

Charter Township of Portage
May 4, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes
to
Review the Civil Infractions & Rental Ordinances
and
White Pine Lane Facility Extensions

47420 Green Acres Road
Houghton, MI 49931
(906) 482-4310

Called to Order: 3:00 P.M. and Township Offices

In Attendance: Supervisor, Bruce Petersen, Clerk, Heidi Paoli Riutta, Treasurer Carol Little, and Trustees; Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, John Ollila, and Bill Fink.

Absent: None

Public Present: Derek Bustos

Discussion Items:

CIVIL INFRACTION ORDINANCE:

- John Ollila went through his grammatical corrections, statement numbering in the ordinance plus we added 3 other possible enforcing officers serving on behalf of the Township.
- Both the Twp. Bureau and the District Court will handle civil infractions.

RENTAL ORDINANCE:

- We should adopt the “International Property Maintenance Code” as part of our ordinances.
- It was suggested that R1 in the Zoning Ord. have no rentals and in all of the other zoned districts should be based on: off-street parking, safety access, etc. situations.
- Place in the rental ordinance → if presently renting and renter leaves and the house is not rented over the course of 12 months or greater than the house can no longer be “grandfathered” in as a future rental.
- Both the compliance and registration paperwork needs to be in existence as part of the overall rental ordinance acceptance by the board.
- Discussed on page 5 – The inspection of the rental must occur within the first three years.
- Discussed on page 6 – The owner needs to supply the contact information for the properties manager to the Twp. and a State issued photo ID would be the sole picture ID needed.
- Discussed on page 7 – 1.8 item B should be b(1) and (2) and whereas goes to where
- Should insert that the rental owner is legally responsible for both sewer and water Twp. billings.

WHITE PINE LANE WATER-LINE EXTENSION:

- Derek indicated that he would like to have both sewer and water service extended down White Pine Lane.
- Presently the lane is a “private drive” and not a county road– but the lots and parcels do have functional facility easements according to our legal counsel.

- The Green Acres Road sewer project will not begin until the spring/summer of 2018 so: sewer will not be available if Derek plans to be in the home by February of 2018. According to UPEA sewer line installation runs about \$50.00 per foot. Western UP Health Department will have to work with Derek concerning his septic service.
- Ultimately, for Derek given his proposed home location; he would be better off paying for and having the water line placed to his property boundary versus paying for a well to be drilled.

Public Comments: (See above)

Adjourned: John Ollila – First, Bill Fink – Seconded adjourned at 4:40 PM:

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen, Twp. Supervisor