

Supervisor Meerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Board members present: Helen Dietrich and Troy Goodno. Evelyn Coxon and Mike Dunnuck were absent. The meeting was available to residents remotely via zoom. Fire Chief Sheridan also present.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Goodno to approve the agenda with the following addition: Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application. Second-Dietrich, motion carries.

Audit Report-

Patrick Mutchler from Brickley Delong reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 audit and reported that it went very well, the township is fiscally sound.

Public Comment-

Greg Slater of 2500 Crockery Shores thanked the Clerk for her leadership in improving Conklin. There may be investment dollars. He has contacted MEDC, idea to involve local reps. Asked about PLM contract. Dave Reister of 697 Coolidge asked about the migrant housing being built on Coolidge.

Consent Agenda-

Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2021

Financial Report/Payment of checks 17577-17595 and ACH transactions 892-904 and Direct Deposit Payroll DD3819-DD3847 and tax payments/dues, totaling \$158,028.10

Motion by Goodno to approve the consent agenda, second by Dietrich. Motion carries

^{2nd} quarter budget review

Motion by Meerman to approve the budget amendments: 101-262-702.000-extra election \$1500 and 101-262-955.000 equipment maintenance \$466.66 and 101-101-801.000 audit fees \$5000. Second by Goodno, motion carries

Township Reports-

Community Policing-monthly report was presented

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported there were 21 calls in September. The medical truck is being repaired and numbered 371.The department is not going to accept the grant for the SCBA gear. Firearms policy was discussed. Four firefighters participated in the stair climb at the ball park. Dan VanBelzen held a special 911 service at his church. Request for Proposals were sent out for the parking lot. Discussed updating the Big Springs Cemetery with the removed asphalt.

Planning Commission-No meeting held.

Senior Services-Dietrich attended a meeting with Coopersville recreation to plan activities

Zoning Department-written report provided to Board

Unfinished Business-

Employee Handbook Review-First reading of the Chester Township Firearms Policy.

New Business-

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Application-Motion by Goodno to accept application for 1391 Gooding St, 70-01-14-300-013, Ryan Dietrich, second by Dietrich. Motion carries.

Treasurer Resignation-Will call a special meeting to accept resignation when Treasurer is able to attend.

Propane Contract-no call was made

Sewer tank replacement in sewer district-look to see if we have any language about this in the sewer resolution.

Public Comment-

Greg Slater asked about Treasurer responsibilities

Board Member Discussion-

Dietrich stated that the office will be open Saturday October 30th 7am-3pm and Monday November 1 from 9am-4pm for absentee voting and voter registration for the November 2 election. The Assessor has a new certification; Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer. The Allegan/Ottawa Migrant Resource Council and DHHS will be holding a vaccination event in the township park on Sunday September 19th, 3:30pm-6:30pm. There is a block party planned for Daggett on September 25th. Asked about signing new contracts for vendors.

Goodno asked if the Ottawa County Sherriff could increase patrols in the areas discussed tonight.

Meerman will contact residents about a new street light at the corner of Crockery Shores and 24th Ave.

There are street lights out on Daggett. The trash day was a big success.

Adjournment-

Motion by Goodno to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Helen Dietrich

Chester Township Clerk

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

