

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

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Meerman to approve the agenda with the addition of check number 18137. Second by Goodno. Motion carries.

Public Comment-A resident asked that a no engine breaking sign be put up on Kenowa Ave by Gooding St. An additional resident agreed. There is a lot of semi traffic on that road.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Meerman to approve the consent agenda. Second by Goodno, motion carries

Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2023.

Financial Report/Payment of checks 18117-18137 and ACH transactions 1187-1201 and Direct Deposit Payroll DD4674-DD4713 and tax payment/dues totaling \$83,419.56

Township Reports-

Community Policing-June report of 35 calls, July report of 35 calls. A speed trailer was set at Wilson St. and 14th Ave.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported there were 14 calls in June and 10 calls in July. Truck 371 is back in service after hitting a deer. The roof will be painted soon. A new computer was installed at the station, now the printer needs to be replaced. Anna Losch will be leaving the department, thank you for your service. Ben Benefiel will be hanging up his helmet after 25+years. Thank you for your dedication and service to the community.

Planning Commission-Reviewed next steps for the master plan. Reviewed draft ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units and building height. Discussed fencing on properties and requiring fence permits in HDR, LDR and Commercial zoned areas. Discussed Battery Storage and Conklin Parking.

Zoning Board of Appeals-Met and denied a variance of a fencing issue.

Senior Services-Report provided. Adam Sheridan will be the guest speaker at the September luncheon to discuss legal issues.

Zoning Department-Report provided.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-

Early Voting Agreement- Motion by Dietrich to approve and sign the early voting agreement with Ottawa County. Second by Denhof, motion carries.

AT&T Metro Act- Motion by Dietrich to extend the Metro Act agreement to December 31, 2028. Second by Goodno, motion carries.

Battery Storage Moratorium- Motion by Goodno to adopt the moratorium on application for zoning and building review with respect to energy storage systems. Second by Meerman. Roll Call Vote: Denhof, yes; Dietrich, yes; Dunnuck, absent; Goodno, yes; Meerman, yes. Motion carries

Propane Contract- Motion by Dietrich to accept the contract with Suburban Propane to provide propane. Second by Goodno. Motion carries.

Master Plan- Discussion if the board should host an additional community open house for review of the master plan. Decided against it as there has been plenty of time for comment. Next step is Planning Commission public hearing.

Kenowa Avenue Braking Sign-The board will take the issue under advisement.

Water System-Goodno discussed the issue with Bayes. Will look at using an outside company to test water daily. Will ask about the well.

Public Comment-

A resident asked if there are issues with the new well at the fire barn.

A resident invited the board to attend the Crockery Lake Association meeting on the 23rd at the township hall. Will be discussing creating a special assessment district.

Board Member Discussion-

Dietrich-The clean-up day will be September 15 and 16th.

Goodno asked if we should have the audit every other year instead of every year to offset cost for early voting.

Adjournment-Motion by Goodno to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Second by Meerman, motion carries.

Helen Dietrich

Chester Township Clerk

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