Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**May 11, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday May 11, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Gary Mihills, Kevin Young, Renee Meiser, and Bob Shaffer. Supervisor Linda Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Bob and supported by Kevin to approve the April 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the April 26, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb relayed that new Equilization Director Karen Folks is on board at the County and gave updates regarding the future of the Courthouse building.

Scott Teter spoke to the audience regarding his election bid for Cass County Circuit Court Judge.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended MTA- Washington DC, Habitat is working on a rehab home on Front Street Dowagiac, attended a SW MI Planning Commission meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- new laptop for elections has been purchased, Quotes received for 6 used voting booths. Clerk is requesting to purchase before August elections to replace the cubicle wall units we are currently using for elections.

 \*\*\* Bob moved, and Gary supported to allow Clerk to purchase 6 used voting booths from Election Source for delivery before August.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $273,607.15 as of April 30, 2016.

Winter Tax collection ended. Summer collection coming up soon.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays : reported on Personal Property tax extensions.

**Building Inspector:**  report- 6 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True

Zoning- 2 permits for April

Blight: following up same properties.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 5 calls 12 minutes or less / Gary mentioned that SMCAS has rescinded their resolutions for millage increases at this time.

Pride Care- 9 calls avg time 6.49 minutes

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 5 calls per Doug Shaffer

Pokagon VFD: 6 calls per Chuck Bower

Bill Mears / Pride Care commented on a question regarding “no lights –no sirens”

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-** Planning Commission and the Board will be meeting May 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm to work on the Zoning Ordinance.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported the Cemetery board had a work day on May 7th and will be setting flags at all 3 cemeteries on May 21st.

**Transfer station:** Open. Changed hours on Saturday 8am – noon. 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $69,349.35 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Linda relayed that the Township budgeted 180k for roads and bids came back at 110k. The board is looking at additional projects for the remaining funds. Some roads that were mentioned were: Wood Road (Wells to Crystal Springs), Hampshire to Pokagon Highway, Johns Street, Well Street, Park Road, Kansas Street. Linda will request bids and the board will review at a later date.

Township Board will make a trip to retrieve our Ceremonial flag on either June 1st or June 15th.

**New Business:**

PA 116 application from Totzke farms received. Copies will be sent to other required agencies and the board will review next meeting.

LRSB Meeting- Linda- change of distribution discussed, expansion of Dowagiac casino.

Linda explained a Fire Insurance withholding program that is available to us free of charge. Insurance company will notify us of fire and able to hold 10% at township to ensure clean-up is completed. Linda read **Resolution 1-0511.**

 **\*\*\*** Bob moved and Kevin supported resolution to enroll in the insurance holding program. Roll call – all ayes. Carried.

Gary moved and Kevin supported to adjourn.

 Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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