

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held December 21, 2020

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

Zoom Meeting Held Meeting ID:972 0312 3010

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

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

Special Guests: Robert Goldenbogen, Atty., Mike Leuffgen, DLZ, Matt Full, S.C.C. Sheriff Dept.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020, meeting by Livingston and supported by Riehl. *All in favor – motion passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business presented.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Attorney's Report:

Attorney Goldenbogen reported on open cases and new tax tribunal filings. Some discussion regarding the Zoning case on W. Water St. that should be finished in the next few weeks.

B. Engineer's Report:

Mike updated the Board on current projects. The valve exercising has not only found some issues but created a couple of water breaks that had to be taken care of. The Griswold Rd pump station updates are on track as well as the upcoming water main project. Mike answered some questions with regard to the valve exercise issues.

C. Sheriff's Report:

Matt Full introduced himself from the S.C.C. Sheriff's Department. The Board reviewed the monthly statistics. No questions.

D. Fire Chief's Report:

The Fire Chief provided his monthly report there were no questions or actions to be taken.

E. Approve appointments and re-appointments to various Boards and Commissions:

Motion by Reno and supported by Riehl to reappoint those individuals with terms that are set to expire 12/31/2020, and to appoint Scott Beedon to the DDA Board and Ed Montalvo to the Recreation Board.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Reno, Riehl, Livingston, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None

Result: Motion Carried

F. Approve contract with the Building and Zoning employee Kirk Lavigne:

Motion by Livingston and supported by Reno to approve the contract with Kirk Lavigne as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Livingston, Reno, Dudas, Riehl, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None

Result: Motion Carried

G. Approve 2021 water and sewer rates:

Motion by Dudas and supported by Livingston to approve the increase in the water and sewer rates for 2021 as presented by UHY. Sewer rates to increase from \$79.00 to \$85.00 and the water rate from \$37.75 per thousand cu. ft. to \$38.50.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dudas, Livingston, Riehl, Reno, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None

Result: Motion Carried

H. Approve the work order for tree removal with the County Road Commission:

Motion by Livingston and supported by Dudas to have the Road Commission removal approximately 10 dead trees in the right-of-way for approximately \$15,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Livingston, Dudas, Reno, Riehl, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None

Result: Motion Carried

I. Approve the Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste rate for 2021:

Motion by Dudas and supported by Livingston to approve the tentative 2021 rate increase for services from the current rate of \$46.60 not to exceed \$53.55. Supervisor Lewandowski is still trying to negotiate the rate and the term. Landfill rates and recycling rates have increased which accounts for the 2021 rate.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dudas, Livingston, Riehl, Reno, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None

Result: Motion Carried

J. Approve proposed purchase of township owned vacant lot, Manuel St., #74-28-155-0010-000.

Motion by Dudas and supported by Riehl to sell this vacant lot to Ed Forton for \$500.00 so that he can build a house on said lot.

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

K. 2020 Budget Adjustments

Motion by Reno and supported by Livingston to approve amending the Park Fund Budget to \$240,000.00 and use \$37,340.00 in Fund Balance funds.

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

Motion by Livingston and supported by Reno to approve the use of \$31,000.00 of Fund Balance funds in the Refuse Fund.

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

Approval of Bills:

Prepaid Bills: None

Motion to approve payment of the current bills by Shonka supported by Livingston.

Amount: \$800,866.46

Check #s: 48716-48780

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

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion on Love's Furniture Store reportedly closing and vacant commercial buildings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Riehl supported by Dudas to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita E. Davis, Clerk