

Tentative:

Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved: X

August 11th, 2021

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, August 11, by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, and Gary Mihills. Absent: Christina Davis.

Motion made by Bob and second by Gary to approve the July 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote: Ayes – Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, and Gary Mihills. Nays – None. Absent – Christina Davis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones, County Commissioner: Gave an update on County business.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended MTPP meeting and was appointment Chair; Cass County Leaders meeting; and Meander meeting. Linda also presented information on the County's proposed Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance. After discussion, the Township Board decided to not participate in the county ordinance.

Clerk: No report.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$367,400.08 as of July 31st, 2021. Summer tax bills are halfway through collection; July Board of Review changes have been done with corrected bills sent out. State of Michigan received our ARPA Fund grant application.

Zoning Administrator: Two permits with site plans were issued.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues; three letters were sent out.

Building Inspector: 4 Permits for July.

Cemetery Board: Working on property transfer from Herb Miller for cemetery. Property currently used as farmland and would like to continue same for 25 years. Bob made motion to transfer survey fee from Cemetery Fund, seconded by Gary. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 6 calls in Pokagon Township for July.

Indian Lake – no report

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.

Planning Commission: Next meeting scheduled for September 2021.

Ambulance:

Pride Care – had 25 calls for July.

SMCAS – had 12 calls for July.

CVBESA – having staffing issues; scheduling EMT classes.

Assessor – July Board of Review had 14 properties reviewed. Issued several Veterans exemptions.

Transfer Station – Is open.

Website – No report.

Volunteerism: The Birch tree and several bushes have has been trimmed around the building and the Indian mounds on Wood Road have been mowed.

Correspondence: SEMCO sent letter regarding rates. Michigan traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be heading through the area and setting up at the Edwardsburg VFW.

Bills – The total amount of bills for July are \$37,383.53. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, Bob seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, and Gary Mihills. Nays – None. Absent – Christina Davis. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Items to be hung up in Township Hall: Linda said we have the Pokagon sign, US flag, Governor’s award, and Depot picture that need to be hung up. Gary said he would assist with hanging the items.

Township Hall rental: Board to discuss rates and review information at a future meeting.

New Business:

Set Fire and Ambulance Mileage hearing: Public hearing is set for Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Gary. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Prepared by: Susan Watson, Deputy Clerk

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