

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH

Regular Meeting
November 17, 2008

The Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at 1711 W. Cass Ave. Rd. Bay City, Michigan.

Supervisor Pawlak called the meeting to order with the following Board members present: Bukowski, Brandt, Pett, VanDriessche and Banaszak. Trustee Miller was excused. Also present was Mr. Joseph Rivet, Bay County Drain Commissioner.

Motion by VanDriessche and supported by Banaszak to approve the agenda with the following changes: addition of P.A. 116 partial termination for Noah Stockmeyer under new business and move Schoof Drain discussion from new business to follow agenda approval. Motion carried.

Mr. Rivet was contacted by growers in Merritt Township regarding maintenance of the Schoof Drain. He explained what was going to be done and answered questions. Portsmouth Township local assessment would be approximately 59% of the combined local assessment for Merritt and Portsmouth. Since the dollar amount per mile exceeds \$2,500.00 by \$832.25, a maintenance resolution is required.

Motion by Brandt and supported by VanDriessche to approve a resolution regarding maintenance of the Schoof Drain. Yeas: Brandt, VanDriessche, Bukowski, Pett, Banaszak and Pawlak. Nays: None. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

Public comments were called for and none heard.

Motion by Pett and supported by VanDriessche to approve minutes of the 10-16-08 budget meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Banaszak and supported by Pett to approve the minutes of the 10-20-08 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Banaszak and supported by Pett to receive the Treasurer's report and place it on file. Motion carried.

Balance 9-30-08	\$732,754.64
Revenues	19,846.12
Expenses	295,961.32
Balance 10-31-08	\$456,639.44

Treasurer Brandt explained that \$175,000.00 of the expenses was for the chip & seal work that was done east of M-15, and \$45,000.00 was for the rescue vehicle.

Supervisor Pawlak will be contacting the MTA for suggestions or possibly a template for a meeting video taping policy.

A letter was received from the Renosol Corporation regarding the establishment of an Industrial Development District.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Bukowski to receive the letter. Motion carried.

A resolution of the Bay County Board of Commissioners regarding beaches was read. The County is asking for local support in an effort to urge the Army Corps of

Engineer, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to provide permits necessary to improve our local beaches.

Motion by Pett and supported by VanDriessche that we go on record in support of the County's resolution No. 2008-207 regarding beach permits. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from County Executive Hickner regarding HB4323 (ORV's on roads and streets).

Motion by VanDriessche and supported by Brandt to receive the correspondence and place it on file. Motion carried.

An application for partial termination of a Farmland Development rights Agreement for a person essential to the farm was received from Kylene and David Gray.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Banaszak to adopt a resolution approving the partial termination. Yeas: Brandt, Banaszak, Bukowski, Pett, VanDriessche and Pawlak. Nays: None. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

An application for partial termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement with pre-existing structure was received from Noah Stockmeyer.

Motion by VanDriessche and supported by Pett to adopt a resolution approving the partial termination. Yeas: VanDriessche, Pett, Bukowski, Banaszak Brandt, and Pawlak. Nays: none. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Bukowski and supported by Brandt carried that conference fees and expenses be paid for any elected officials attending conferences for the balance of this year and the year 2009.

Two of our planning/zoning board members terms will expire on December 31, 2008. The positions held by James Bokhart and Jerome Cieslinski.

Planning/Zoning appointments will be made at our December meeting.

Motion by Banaszak and supported by Pett that the approved bills be paid from the General Fund. Yeas: Banaszak, Pett, Brandt, VanDriessche, Bukowski and Pawlak. Nays: None. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

Peplinski reported that a hearing for a variance will be held on November 25th regarding construction of a pole building with 12 foot side walls in a residential area.

Chief Stefaniak reported that the Rescue truck has been delivered. Lights, siren, radio, truck bed and other miscellaneous enhancements need to be completed before we can put it into service. He also requested to have Chris Zube and Jason VanDenBoom put on as probationary firefighters, pending background checks and physicals.

Motion by VanDriessche and supported by Pett that we approve Zube and VanDenBoom as probationary firefighters pending physicals and background checks. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Banaszak that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Judy F. Bukowski
Township Clerk

Bob Pawlak
Township Supervisor