

Tentative: X

## **Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved:

**May 11, 2022**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, May 11, by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, and Christina Davis. Gary Mihills absent.

Motion made by Bob and second by Kevin to approve the April 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Gary Mihills absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Monica Luke/Stam Clupper: Proposed to have a little free library put on the township property in memory of Laraine Clupper.

Jeremiah Jones: County ORV ordinance passed.

Full Throttle Representative: Have shown some improvement on amount of cars. Will review in another 30 days.

### **REPORTS**

Supervisor: Participated in the SWMPC, Michigan Township Participating plan meetings, met with the Pokagon Band chairwomen and was awarded a Life Time member award from MTA.

Clerk: Still working with Republic Services to lower our prices. Attended first Michigan Township Association conference.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$741,174.15 as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Townships census count is up.

Zoning Administrator: Five permits for April.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues. Tagging Cars.

Building Inspector: Six permits for April for a total of \$1,173.00.

Cemetery Board: Had a work day, repaired potholes, cleaned up brush, and turned water on. Had one burial for April.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 2 calls in Pokagon Township for March.

Indian Lake – 0 calls in Pokagon Township for March.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Will have a public hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Commission: Next quarterly meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Public hearing for rezoning request.

Ambulance:

Pride Care – had 10 calls for April.

SMCAS – No report.

CVBESA – Had 3 paramedics graduate and they ordered a new ambulance.

Assessor – Will export data in June to get ready for upcoming tax season.

Transfer Station –Now open. Gravel was applied to the driveway.

Volunteer Work: Yard work in the flower beds out front, water turned on in Sumnerville Cemetery. Waterline repaired at Sumnerville Cemetery at no cost.

Correspondence: Hearing for I&M for MPSC.

Bills – The total amount of bills for March is \$20,315.96. Bob moved to accept the list of bills presented, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston and Christina Davis. Gary Mihills absent. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Water Agreement: The attorney is working on the water agreement with the City of Dowagiac.

Roads: Linda made a motion to approve contracts for Peavine St for crush & shape/mill & fill, Klumbis & Crystal Springs for gravel, Hampshire, Reynolds, California, Kansas, East and Vermont for Sealcoat, second by Kevin. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston and Christina Davis. Gary Mihills absent. Motion carried.

ARPA Reporting Completed: We have completed the reporting for the American Rescue Plan Act.

Conference Report: All board members were present for the first time. Bob reported one of the best conferences he has attended.

New Generator: Generator is set and will be hooked up soon.

New Business:

Audit Preparation: Kevin and Christina are preparing for the 2021-2022 audit.

Free Little Library: Bob made a motion to have a little free library installed on the property in memory of Laraine Clupper, Christina second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

July Meeting Date: Linda made a motion to have the July Meeting date moved to Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Support Letters: Linda wrote support letters to Congressmen Fred Upton and Congresswomen Debbie Stabenow for Tribal projects.

Leaf Blower: Kevin made a motion to purchase a battery operated leaf blower for property, Christina second. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston and Christina Davis. Gary Mihills absent. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

Pokagon Township Board Minutes