

Tentative:

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes
June 10th, 2020**

Meeting held at the Pokagon Township Hall with 6 foot social distancing, face mask, and hand sanitation.

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday June 10th, 2020 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills.

Motion made by Gary Mihills and second by Kevin Young to approve the May 13th, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allen Balog – Introduced himself as a 59th district state representative candidate and gave a brief overview of himself. Richard Behnke- The County is working with the Pokagon Band on re-opening the casino on June 15th. He promoted the drug enforcement renewal that will be on the August 4th Primary Ballot.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Participated in a MTA webinar on how to reopen and helping small businesses. The state's budget will have a 3.2 billion-dollar deficit this year and a 3 billion-dollar deficit next year. Also participated in a district 13 MSU-E zoom meeting.

Clerk: Will be sending out absentee applications to everyone on the permanent absentee list soon. Ballots are at the printers now; we should see them soon.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$411,928.23 as of May 31st, 2020. Summer tax bills in process, waiting on the county for proof. Update on state withholding discrepancy, per a phone call the state they said we do not owe anything, and our payment was split into the four quarters. Kevin is waiting to get this in writing.

Zoning Administrator: Gave report.

Blight Enforcement: Has been out checking on blight and writing letters.

Building Inspector: No report.

Building Project: Wanting to get some shelving built in the closets so we can use them.

Cemetery Board: had two meetings where they repaired the roads and set flags for Memorial Day. They are wanting to buy some new flags to replace the old ones.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 6 calls for Pokagon Township for May

Indian Lake – Reported 1 call for Pokagon Township for May.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report. Reimbursed Pete Balkema because they were unable to meet.

Planning Commission: had a meeting on June 9th. The next regular meeting will September 8th.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – had 5 calls for May. One was cancelled and one was on standby. 17.16 minute average

Pride Care – had 23 calls for May

Assessor – Board of review in July, will meet to hear appeals per Executive Order 2020-87.

Transfer Station – Was open on May 2nd and May 16th. May 2nd was 50% off day.

Volunteerism – Mowing at fire station was done. Bob trimmed around the corners of the Crystal Springs Bridge.

Website: Keeping the front page updated with meetings and special meeting notices.

Correspondence: Cass County Spring Road report – Showcasing Crystal Springs street historical bridge.

Bills –The total amount of bills for May are \$99,126.80. Bob moved to accept the list of bills presented, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Road contract for shoulders and lines. Gary made a motion to sign the contract to line and shoulder Peavine, Champlain, and Edwards roads. Bob seconds. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

MTPP Grant Application – we submitted for the MTPP Grant for two more security cameras, by the mechanical room and by the east front door to reduce the risk of break ins.

Linda made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Gary. Motion carried, voice vote. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:63 pm.

Christina Davis, Clerk

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