

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

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Sammons to approve the agenda with the following additions: Check numbers ending in 17689 and payments totaling \$47,672.51 and move the Four Points presentation to before public comment. Second-Goodno, motion carries.

New Business-

Four Points Center for Successful Aging gave a presentation to all present. They offer activity opportunities and services for Seniors including Medicare/Medicaid assistance, prescription assistance, transportation to medical appts. telephone reassurance, medical equipment loan closet and senior project fresh.

Public Comment-

A member of the public explained the importance of farm labor housing in the township. There are currently over 11,000 H2A visa workers in the state of Michigan. The visa holders go through a vetting process. He has left old trees intact as a natural barrier.

A member of the public discussed that this is the middle of farm country and there is a high demand for this type of employee to pick the crops.

Consent Agenda-

Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2021

Financial Report/Payment of checks 175689-17689 and ACH transactions 952-963 and Direct Deposit Payroll DD3953-DD3982 and tax payment/dues totaling \$47672.51

Budget amendment for account 101-721-830-201 Planning Services Contract \$23,000.

Motion by Dietrich to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Dunnuck, motion carries.

Township Reports-

Community Policing-no report available.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported there were 9 calls in December. There was a total of 169 calls for the 2021 year. A car was donated to the department for them to use to train with rescue tools. The yearly physicals were completed. A tube heater was installed in the truck bay. The Squad vehicle was sold via sealed bid for \$4007.87. The Fireman's Dance is scheduled for March 12. Proceeds will go to purchase a compression tool. Tickets are available online. Chief Sheridan thanked the Chester Township citizens for their continued support and prayers. They still make house calls!

Planning Commission-There was no December meeting. There was a Special Planning Commission meeting on January 3rd. The draft farm labor housing ordinance was reviewed. There will be a public hearing on January 24th at 7pm for the farm labor housing ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals-no report

Senior Services-Four Points Community Services gave a marketing presentation

Zoning Department-Repost attached.

Unfinished Business-

St Patrick's Day celebration-The Legion plans to host a beer tent on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon to nine pm. They are ready to submit the permits to the state. Motion by Goodno to support and approve the St. Patrick's Day celebration as proposed. Second by Sammons-motion carries.

New Business-

American Classic Dumpster-fall clean up date-Decided on September 16 and 17th.

Budget Hearing Dates-January 31, February 7, and March 7.

Meeting Schedule-provided

CHESTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES-Regular Meeting

January 10, 2022

Board of Review Appointee-Residents have shown interest.
Zoning Board of Appeals appointee-Residents have shown interest.

Public Comment-

-Is the old mill secure?
-The street light at 24th and Crockery Shores has been installed.

Board Member Discussion-

Sammons commented that everything is going well in the office. Welcomed Lisa Denhof.

Adjournment-

Motion by Goodno, second by Dunnuck to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Helen Dietrich

Chester Township Clerk

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

