Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**March 14, 2018**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Gary Mihills, Kevin Young and Renee Meiser. 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 February 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the March 6, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Linda Sims – Questioned why meeting minutes were not updated on the website and items like Zoning were not on our website like other Townships have. Comment addressed by Supervisor and Clerk.

Odi- Inquired about tonnage restrictions for trucks on the curve @ Sommers & Indian Lake Road. It is a dangerous situation with the trucks on that curve.

Clark Cobb- County Commissioner- update on strategic planning, courthouse update.

Bill Westrate- Cass County Conservation District brought Tree Seedling & Fruiting Plant Sale Catalogs for 2018. Also delivered a map that was found and belongs to Pokagon Township.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended SWMPC (Southwest MI Planning Commission), MSUE State Extension Meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- attended QVF training in Kalamazoo 3/6/18, will have Election training @ Milton Township on 3/20/18 in the AM, and new equipment refresher in the PM.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $433,474.05 as of February 28, 2018.

Winter Tax collection complete, no longer collecting at Township office.

Allocated funds transfer:

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Linda supported to transfer funds from fire to fire sinking (vehicle) fund in the amount of $51,924.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays not present. Linda reported that BOR dates are this week.

**Building Inspector:**  No report

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True (absent)

Zoning- no report

Blight: updates on blight issues, same issues

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 1 call

Pride Care- 10 priority 1 calls, 12 priority 2 calls

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 2 calls per report.

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower present / 3 calls

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-** Planning Commission and the Board met on 3/13/18 to review the new Zoning Ordinance, 2 mining permits were reviewed and approved for: NCSC & Yerington Brothers.

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the two mining permits for NCSC & Yerington Brothers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer absent. No report. Doug Shaffer requested that Snow Plowing company be advised to pile snow in a different location than where dirt is piled for a burial.

**Transfer station:** Open. 1st and 3rd Saturdays 8 am – 12 noon. ½ price days will be the same in 2018- 1st Saturday in May and 1st Saturday in October.

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the schedule for the Transfer Station, including 2 half price days. All ayes. Carried.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Kevin and supported by Gary to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $50,532.17 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Reviewed project list for roads / Pokagon Township

The board reviewed and agreed to 6/7 contracts: Chapel- County Line to Creek, Creek-Township to Chapel, Creek & Cut off-Chapel-Indian Lake, Beeson- RR to Dewey (x2), Dewey-Beeson to Peavine (gravel), Anderson-Allen to Pokagon Highway. Linda will make inquiries regarding mentioned projects.

\*\*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept the road projects contracts with Cass County Road Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Contract: City of Dowagiac / Sections 1 & 2 – Renewal

\*\*\* Linda moved and Gary supported to renew the fire contract with the City of Dowagiac for Sections 1 & 2 and to authorize Linda and Renee to sign the contract renewal. Roll call vote. All ayes. Carried.

Fire Contract: Pokagon VFD / Renewal date April 1 2018 @2.25 mills / 40,500 Year 1 – 41,000 YR2- 41,500 YR3 and increase to 11,000 for Casino fire coverage. Gary Mihills is the township Liason for PVFD.

\*\*\* Contract not signed nor approved due to changes made in financial/legal agreements between the PVFD/IRS/ Pokagon Band. These changes were unknown and not disclosed to the Pokagon Township Board. Further discussion will be needed after legal counsel is notified.

**New Business:**

LRSB Meeting – Linda attended- Annual Audit

Recycling Meeting – Linda attended

The board took action on adopting the 2018-2019 budget.

\*\* General fund budget: Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the 2018-2019 general fund budget as presented. All ayes. Carried.

\*\* Fire fund budget: Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the 2018-2019 fire fund budget as presented. All ayes. Carried.

\*\* Ambulance fund budget: Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the 2018-2019 ambulance fund budget as presented. All ayes. Carried.

\*\* Cemetery fund budget: Kevin moved and Gary supported to accept the 2018-2019 cemetery fund budget as presented. All ayes. Carried.

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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