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## **Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved:

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday April 14, 2021 following the annual meeting 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 and second by Gary to approve the March 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sumnerville residents: Concerned about a neighbor with blight and recent neighborhood break-ins.

Jeremiah Jones: County Commissioner. They are looking into an ORV ordinance at a county level.

### **REPORTS**

Supervisor: Participated in zoom meetings with MTA, MSU-E district 13 and Cass County Solid Waste Committee.

Clerk: Getting ready for fiscal year end.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$443,114.85 as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Any late tax payment that come to him are returned and directed to the county.

Zoning Administrator: No permits for the month.

Blight Enforcement: He is working on multiple cases and tagging vehicles. He will continue to work on the house in Sumnerville.

Building Inspector: One roof.

Cemetery Board: Two burials in March. Continuing to work on getting the Miller addition surveyed. Next work day is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 5 calls in Pokagon Township for March. Renewed contract

Indian Lake – 1 call in Pokagon Township for March

Zoning Board of Appeals: No activity

Planning Commission: Sent out all three gravel mining approval letters.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – had 8 call for March. They have all their new vehicles in and on the road.

Pride Care – had 18 calls for March.

Assessor –Low turnout for BOR. Only had 1 person come in. Indian Lake Weed Special Assessment District has timed out.

Transfer Station – Is open.

Website – Pavilion is available to rent .

Volunteerism: All the flower gardens cleaned up and stone will be put down by the corner of the old door. The water was turned on in the Sumnerville cemetery.

Correspondence: Cass county board of Commissioner & Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium is having Free tire collections on May 15<sup>th</sup> from nine to noon or until two trailers are loaded.

Bills – The total amount of bills for March are \$22,160.20. Bob moved to accept the list of bills presented, Kevin second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Roads –Gary made a motion to sign contracts for projects 21-11-01A through 21-11-16, Bob second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Pokagon VFD Contract – The contract was approved and is set for the next 3 years.

1800's Flag – This flag was donated to the township to be displayed as part of the townships history. It was hand stitched by a township resident in the 1800's.

New Business:

Par Plan Representative – Bob made a motion to nominate Linda to the Par Plan Board, Gary second. Voice vote all ayes. Bob made a motion to adopt the Par Plan resolution, Gary second. Roll call vote. Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried.

Dowagiac River Water Trail – Volunteers to clear the water trail from Peavine Street to Arthur Dodd Park. They have secured a grant to clear log jam in the river trail from Arthur Dodd Park to Pucker Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Christina Davis, Clerk

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