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Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved:

July 20, 2022

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 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 Bob and second by Gary to approve the June 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones: Announced there will be a tire collection for the county on August 27th. He is still working on the homeless in our county.

Karee Krause: She has been with Cass County for 14 months and has been with Veteran services for 5 years. Promoting the Veterans affairs program in Cass County

Kathy Morse: Questioned why she was not hired as an election inspector for Pokagon Township.

Renee Meiser: Questions on how our ARPA funds would be spent. Commented that the website looked nice.

Rick Behnke: Gave a brief update on how things are going. Some pole barns are being broken into and ORVs are driving on county primary roads.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Participated in the Cass County Solid Waste, Michigan Township Participating Plan, and Southwest Michigan Planning Commission meetings.

Clerk: Preparing for the upcoming election, sent out 130 absentee ballots so far. There was two graduation parties and one wedding in June that rented the hall.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$856,893.69 as of June 30th, 2022. Tax bills have been sent out.

Zoning Administrator: Four permits for June and two site plans.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues. Counting Tagging Cars.

Building Inspector: Six permits for June for a total of \$605.00. Bob made a motion to approve Scott to proceed with Condemnation of a property on Indian Lake Rd, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Scott proposed a cloud based permit program, the price would vary depending on if Scotts other townships go forward with it. Gary made a motion to allow Scott get it set up, Christina second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Cemetery Board: Bob made a motion to add \$100.00 to Robert Alberts mowing total, Christina second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 5 calls in Pokagon Township for June.

Indian Lake – 3 calls in Pokagon Township for June.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: The County acted on and approved the request sent by the Planning Commission. Kevin made a motion to approved the Planning Commissions suggest rezoning from a R1 → C2 Parcel Number 14-110-010-192-00, Gary second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ambulance:

Pride Care – Had 26 calls for June.

SMCAS – Had 11 calls for June.

Assessor – Held a BOR on Tuesday July 19th

Transfer Station – Is open. Has been busy.

Volunteer Work: Plastic was put on the caulk board.

Correspondence: No report

Bills – The total amount of bills for June is \$216,341.66. 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:

Dowagiac Sewer Ordinance: Linda made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Little Free Library: Will be set at noon on Saturday July 23rd.

New Business:

Set Public Hearing: Linda made a motion to set the public hearing for L-4029, Fire and Ambulance Millage on August 10th at 7:30 P.M., Christina second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

Parking: Thinking of how we can spend out APRA funds. Auxiliary parking lot, new/more tables for in the hall or money counter for tax bills.

Township Property: Look into selling the township owned property on M-51 “The Point”.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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