Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

**October 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed all members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills, and Kevin Young. Supervisor Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Bob Shaffer and supported by Kevin Young to approve the September 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Zane Langford of Voters not Politicians discussed district boundary lines and “gerrymandering”

Clark Cobb- Cass County Commissioner gave updates on Arthur Dodd Park and County Courthouse.

Marla Braun (aide) of Aaron Millers office gave updates on the new plan auto insurance, nursing bill, and election transparency – all items Aaron has been working on.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:** Linda reported that Habitat has 3 applications for the house in Dowagiac, attended SWMPC- working on bylaws, and working with City of Dowagiac on outstanding utility bills/assessment issue, and 425 agreement re: Casey Tool.

**Clerk:** New election laptop and other items taken in break in have been replaced. New election tabulator has not been delivered. Delayed until after November election.

**Treasurer:** Kevin Young reported general fund balance at $172,473.27

No more dog licenses sold at township hall.

**Assessor:**

Bill Kays attended Apex Software Program conference. The board agreed to pay 1/5 of cost of education expense.

Working on Homestead and sales studies- Nearly completed.

**Building Inspector:**

Don Herter provided written report - 1 building permit for September

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:**

Zoning- 1 permits

Blight: Following up with previous locations on blight issues. Tagging a lot of vehicles in the township.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS-Gary Mihills reported 2 calls(priority 2) @ 16 and 21 minutes

Pride Care- Linda read the report> 23 calls(6 priority 1- 16 priority 2- 1 priority 3) avg. 6.54 minutes

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 6 calls in September

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower reported 5 calls

\*\*\*\*Public hearing for weed control district millage took place @ 8 pm.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

No business

**Planning Commission-**

Kevin reported on 9/26 the quarterly planning commission meeting - mining inspections of the 3 mine operations in Pokagon Township, on 10/25 Home Occupancy/Business Public Hearing – Szalaky.

**Cemetery Board:**

Bob Shaffer reported Cemetery business: The cemetery board had a work/clean-up day on 9/16 and a scheduled meeting on 10/24 for 2018 budget.

**Transfer station:** Open

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Gary to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $44,567.43 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ribbon cutting at Arthur Dodd park October 12 @ noon

LRSB meeting – distribution amount increased over last year.

Discussed purchasing a replacement PC – desktop computer for Bill Kays/Assessor. Bill will gather information about the requirements necessary to support the assessing software and report back.

\*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to approve purchase of new computer for Assessing functions for Bill Kays. All ayes. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Insurance – expenses to replace items and building window vs. deductibles

Comcast – Franchise agreement

MATS- Linda would like to attend the Fall Conference for supervisors on Nov 3 and Nov 4 and asked expenses be covered.

\*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to approve paying expenses for Linda to attend the MATS conference. All ayes. Motion carried.

MSU Council – District 13- Linda attending.

Census 2020 packet received

Oct 19th- MTA on the Road

Linda moved, Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Renee Meiser, Clerk

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Public Hearing Indian Lake Weed Assessment

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 8:00 pm as published. Members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills and Kevin Young

Linda read the resolutions: #1 of 10-11-17

Weed Control-

14 parcels @ Indian Lake – 5.32 per foot

No public comment

Resolution #1 of 10-11-17 : assessment increase of 4.84 per front foot to 5.32 per front foot

\*\*\*Motion made by Bob Shaffer to accept weed control resolution and supported by Gary Mihills. All ayes. Motion carried by roll call.

Public Hearing closed at 8:05 pm.

Renee Meiser

Clerk

10-11-17