

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held August 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Trustees Dudas, Livingston, Riehl, Reno, Treasurer Shonka, Supervisor Lewandowski, Clerk Davis

Special Guests: Residents, Lt. Holmes, Chief Miller, Attorney Goldenbogen, Engineer Emig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Livingston, supported by Reno, to approve the June 18th, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

Motion by Livingston, supported by Reno, to approve the July 16th, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None Presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Attorney's Report

The prepared report was presented. Attorney Goldenbogen was available for questions. A resident requested a copy of the Attorney's report but was informed that the report was subject to "attorney-client" privilege.

B. Engineer's Report

Mr. Emig from J&A Engineering provided the Township with updates on current projects. Specifically, Mr. Emig discussed the recent water analysis conducted in the Township regarding water loss. Mr. Emig stated that five leaks were discovered, representing about 4% of what the Township purchases. These reports are based on acoustic surveys, not actual observations. However, these acoustic samplings are historically accurate. The DPW has begun repairs.

C. Sheriff's Report

Lt. Holmes presented their general report and was available for questions. No discussion occurred.

D. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Miller presented the prepared report and statistics. Chief requested the approval of the hiring of two new POC Firefighters, the authorization to install a radio antenna on top of the water tower, and for the Board to reconsider the EMS Training payment policy.

Chief Miller introduced the new POC candidates and they provided a brief bio to the Board.

Motion by Reno supported by Dudas to approve hiring Jason Maniez and Michael Davis as POC Firefighters.

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes: Reno, Dudas, Livingston, Riehl, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: None
 Absent: None **Result: Motion Carried**

Chief Miller introduced Mike Morudo from St. Clair Conty Emergency Management and Amateur Radio Club. Mr. Morudo explained that this antenna will help with radio continuity and redundancy in the event of a natural disaster.

Motion by Riehl supported by Livingston to authorize the installation of a radio antenna on top of the water tower that will be owned, paid for, and maintained by St. Clair County Emergency Management. An agreement from SCCEM and Port Huron Township will be delivered to the Township before install.

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes: Riehl, Livingston, Dudas, Reno, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: None
 Absent: None **Result: Motion Carried**

Chief Miller explained that it used to be a policy to reimburse/pay for EMS training for interested firefighters. Chief would like this policy to be reinstated.

Motion by Riehl supported by Reno to allow the Twp Fire Dpt. to pay for EMS training with the exception that those who fail to receive a license, pass the EMS training classes, or fail to serve at least two years with the Township, must reimburse the Township in full.

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes: Riehl, Reno, Dudas, Livingston, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: None
 Absent: None **Result: Motion Carried**

Chief Miller shared with the Board statistics about fire related deaths. Chief Miller helped raise awareness for the Board concerning this serious issue.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion to approve payment of prepaid bills by Shonka, supported by Livingston

Amount: \$1,125,045.70

Check #: 44856-4492

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes: Shonka, Livingston, Dudas, Reno, Riehl, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: None
 Absent: None **Result: Motion Carried**

Motion to approve payment of prepaid bills by Shonka, supported by Reno

Amount: \$620,353.42

Check #s: 44953-45027

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Reno, Riehl, Dudas, Livingston, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None **Result: Motion Carried**

Motion by Shonka supported by Livingston to approve the July POC Payroll in the amount of \$1,496.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Livingston, Dudas, Reno, Riehl, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None **Result: Motion Carried**

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

General discussion and updates, as well as event reminders.

Supervisor Lewandowski explained that the widening of the intersection of Michigan & Lapeer has been delayed because the bids came in higher than expected. They will try again later in the year.

Trustee Dudas provided updates from Semcog concerning bike paths in the Township and in St. Clair County.

The Board discussed the firework event that saw a large attendance, including some possible ideas for next year to help the event continue to run smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Riehl supported by Livingston to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita Davis, Township Clerk