Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**January 13, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Gary Mihills, Kevin Young and Renee Meiser. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Supervisor Linda Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to approve the December 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the January 5th, 2016 Special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Behnke- Undersheriff@Cass County Sheriffs Office presented and discussed the Pokagon Township Crime Report for 2015. Total reports for 2015 were down to 163 as compared to 209 in 2014. Also discussed the training and use of Narcon and prevalent heroin problems in the County.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attending MTA Conference January 18-22nd. Attended SW Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- Advised the audience no more straight ticket party voting beginning Nov 2016.

We will have ballots approx. Jan 22nd to start mailing for Absentee Voting.

**Treasurer:** Kevin - reported Gen Fund balance at $357,220.15 as of Dec 31,2015.

Tax collection dates are set.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays reported 2016 assessments @ .3 of 1% increase and Dowagiac Schools Millage. Will see increased assessed values for 2016: Commercial, Industrial, Residential.

**Building Inspector:**  3 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True present.

Zoning- zero items for December

Blight: following up with some of the same properties.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 4 calls @ avg. 14 min (Gary reported for November / no December report)

Pride Care- 1 call. Avg. 4 min 8 sec.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 3 calls per report.

Pokagon VFD: Chuck reported 5 calls. Gave yearly reported numbers.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** none

**Planning Commission-**  Planning Commission and the Board will be meeting February 16th and March 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm to work with Land Plan on the Zoning Ordinance. Also a Public Hearing is scheduled for January 26th at 6:00 pm to consider a Conditional Use Application by Moose Lake Aggregates for Mining purposes.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer absent. Doug Shaffer reported a large pine tree down and taken care of.

**Transfer station:** Closed.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $19,261.13 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Received notice from Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development : Landowners with agreements for PA116

 Jerrold and Julia Bement – thru December 2028

 Carl and Lori Ruff- thru December 2050

**New Business:**

Shaffer & Layher (our audit firm) is now Kruggel, Lawton

Salary Resolution – presented prior to annual meeting March 9th. Linda read the resolution.

 \*\*\*Kevin moved and Gary seconded the Salary resolution of January 13, 2016. 4 ayes: Kevin, Renee, Linda & Gary. Bob Shaffer absent.

Annual Meeting set.

 \*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to set the Pokagon Township Annual Meeting for March 9th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Gary moved and Linda supported to adjourn.

 Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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