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## **Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved:

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday March 10, 2021 following the annual meeting by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, Gary Mihills, and Bob Shaffer. This meeting was held virtually.

Motion made by Gary and second by Bob to approve the February 10, 2021 regular meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 23 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeremiah Jones: County Commissioner. They are looking at applicants to replace Tom Green who is retiring after 30 years.

Slyvia Phillips - Wanted to thank Jeremiah for keeping up with the guard rail issue by the rail road tracks in Pokagon

Renee Meiser- Questions on Budget

### **REPORTS**

Supervisor: Participated in an MTA- has moved forward, NATat, SWMPC zoom meeting. Linda asked to be able to purchase a new computer. Her computer is not equipped to do zoom meetings. Bob made a motions to allow Linda to get a new computer, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerk: Spring Cleaning! Organizing and going through retention schedule, and eliminating things we don't need anymore.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$440,234.92 as of February 28th, 2021. Winter Tax collection is complete. Kevin made a motion to transfer the allocated funds set in the budget of \$59,576.00 from the Fire Fund to the Pokagon Fire – Vehicle Fund better known as the Fire Sinking Fund, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: One item for the month.

Blight Enforcement: He is working on getting the materials on the side of the Sumnerville cemetery cleaned up and tagging vehicles.

Building Inspector:

Cemetery Board: One burial in February.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – No report. Renewing contract with Pokagon.

Indian Lake – No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No activity

Planning Commission: Met 3/9. Three mining permits were received. Kevin made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve the three permits from Yerington Brothers, NCSC, Moose Lake, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – had 1 call for February.

Pride Care – had 14 calls for January, and 18 calls for February.

Assessor – Busy with BOR.

Transfer Station – Will be opening March 20<sup>th</sup>. Kevin made a motion to approve ½ price day for the first Saturday in May and October, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Website – Keeping it updated.

Correspondence: SWMPC – Dowagiac river water trail.

Bills – The total amount of bills for February are \$55,657.80. 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:

Roads – Kevin moved to ask for contracts for the list of roads they recommended for chip and seal or gravel, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Pokagon VFD Contract – 2021-2024 with 2.25 Mills. \$42,000 first year, \$42,500 the second year and \$43,000 the third year. Linda moves to sign the three year contract with Pokagon VFD. Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

2020-2021 Budget Amendment – Linda moves to amend the Clerks area by \$1,000.00 and Protective services area by \$3,000.00 to the 2020-2021 Budget General Fund, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

MTA Virtual Conference – Linda would like to attend. Gary made a motion to allow Linda to attend the Virtual MTA Conference, Kevin second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Adopt 2021-2022 Budget – Gary made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-07 to approved the 2021-2022 Budget for Pokagon Township, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Christina Davis, Clerk

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