanson (alternate)

Planning commission-Dale Fedewa, Troy Goodno, Paul Herremans

Board of Review-Jody Hyde, Al Rosel, Dee Wallcott, Mark Denhof (alternate), Callie Melton (alternate)

Library Board-Sue Boomaard Rasch

Member Discussion-

A Budget meeting will be scheduled.

The Assessors office has some changes in personnel.

Conklin Classics reviewed.

A friendly reminder to keep a positive attitude.

Public Comment-

Karen Elliot commented about attending meetings.

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Adjournment-

Motion by Coxon to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

February 8, 2021

Helen Dietrich

Chester Township Clerk

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