Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

**November 8, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday November 8, 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 Gary Mihills to approve the October 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Aaron Miller – State Representative 59th District- updated audience on auto insurance reform bill, election recount bill.

Clark Cobb – question to Aaron Miller regarding cuts to budget of Department of Corrections.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:** Linda & Gary attended ribbon cutting for Arthur Dodd Park, MATS, MTA, MSU-E Council meeting.

**Clerk:** NewDeputy Clerk Cindy Underwood was introduced to the board. Cindy reported that she worked the City of Dowagiac election and used the new equipment and found it very user friendly and a definite improvement from the previous equipment.

Clerk Renee Meiser asked the board and audience to keep Sue Szymonski – previous Deputy Clerk - in their thoughts and prayers with the death of her husband Bob.

The board was provided with the final Audit report from Kruggel Lawton.

**Treasurer:** Kevin Young reported general fund balance at $384,824.70

 No more dog licenses sold at township hall.

**Assessor:**

 Bill Kays- tax bills will soon be going out. PRE’s are complete.

**Building Inspector:**

Don Herter provided written report - 5 building permit for October

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:**

Zoning- 3 permits

Blight: Following up with previous locations on blight issues

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS-Gary Mihills reported 7 calls

Pride Care- Linda attended Open House. No report provided.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 4 calls in October

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower reported 1 call

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

No business

**Planning Commission-**

Kevin reported on 11/14/17 a Home Occupancy/Business Public Hearing – Szalaky.

**Cemetery Board:**

Bob Shaffer reported Cemetery business: The cemetery board had a budget meeting- budget remains the same for 2018 as 2017. Shutting off water soon and burning brush at cemetery over the coming weekend.

**Transfer station:** Open

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Gary to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $14,238.36 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Comcast Franchise Renewal – Linda will be meeting with Comcast representative.

**New Business:**

Road Commission meeting – proposed 2018 projects discussed

On the Road Meeting – MTA- Linda, Bob and Gary attended

Bob Shaffer gave an update on the Crystal Springs Bridge progress

Board planning meeting set for December 5th Tuesday @ 4:00 pm.

A bid was received for Snow Plowing for the 2017-2018 winter season. Robert Albert submitted a bid for $50.00 per for the hall & 50.00 per for the cemetery.

 \*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to hire Bob Albert for the 2017-2018 winter season snow plowing of the township hall and cemetery @ 50.00 per. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Linda moved, Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Renee Meiser, Clerk

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