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## **Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved:

**February 8, 2023**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 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 January 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.  
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeremiah Jones: Report that the first round of blight elimination has been used up.

Ryan Laylin: Vice Chairman of the Commissioners. Reported that a historical review has been completed for the county building project.

Andy Hartman: Indian Lake Chief. New tanker is on the way. Will be ready anytime for medical calls.

Ken (Full Throttle): They have separated their repair and car lot. All repair will be done on Industrial Drive.

Lee Belding: District Representative, Congressman Tim Walberg 5<sup>th</sup> district. They are going to open an office in Niles shortly.

### **REPORTS**

Supervisor: Attended Market VB, FEMA CC Solid Waste, and Pipeline meetings.

Clerk: Met with Shumaker for a design meeting for the new website.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$774,951.03 as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Tax collection is on the downhill. Kevin made a motion to extend the collection of winter taxes without interest or penalty to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the 2022 winter tax season. Christina second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

Zoning Administrator: No permits issued for January.

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

Building Inspector: No permits issued for January.

Cemetery Board: No report

Fire Departments:

Pokagon –No report.

Indian Lake – 4 call in Pokagon Township for January.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.

Planning Commission: Quarterly meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> for a rezoning request.

Ambulance:

Pride Care – Had 20 calls for January.

SMCAS – Had 13 calls for January. Full Staffed.

Assessor – BOR members are going to training. Linda made a motion to appoint an alternate BOR member, Gary Booth. Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. BOR notices will be sent out soon for BOR on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Transfer Station – Closed. Work on 2023 plans and dates. Will be opening March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence: Cass County Road Commission will match 50% of our cost for dust control this year. Gary made a motion to sign the agreement, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

EGLE notified us of a large well being put in by Nick Totkze in the township and the Pokagon Band is putting in a temporary crossing in the river why they work on the Meanders.

Volunteer Work –Coach rack was installed in office.

Website – In the process of registering for .gov. Web design meeting went well.

Bills – The total amount of bills for January is \$15,758.02. 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:

Indian Lake VFD Contract: Had discussion with Indian Lake VFD about upcoming contract renewal and no changes were to be made.

New Business:

**Appointment to Indian Lake Governmental Board:** Linda made a motion to appoint Kurt Hickey to the Indian Lake Governmental Board, second by Gary. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

**Veteran Affair car parking in lot:** Gary moved to allow the veteran affair vehicle to be parked in our parking lot when needed, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Fire Extinguishers:** Linda made a motion to purchase fire extinguishers for the hall and office, second by Gary. Roll call vote: Ayes -Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Motion carried.

**Budget Workshop:** Will be held on February 22 at 5:00 P.M.

**Capital Conference:** Linda, Gary and Christina will be attending this year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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