

Tentative:

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved: X

**April 13, 2022**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, April 13, by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills.

Motion made by Gary and second by Bob to approve the March 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sylvia Philips: Saw the agenda on the website.

Full Throttle Representative: Decision on amount of cars. They have one month to show improvement

Jeremiah Jones: ORV ordinance hearing is the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, working on recycling program for the county.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor: Participated in the Market VB Summit, and CC Solid Waste Meeting. Linda was appointed to the State Boundary Commission by the Governor.

Clerk: Working on updating our contract with Republic Services to lower our prices. Gary made a motion to have the clerk sign the new contract, Bob second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$710,801.75 as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Please mail delinquent taxes directly to the County. Has been working on ARPA reporting every week.

Zoning Administrator: One permit for March.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues.

Building Inspector: Three permits for March for a total of \$335.00. Gary made a motion to pay \$10.00 per month for a dedicated phone for Building Inspection, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Cemetery Board: Burned brush piles, and planning work days in May.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 4 calls in Pokagon Township for March. Working on ISO rating.

Indian Lake – 0 calls in Pokagon Township for March. 25 active members, working on ISO rating, and are purchasing a new tanker.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.

Planning Commission: No report

Ambulance:

Pride Care – had 16 calls for March.

SMCAS – had 5 calls for March. Ordered a new ambulance.

Assessor – Held Board of Review in March, had 17 petitions/appeals.

Transfer Station –Now open. Bob made a motion to have one half off day on the first Saturday in May, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Work on getting gravel for driveway.

Volunteerism: M-40 Hustlers 4-H club picked up the roadside on Edwards Street and cleaned up Evergreen Cemetery. Bob made a motion to pay for pizza for the 4-H club for cleaning up, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Michigan Works, Cass County Parks, Cass County used tire collection and household hazardous waste.

Bills – The total amount of bills for March is \$21,119.26. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Land Lock Parcel: Kevin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06 to be able to sell the land locked parcel, Gary second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Roads: The board was not satisfied with the road quotes that were provided and will go back to the road commission for further suggestions.

Hall & Pavilion Rental: Gary made a motion to accept the new Hall Rental Agreement and Pavilion Rental Agreement with minor changes, Bob second. . Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Bob made a motion to pay Rental Coordinator \$50.00 to oversee rentals, Gary second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business:

City of Dowagiac Water Agreement: City has asked us for a water agreement/ordinance to be able to fulfill their EGLE application for water treatment.

Amend 2022-2023 Budget: Linda made a motion to amend 2022-2023 General Fund Budget in the Clerks area total to \$21,135, add a line item under protected services 371-956 Building Department Expense for \$200 and adjust the Contingency fund to \$41,295, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried. This amendment does not change the General Fund Total Expenditures.

Dust Control: Gary made a motion to sign the Dust Control Agreement with the county, Bob second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MTA Conference: Kevin made a motion to authorize the Clerk to print checks for the Hotel expense for the township board to attend the MTA Conference, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to adjourn, second by Linda. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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