

Tentative:
Approved: X

Pokagon Township Board Minutes January 8, 2020

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Gary Mihills, and Kevin Young. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Supervisor Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Gary Mihills and supported by Kevin Young to approve the December 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the December 17, 2019 special meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Miller – State Representative gave updates on 2019 Auto Insurance reform, budget issues, it is his final year in office.

Special visitor – Jennifer Quail, recent Jeopardy contestant shared her experiences on the show, playing 9 games and winning 8. Jennifer is a Pokagon Township resident.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Linda – Habitat, SWMPC, MTA

Clerk: Election updates: a lot of information coming in, ballot changes

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$319,601.14 as of 12/31/19

Tax collection is at the half way mark.

Assessor:

Bill Kays- Sales studies completed

BOR – Board of Review Asset test & guidelines, and Application for Pokagon Township property tax Poverty Exemption:

*** Asset test and guidelines for Pokagon Township 2020 – Linda moved and Gary supported to adopt. Roll call. All ayes.

*** Application for poverty exemption for Pokagon Township 2020- Linda moved and Gary supported to accept as presented. Roll call. All ayes.

Building Inspector: 2 permits for December

Zoning Administrator& Blight:

Zoning- No report

Blight: No report

Ambulance:

SMCAS-Gary Mihills reported 11 calls – avg. 12.18 minutes

Pride Care- Linda read the report – 22 calls for December

Fire Department:

Indian Lake: 2 calls in December per report

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower reported 8 calls in December - 84 total calls for 2019

Zoning Board of Appeals:

None

Planning Commission-

Met in December: looked at Master Plan, no adjustments. Looking at ordinances at other Townships for chickens.

Cemetery Board:

No report

Building Project: Linda reported the cost of installing the two existing windows would be \$3188.00.

*** Linda moved and Kevin supported to exclude the installation of the two existing windows (removed from other area) in the meeting room area. All ayes. Carried.

Move in date is extended at least one more week past December 10, 2020.

Transfer station: Closed

Bills:

Motion made by Kevin and supported by Gary to pay bills as submitted in the amount of \$53,972.66.
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Unfinished Business:

Filling the clerk position- 7 applications received at this time, 1 rejected (not in Township) Linda suggested a committee to review the resumes for consideration, per Attorneys advice.

*** Linda moved and Kevin supported to appoint Kevin and Gary to the review committee to choose applicants for Clerk position. All ayes. Carried.

The Sink Road bridge received the Graham Woodhouse Award

New Business:

Sumnerville Cemetery Fence damaged- needs repair

2020 Meeting schedule amendment: The March 11, 2020 regular meeting moved to March 18, 2020 due to BOR and Election that week.

*** Linda moved and Gary supported to amend the meeting schedule to change the March 11, 2020 meeting to March 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm (½ hour prior to regular March meeting)

*** Linda moved and Gary supported, to adopt the resolution to schedule the Annual Pokagon Township meeting on Wednesday March 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Roll call. Motion carried.

Salary Resolution- Linda presented the Salary resolution for the 2020-2021 Budget year at 1.6% increases

Supervisor \$18,800.00 Linda presented the Supervisor salary increase

*** Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the Salary Resolution for the 2020-2021 Budget year as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer \$ 17,755.00 Kevin presented the Treasurer salary increase

*** Linda moved and Gary supported to accept the Salary Resolution for the 2020-2021 Budget year as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustees (2) ea. \$3134.00 Salary / 45.00 meeting per diem (no change). Linda presented the Trustee's salary increase, Bob Shaffer absent

*** Linda moved and Kevin supported to accept the Salary Resolution for the 2020-2021 Budget year as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk \$17,755.00 Renee presented the New/Incoming Clerk salary increase

*** Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept the Salary Resolution for the 2020-2021 Budget year as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Renee Meiser, Clerk

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