

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

**Agenda Approval-**

Motion by Dietrich to approve the agenda and move the New Business Ordinance to Amend Subsection 301.A.2.b of the Chester Township Zoning Ordinance Regarding Lawful Nonconforming Structures and Buildings and Abandonment Matters to next month. Second by Sammons. Motion carries.

**Public Comment-**

A resident commented that the Non-conforming Ordinance discussion has been going on for over a year. This takes away value from home owners. He passed out the non-conforming ordinance from Mecosta County to the board members.  
Allison Meidema is looking forward to being seated on the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Meerman to approve the consent agenda. Second by Dietrich, motion carries  
Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2022.  
Financial Report/Payment of checks 17911-17942 and ACH transactions 1070-1084 and Direct Deposit Payroll DD4329-DD4364 and tax payment/dues totaling \$58,293.41

**Township Reports-**

Community Policing-Report read.  
Fire Department-The Fire report was read in the absence of Chief Sheridan. There were 8 calls in October. The turn-out gear has arrived. Santa will be visiting the fire station on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.  
Planning Commission- No report.  
Zoning Board of Appeals-No report.  
Senior Services-Holiday Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Reservations required. Exercise classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30pm.  
Zoning Department-Report read.

**Unfinished Business-**

Heat Exchanger Estimate-Still waiting for a quote.

**New Business-**

Ordinance to Amend Subsection 301A.2.b of the Chester Township Zoning Ordinance Regarding Lawful Nonconforming Structures and Buildings and Abandonment Matters. -moved to December  
Senior Services Employee-Motion by Sammons, second by Meerman to hire Gayle Patterson to provide exercise classes. Motion carries  
Permit for Temporary Dwelling Fee-Motion by Dietrich, second by Sammons to set the fee at \$100 with escrow based on demolition costs. Motion carries.  
Schedule of Meetings- Motion by Meerman, second by Sammons to accept the 2023 schedule of meetings. Motion carries.  
Grand Haven Community Foundation statement of activity. Received and filed.

**Public Comment-** A resident attended the Ottawa County Groundwater Sustainability Initiative meeting. The aquifer is drying up and the county wants to educate residents to use less water.

**Board Member Discussion-**

Sammons-County Hazard Mitigation plan is still at review at the state.

Dietrich-The internet router was moved at the fire station.

1117 voters at the General election. 786 in person and 331 absentees.

Meerman-A resident asked for a street light at Melby.

The parking signs will be replaced.

There is interest in creating a Crockery Lake Board. A feasibility study is needed. The board would consist of the Water Resources manager, the County Commissioner, two members from the township board and one lake resident.

**Adjournment-Motion by Dietrich to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.**

Helen Dietrich  
Chester Township Clerk

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

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