Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**July 13, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday July 13, 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 Gary and supported by Kevin to approve the June 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the June 14 and June 28, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

James Terry Ellis addressed the board and audience regarding his run for Cass County Sheriff.

Harry Shaffer, COA Chair and Nurse Keryl Conkwright explained their services offered by COA and the need for small increase in millage.

Aaron Miller – State Rep for (our) 59th District addressed the board and audience about the completion of the State budget and answered questions regarding Detroit school debt and updates on the Flint Water crisis.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended MTA policy governance meeting, Habitat (House in Dowagiac) rehab, and Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- preparing for Aug 2 State Primary election, AV ballots are going out and election inspectors have been appointed.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $219,557.72 as of June 30, 2016. Tax bills have gone out and collections are underway. Taxes are payable to Township until September 14th.

\*\*Kevin moved and Gary supported to transfer $30,000.00 to Capital Improvement Fund per the 2016-17 budget. Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays : Reported that July 19th at 5:30 the Board of Review will meet for errors and omissions.

**Building Inspector:**  No report.

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True not present. Provided reports.

Zoning- 3 permits for June

Blight: following up same properties. Updates read by Linda.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 1 call @ 12 minutes – Gary reported SMCAS is looking at purchase/lease of new ambulances.

Pride Care- 4 or 5 calls reported by Linda. No report.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 5 calls per Doug Shaffer/ report provided

Pokagon VFD: 4 calls per Chuck Bower

\*\* Linda moved and Gary supported to amend PVFD fire contract w/ typo error on page 3. Roll call vote. All ayes. Carried.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** July 25th ZBA hearing 7:00 pm Helen Hebner Estate

\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported a motion made by Linda to appoint Pete Preston to the ZBA as an alternate.

**Planning Commission-** Planning Commission and the Board will be meeting July 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm to work on the Zoning Ordinance.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported that he is getting quotes to take trees down. Otherwise cemeteries are in good shape.

**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 $45,845.28. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink Road Bridge- Linda attending meeting on Thursday (next day) at Pokagon Band.

Four Winds Media Day – for Dowagiac expansion – Friday July 22nd at 10:30 am.

**New Business:**

Resolution to support the COA millage was read by Linda.

\*\* Bob moved to adopt the resolution and Kevin supported. Roll call. All ayes.

Millage hearing set for August 10th, 2016 at 8:00.

\*\* Linda moved and Bob supported to accept this date and time for millage hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

FEMA map Amendment to 29148 Water Street Dowagiac

Linda reported that the MTA On the Road Meeting would be Thursday September 29th in Kalamazoo. She asked that expenses be covered for anyone wanting to attend.

\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported expenses paid by township for anyone wanting to attend the MTA On the Road meeting. All ayes. Carried.

The board met with new County Administrator Karen Folks, as well as County Commissioner Clark Cobb, at the Old Rugged Cross Church for a tour and history hosted by Trustee Bob Shaffer.

Linda moved and Kevin supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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