

Tentative:

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes
August 12th, 2020**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday 12, 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 Bob Shaffer to approve the July 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ambulance & Fire Millage Hearing at 8:00 pm – Linda Preston moved to open the public hearing, Kevin second. Motion carried by voice vote. All ayes. Linda read millage amounts requested. No public comment. Kevin made a motion to close the public hearing, Gary seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. All ayes.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended MTPP annual and regular meeting. SWMPC – she was involved in the application selection for EDA grants. MTA – She participated in legal defense application review. She was appointed to the Cass County Solid Waste Planning Commission.

Clerk: The August election went well. Getting ready for the November election.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$290,297.07 as of July 31th, 2020. Collecting summer taxes. We received a letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury saying we don't owe any withholding tax for the year 2019. Kevin will be doing a mentorship for the new Covert Township treasurer.

Zoning Administrator: No report

Blight Enforcement: He is working on a few cases that he had sent letters to.

Building Inspector: Three permits issued for July for a total of \$801.00

Building Project: Linda has been in contact with Wightman, waiting to hear back about getting the woman's bathroom toilet fixed. The air conditioning has been fixed in the new addition.

Cemetery Board: One tree in the Evergreen and one tree in the Sumnerville cemetery were removed.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 7 calls for the month of July

Indian Lake – 0 calls for the month of July.

Zoning Board of Appeals: held a hearing on 8/10/2020 for a new home on Indian Lake for Bruce and Jennifer Avery-Williams.

Planning Commission: September is the next regular meeting.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – had 9 calls (two were cancelled in rout) for July. Average 15 minutes.

Pride Care – had 28 calls for July

CVBESA – Linda was re-elected treasure.

Assessor – Held a board of review on the 21st of July. Fourteen cases were heard. Linda moved to set a public hearing for September 9th 2020 at 8:00 P.M. for the Indian Lake weed assessment, Christina second. Motion carried by voice vote. All ayes.

Transfer Station – Will be open through November.

Volunteerism – We had lots of help setting up/getting ready for the election as well as tearing down after the election. Tables were moved, booths set up, and wall dividers put up.

Correspondence: Cass County residence, used tire collection on Saturday August 15th. Public hearing for Semco Gas for increase. EGLE notice, Joe Hassle is putting in a new well in Silver Creek Township.

Bills – The total amount of bills for July are \$32,077.31. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, as well as to pay Avina Tree Removal for \$1,400, Kevin second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

MTPP Grant – We received a grant to purchase two new cameras. Gary made a motion to purchase and install the cameras, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

The point – looking into our options of what to do with this property. Linda will look into whether or not the property can be sold or leased.

Stone Work – The landscaping in between the new addition and old hall is complete. It came in under budget.

New Business:

General, Ambulance and fire millage resolutions – Bob made a motion to adopt operating millage resolution, Kevin second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Bob made a motion to adopt resolution #1 of 08-12-20, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Gary made a motion to adopt resolution #2 of 08-12-20, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

FEMA – Linda attended a Zoom meeting, changes in maps. Flood plains Dowagiac Creek in Dowagiac (Creek view)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Christina Davis, Clerk

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