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Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes  
February 12, 2020**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Linda Preston on Wednesday February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm who led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Gary Mihills, Christina Davis, Linda Preston, and Kevin Young. Absent: Bob Shaffer.

Motion made by Gary Mihills and supported by Kevin Young to approve the January 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes and to amend the January 21, 2020 special meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Jerdon – SMC Board of Trustees Chairman introduced the new SMC President Joe Odenwald to the township, who then spoke to the group.

Les McClelland- Cass County Road Commission/ EDC

Richard Behnke - Cass County Sheriff presented the 2019 incidents report for Pokagon Township. Total number of incidents is 2136. April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is a basketball game fundraiser at the Cassopolis High School. Proceeds will go to the Cass County Sheriff Drug Education Programs and the Victim Services.

Rabies and shot clinic held at the Cass County Animal Control on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Renee Meiser – Questioned the list of bills.

Clark Kobb – Hazardous waste collection is April 25<sup>th</sup> and Tire collection is on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. They are starting the internal demo of the old courthouse. Open house to see the progress is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:** Linda reported Habitat has 1 application they are processing and hoping to start building this year. Supervisors meeting there were 11 townships present and multiple county departments. MTA reported that the state will be making PILT payments.

**Clerk:** Christina talked about the election on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer:** Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$299,745.91 as of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. On the downhill side of tax collection.

**Zoning Administrator:** Joe reported 0 for January.

**Blight Enforcement:** Joe reported he had 2 complaints for January.

**Building Inspector:** 0 for January.

**Building Project:** Moved all offices into the new part. Started on the new storage rooms and new bathroom. Wightman is taking care of the expense of removal of chimney. We received the grant for security cameras.

**Cemetery Board:** Gary made a motion and Kevin supported it to add a sign by the road for the Sumnerville cemetery. All ayes.

**Fire Departments:**

Pokagon – 5 calls in January per report. Chuck was called away for an accident.

Indian Lake – Doug reported 4 calls in January. 73 total calls for 2019.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** No report

**Planning Commission:** March 17<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

**Ambulance:**

Pride Care – Bill Mears reported 27 calls for January – avg. 8:31 minutes. He discussed the additions that will be made to the contract at renewal.

SMCAS – Gary Mihills reported 10 calls for January – avg. 14:7 minutes

**Assessor:** Bill Kays absent. He is working on assessment notices.

**Transfer Station:** Will be opening March 7<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Work on adding some gravel to the drive way.

**Website:** To add “Call 811 before you dig”.

**Correspondence:** Cass County Conservation district is offering an Oak Wilt Workshop on 2/29/2020. Public service commission hearing on 2/25/2020.

Comcast notifications.

**Bills:** Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of \$74,210.92. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes. Bob Shaffer absent.

**Unfinished Business:** The Clerks position has been filled.

We received the Par Plan Grant of \$1,464.00 for the security cameras.

**New Business:** Quote for \$900.06 to repair fencing where the tree fell at Sumnerville Cemetery.

Dowagiac river watershed would like a letter of support for EGLE grant.

Big C Lumber contacted Linda regarding a \$2 million office expansion project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Christina Davis, Clerk

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