Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**August 10, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday August 10, 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 Gary to approve the July 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the July 19, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Leon “Andy” Anderson addressed the board and audience regarding his run for County Commissioner.

Clark Cobb- County Commissioner discussed work on county budget and how it is put together.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended MTA executive meeting for policy governance, Habitat House in Dowagiac- taking applications, it is still available.

**Clerk:** Renee- reported Aug 2 State Primary election had a 16% turnout, Auditor will be presenting at September meeting.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $180,606.14 as of July 31, 2016. Tax bills have gone out and collections are underway. Taxes are payable to Township until September 14th.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays : Reported that July 19th Board of Review – 20 petitions

**Building Inspector:**  Report for July shows 4 permits.

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:**

Zoning- 1 permits for July

Blight: following up same properties. Improvements made at some sites.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 3 calls @ 12 minutes – Gary reported

Pride Care- 3 calls @7.49 minutes per report.

Discussion regarding an addendum of agreement to add Keeler Township to CVB Emergency Services as explained by Bill Kays that this is already in effect.

\*\* Gary moved, and Bob supported to sign the addendum of agreement. Roll Call. All ayes.

\*\*\* Public hearing for Ambulance, Fire, and Operating Millage took place at 8:00 pm and adjourned at 8:08 pm.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 9 calls per Doug Shaffer/ report provided- 2 in Pokagon Township

Pokagon VFD: 5 calls per Chuck Bower

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-** Planning Commission and the Board will be meeting September 13, 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 and fence work. Otherwise cemeteries are in good shape.

**Transfer station:** Open

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $50,308.72. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink Road Bridge- Linda attending meeting at Pokagon Band.

Linda attended ribbon cutting for Four Winds Media Day – Friday July 22nd

**New Business:**

Request to use Pokagon Township Hall by Ed Boyer/Schrader RE was denied due to the requested date. It was for a Monday when the Building and Code Inspectors are in the building to assist residents and there is no way to divide the areas.

\*\* Bob moved and Gary supported to deny this request for use of the Township Hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Carol Higgins for State Rep 59th District spoke to the audience regarding her bid for election in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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Public Hearing regarding Fire/Ambulance Millages

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday August 10, 2016 at 8:00 pm as posted. Members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills, and Kevin Young.

Linda read the Resolutions:

Resolution #1 8-10-16 Ambulance

SMCAS South Section 25-36

$20.00 per residence

No public comment

\*\*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept Resolution #1 8-10-16. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution #2 8-10-16 Fire – 3 districts

Dowagiac 4.2 mills

Indian Lake 2.25 mills

Pokagon 2.25 mills

Public comment: Mr Norris asked how it (fire mills) is billed on the tax bill / Winter tax

\*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to accept Resolution #2 8-10-16. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Allocated Millage – applied across township

.7734 Operating.

No Public Comment.

\*\*\* Bob moved and Gary supported to approve .7734 operating millage applied across the township.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public hearing closed at 8:08 pm.

Renee Meiser, Clerk

8-10-16