Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**June 14, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday June 14, 2017 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 May 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb discussed the most recent meeting regarding the future of the courthouse- private investor/millage vote.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: Habitat House in Dowagiac on Front Street is available, NATaT, MTA Supervisors Meeting

**Clerk:** Deputy clerk is in Lansing for two day training- will need to reimburse for mileage, Renee would like to attend 2 day MTA Clerk training in July if schedule allows (board agrees), audit work begins on June 26th, a movie was filmed in Pokagon Township.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $276,251.38 as of May 31, 2017. Tax bills coming soon.

Taking tax payments on credit card from residents is on hold per further investigation.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays- July BOR on the 18th. Homestead exemptions completed.

Millage hearing for Fire/Ambulance on hold until August.

SMCAS- looking at millage increase. A letter will be sent to the residents in that district for public opinion regarding ambulance service/millage increase.

**Building Inspector:**  2 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True

Zoning- Site plan for cell tower

Blight: updates on blight issues- several citations issued for mowing.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 2 calls

Pride Care- 18 calls Semi Annual meeting on June 16th Coloma 6:00 pm. Linda attending

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 4 calls Pancake breakfast July 2nd 9 am - Noon

Pokagon VFD: no report

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-**

Met June 13th. Kevin reported the Planning Commission reviewed the draft map for the zoning ordinance and reviewed the McCoy split.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported 1 burial and flags were placed for Memorial Day.

**Transfer station:** Open. 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Bob to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $97,839.85. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink road bridge update – Kevin updated the board with communication he received

Crystal Springs bridge update – DNR halted project due to natural springs & will re-design plan and start back up approx. July 17th.

**New Business**

Indiana Michigan Power Co Resolution – Re- Adopted from April 2017

 \*\* Bob moved and Gary supported to Adopt franchise resolution from April –Resolution #06-1417. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

PA-116 Farmland & Preservation Application for Michael & Carl Vosburgh presented to the board. The Cass County Conservation District gave a letter of their recommendation of approval.

 \*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to approve the PA-116 application for Michael & Carl Vosburgh. All ayes. Motion carried.

The mining permit application for Moose Lake aggregates was presented to the board for review. The application and payment was received.

 \*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to approve the mining permit for 2017 for Moose Lake aggregates. Ayes- Linda, Kevin, Renee, Bob. Nay- Gary (Moose Lake has failed to provide the Township with promised information). Motion carried.

The Pokagon Township Board agrees to adopt the MTA Principles of Governance.

A tentative date for hosting Kalamazoo Charter Township for a visit is June 28th. Linda will follow up with the board on this date.

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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