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Charter Township of Portage  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 February 18, 2013  
 Township Office  
 47240 Green Acres Rd  
 Houghton, MI 49931  
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The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Trustees Bill Bingham, Andrew Kemper, John Ollila, Peggy Anderson, Treasurer Carol Little and Clerk Jamie Solka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion Made by Bill Bingham to amend the agenda all voted in favor, motion carried. Additions include:

to explain his role in the

1. John Ollila – ^ Pilgrim River-Watershed – Public Comment
2. Ordinance #142 Defining duplex and family residences regarding water and sewer – New Business

Motion made by John Ollila, second by Carol Little to approve January 14, 2013 meeting minutes – all voting yes. Motion carried.

Peggy Anderson made a motion to approve the bills as audited prior to the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ollila. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Clerks Report: Budget verses Actual

and

Treasurers Report: Carol Little stated she's received \$740,000 in tax monies ^ were disbursed, 89% of winter taxes were collected

Zoning Administrator's report was read by Supervisor Petersen.

HTFD - Raffaelli reports 6 calls 3 fire, & 3 jaws. Discussed 911 calls regarding carbon monoxide gas.

OLFD – Nothing to report

Assessor's report – All have copies

Correspondence:

Road Commission work to be done. Phil Musser PA511

Unfinished Business:

- a) OpusWeb.com Township needs a logo and tag line for its website
- b) Eric Waara going to drill across the Canal Road with a 50,000 lb machine when the weather is warmer
- c) Bill Bingham made a motion to appoint Edith Greene as the Township Representative for Portage Lake Library Board. Second by John Ollila, all voting in favor. Motion passed
- d) KPBIZ.net contract being written for high speed wireless service.
- e) Maintenance Department to start sampling water in Royalwood Subdivision.

New Business:

- a) Watersphere flood claim submitted to the insurance company.
- b) Bay Electric will activate a hydrosphere dialer at the water tank.
- c) Andrew Kemper made a motion to hire the low bidder D & L Janitorial to clean the offices, second by John Ollila. All voting in favor. Motion passed.

- d) Dan White AFLAC to check if employees are interested.
- e) Petersen/Lahti Landfill – DVR will close if monies are available.

Committee/Meetings:

- a) Board of Appeals – Sansone building variance has one year to build.
- b) Chassell/Houghton trail – ~~to hold public hearing with adjacent land owners.~~ To meet with adjacent Land Owners Association, DNR, Rec Committee, Chassell & Portage Township.
- c) Board of Review to meet March 11 & 12, 2013
- d) MTA Board of Review training held February 2, 2013 all attended.

Other Business:

- a) Maintenance building - insulating being done and inside doors have been installed.
- b) Advertised to sell the Briggs & Stratton generator.

Public Comment:

1. John Ollila – will bring in a map and make a presentation on the Pilgrim River water shed project at the March meeting.

Attendance: Mark Kemppainen  
Linda & Dave Rulison

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by John Ollila.



Supervisor, Bruce Petersen



Clerk, Jamie Solka