

Tentative:

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes
July 8th, 2020**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday July 8, 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 Bob Shaffer and second by Gary Mihills to approve the June 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Joined a SWMPC zoom meeting as well as an MTA zoom meeting. The gravel pit senate bill 431 is resurfacing, she stressed to Senator Kim LaSata that Pokagon Township has three active gravel pits which we have good relationships with and that if this were to pass it would negatively impact the township.

Clerk: As of today, has received many applications for absentee ballots. More and more are coming in each day.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$357,501.13 as of June 30th, 2020. Summer tax bills have been sent out. Tuesday July 14th is the first posted collection date.

Zoning Administrator: Five Permits were issued. Three of them were site plans.

Blight Enforcement: Joe ordered more stickers for blight. He is working on a few cases that he had sent letters to.

Building Inspector: Ten permits were issued for May and June for a total of \$1308.00

Building Project: We have made the final payment of \$53,938.60 to Kalleward. We had budgeted this project to be \$364,000.00, luckily we came in under budget at \$351,935.00! Linda has been in contact with Wightman, they offered to forgive the \$675.00 bill that we owed to be able to get the downspouts fixed. All the new interior doors have been keyed. We still need shelves built in closets and landscaping done between the two doors.

Cemetery Board: Bob has gotten an estimate for tree removals in the Evergreen and Sumnerville Cemetery as well as an estimate to purchase new flags to put out. Kevin made a motion to get the trees removed and to purchase new flags with payment from the general fund and then for the cemetery savings to reimburse, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – No report.

Indian Lake – Reported 2 call for Pokagon Township for June. There will be no pancake breakfast this year.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: No report.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – had 10 calls (one was cancelled in rout) for June. Held an in-person meeting at the Mason Township hall.

Pride Care – had 23 calls for June

Assessor –July BOR is the 21st from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. MTT proposed judgment in favor of Pokagon Township.

Transfer Station – Was closed on the 4th of July. Jesse Bement chopped the transfer station. Gary made a motion to pay him \$100.00, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Volunteerism – Many things get done that may not be recognized. Linda rebuild the trash can that sits by the playground so that the bag would side out of it easier when it gets full. Candy Azevedo trimmed the bushes by the sign out front and it looks wonderful!

Correspondence: Public service held a hearing for Semco gas. Midwest Energy will be line clearing in the township. Wolverine pipeline got a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit to inspect/repair Pipeline.

Bills – The total amount of bills for June are \$103,315.51. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Dowagiac River Watershed Grant – We submitted a support letter for the grant.

Building Project – The air conditioning, as well as the women’s bathroom toilet isn’t flushing is not working correctly. Linda will contact Kalleward.

New Business:

Public hearing for special assessments – Linda made a motion to hold the hearing during the regular August meeting on August 12th, 2020 at 8:00 P.M., Gary second. Motion carried by voice vote. All ayes.

Tax Reverted Property – The board was not interested in the tax reverted property.

Sneeze Guards - Gary made a motion to purchase sneeze guards for the August election, Kevin second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. They will be placed in front of each election inspector the day of election.

Gary made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bob. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Christina Davis, Clerk

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