

Tentative:

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved: X

**March 9, 2022**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, March 9, by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeremiah Jones: Transportation and dental plans for veterans are available.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor: Participated in a SWMPC, Leaders, and MTA meeting

Clerk: Attended a local clerks meeting.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$709,551.44 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He is done collecting winter taxes. Kevin made a motion to transfer allocated funds set in the budget of \$63,150.00 from Fire fund to Pokagon Fire – Vehicle Fund known as Fire Sinking Fund. Christina second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: No permits for February.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues; was not out much in February due to weather.

Building Inspector: No permits for February.

Cemetery Board: No report.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 3 calls in Pokagon Township for February.

Indian Lake – 1 calls in Pokagon Township for February.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.

Planning Commission: Held a quarterly meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. All three mining permits were received back. Kevin made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve the three permits from Yerington Brothers, NCSC, Moose Lake, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

Ambulance:

Pride Care – had 17 calls for February.

SMCAS – had 4 calls for February.

Assessor – Board of Review will be held on 3/14 and 3/17. There is a 3.3 % increase in taxable value for 2022 tax year.

Transfer Station –Now open.

Volunteerism: the hall was cleaned.

Correspondence: State of Michigan Public Service Commission hearing.

Bills – The total amount of bills for February is \$64,053.73. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Land Lock Parcel: Gary made a motion to proceed to sell the land locked parcel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board of Review Training: All three BOR members attended Board of Review training at Berrien County and their certificates were received.

Amend 2021-2022 Budget: Linda moves to amend Board of Review area to increase for \$80.00 to \$1,080.00 and Protective services to increase for \$900.00 to \$25,743.00 and Contingency Fund area to decrease for \$980.00 to \$28,937.00 the 2021-2022 Budget General Fund, Christina second. Roll call vote: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Absent: Bob Shaffer.

Par Plan Grant approval received: A notice was received for the Par Plan Grant of \$5,000.00 towards a Generator for the building.

Township Hall Use: Kevin made a motion to allow hall use on 8-7-2022, Christina second. All ayes motion carried.

New Business:

Adopt 2022-2023 Budgets: General Fund- Linda moved to adopt 2022-2023 general fund budget, second by Kevin Young. Roll call vote: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Absent: Bob Shaffer.

**Fire** – Linda moved to adopt 2022-2023 fire fund budget, second by Christina. Roll call vote: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Absent: Bob Shaffer.

**Ambulance** - Linda moved to adopt 2022-2023 Ambulance fund budget, second by Gary. Roll call vote: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Absent: Bob Shaffer.

**Cemetery** - Linda moved to adopt 2022-2023 Cemetery fund budget, second by Gary. Roll call vote: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis, and Gary Mihills. All ayes, motion carried. Absent: Bob Shaffer.

MTA Conference: Linda made a motion to pay expenses for the township board to attend the MTA Conference, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

EGLE Permit-Pokagon Band: Permit information was received for the meander restoration.

Hourly Rate: Linda made a motion to increase the hourly rate to \$15.00/ hour in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Roll call vote: Ayes - Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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