Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**February 8, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Kevin Young, Renee Meiser, and Gary Mihills. Absent: 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 January 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb- County Commissioner – informed the board and audience of a work study on February 9th and that he is new to the Revenue Sharing Board.

Bob Thompson – new commissioner of the Cass County Road Commission introduced himself to the board and the audience. He explained what the road crews are doing when there is no snow to plow.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: Supervisor meeting, SWMPC, Habitat – still looking for a prospective owner at 503 Main Street Dowagiac, Pipeline Meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- Updates on voting equipment replacement from the Bureau of Elections. The board will need to include cost of equipment in 2017-2018 (current) budget. Machine demos are scheduled for 2 of the three vendors being considered. Deputy Clerk Sue Szymonski resigned on January 30th.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $309,534.01 as of January 31st, 2017.

Taxes due Feb. 28th(extended by motion from February 14th).

 \*\* Kevin moved and Gary supported to extend the tax collection date from February 14 to February 28th, 2017 without interest penalty. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays: working on finishing up assessment notices, sales studies, Board of Review dates are : March 13 from 9am – noon and 1-4 pm and March 16 from 1:30 pm-4:30pm and 6-9 pm.

**Building Inspector:**  No permits.

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True

Zoning- 2 permits

Blight: 8 calls

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- January – 4 calls /1 for 30 minutes due to false address.

Pride Care- Linda reported 10 calls-

Linda received the CVBES- New 3 year agreement with Pride Care that includes Keeler.

 \*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept the new 3 year agreement with CVBES that includes Keeler. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 7 calls

Pokagon VFD: 1 call per Chuck Bower (accident)

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

January 18th training for the ZBA went well.

**Planning Commission-** The information gathered for the new zoning ordinance has been forwarded to Mark @ Land Plan for review. Meetings will be set up to discuss what was submitted and how to proceed.

**Cemetery Board:**  No activity

**Transfer station:** Closed. Linda will verify that we have an attendant for the 2017 season.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Kevin and supported by Gary to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $10,826.91. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

CVBES agreement. (in ambulance section above)

**New Business:**

 April Meeting Date: The April 12th Board meeting will be changed to April 19th to accommodate the boards attendance to the MTA conference in Lansing.

Annual meeting/budget date set for March 8, 2017 7:00 pm (preceding regular meeting)

Budget workshop / Township Board – February 20th at 4:30 pm.

Resolution for razing of structure/ Perkins property was read by Linda.

 \*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept the resolution to raze the Perkins property. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Renee Meiser, Clerk