Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**September 13, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday September 13, 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 Gary and supported by Bob to approve the August 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Auditor – Brian Hake / Kruggel Lawton presented Annual Audit report.

Cass County Administrator Karen Folks addressed the audience and discussed MERS (county retirement plan), the courthouse future, and update on Dodd Park / Open House on October 12th.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: Habitat House in Dowagiac on Front Street is available, LRSB meeting- #’s available end of September.

**Clerk:** Had new election equipment training on August 16th. New equipment delivery on 9/18/17.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $225,873.07 as of August 31, 2017. Tomorrow (14th) full day of tax collections at Township Hall.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays – working on sales studies.

**Building Inspector:**  3 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True – Absent

Zoning- 6 items

Blight: continuing on same issues.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 5 calls avg. 14-17 minutes

Pride Care- 19 calls avg 6 minutes 46 seconds

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 10 calls

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower present / 4 calls

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-**  Kevin reported the Planning Commission met August 29th with LandPlan to review the Zoning Ordinance – meeting again on September 26th to conduct mining inspections at 5:15.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported a maintenance day/ clean-up at Sumnerville and Evergreen Cemetery this Saturday September 16th.

**Transfer station:** Open. 1st and 3rd Saturdays. 8 am to noon. ½ price day in October

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Bob to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $64,556.42. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bob provided an update on the Crystal Springs bridge work

Operating Millage Resolution for 2017 was read by Linda

 \*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to approve the Operating Millage Resolution for 2017 at .\_\_\_\_\_Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

L-4029 signed and presented to Bill Kays

Mowing rates for Robert Albert was discussed. Rates have remain unchanged since 2014, and the increase at that time was due to an addition to the mowing area. An increase of $100.00 per month beginning with the October payment was considered.

 \*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to increase payments to Robert Albert by $100.00 per month during mowing season- beginning with the next payment – October 2017. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

**New Business**

Linda advised that a new window has been ordered to replace the window broken during a break-in at the Hall. Renee asked the Board if they would like to see quotes for a new election computer and other related items stolen or if the items can just be purchased. Due to the need of the items regardless of insurance outcome, Renee was advised to go ahead and purchase the items.

Gary recommended that we act on a bid received for the park pavilion – Linda would like to pursue another bid.

Public Hearing set for Indian Lake Weed Assessment – October 11th @8:00 pm - Asking for 10% increase

Linda relayed information that she received from Cass County Road Commission regarding Speed Limits in residential areas. Future discussion will need to take place regarding whether the township will/can purchase speed limit signs @ approximately $200.00 each.

Upcoming MTA on the Road – for anyone wishing to attend.

Linda moved and Kevin supported to adjourn.

 Meeting adjourned at 8.50 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk Pokagon Township Board Minutes