

Tentative:

Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved: X

April 12, 2023

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 by Supervisor Linda Preston. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Bob Shaffer arrived at 7:45 P.M.

Motion made by Gary and second by Kevin to approve the March 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones: He reported on the county health department meeting. Veteran Affairs got extra funds with their grant this year.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended Par Plan meeting.

Clerk: Getting ready for the May 2nd school election for Dowagiac and Cassopolis Schools.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$828,181.73 as of March 31st, 2023. All Indian Lake Weed refund checks were mailed out. New computer will be installed before Summer Tax season starts.

Zoning Administrator: Two permits issued for March.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues. Continuing to tag cars as he is out inspecting.

Building Inspector: Six permits issued for March for a total of \$3,822.25.

Cemetery Board: The Cemetery board will have a work day on May 6th.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 9 calls in Pokagon for March. They were awarded a DNR grant and a few other grants.

Indian Lake – 5 calls in Pokagon Township for March. Waiting on them to sign Contract.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Neil Keller was granted a side yard variance.

Planning Commission: Public hearing on May 3rd for a rezone.

Ambulance:

Pride Care – Had 24 calls for March.

SMCAS – Had 6 calls for March.

Assessor – Board of Review is complete. They had 31 petitions and 14 of those were veterans.

Transfer Station – Open.

Volunteer Work – Yard work in the flower garden.

Correspondence: I & M hearing, Par Plan news.

Website – Waiting for a design mock up from Shumaker.

Bills – The total amount of bills for March is \$24,2.49. 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:

Emails: Gary moved to go with emails through Shumaker group for \$80 per account per year, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

Internet/Phone: MEC is ready to install new phone and internet service. We will wait until after the May election to install.

Support letter for Tribe: Linda wrote two letters of support to the tribe. One is for extending water from the City of Dowagiac to the casino and the other for support to help fund the potential road construction of Peavine Street.

New Business:

Parking Lot: Gary made a motion to authorize the purchase of millings from Kalin Construction and to have Jim Jensen remove topsoil, grade parking lot area, haul millings, and level area; seconded by Bob Shafer. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. 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.

Pavilion Rental: A non-profit group inquired about renting the pavilion and was asking if we did discounts. The board decided to not do discounts at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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