

Tentative:

Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved: X

September 13, 2023

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 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 August 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones: County health department update.

Ms. Abdullah: Had concerns about her neighborhood.

Audit Report:

Brian Hake represented Kruggel Lawton to present our audit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. He reported that we are in good standing.

Ambulance Hearing:

Motion made by Linda, second by Kevin to open the public hearing at 7:30 PM to hear comments on ambulance millage rates for the north district. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. No comments were made. Motion made by Linda, second by Christina to close the public hearing at 7:42 PM. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended SWMPC, Cass County Solid Waste, State Boundary Commission, Farm Bureau Annual meeting and met with tribal leaders.

Clerk: Finished up the Audit and attended a county clerk meeting to discuss early voting.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$562,445.85 as of August 31st, 2023. Last day of tax collection without penalty is Thursday the 14th.

Zoning Administrator: 3 permits for August.

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

Building Inspector: 2 permits issued for August for a total of \$163.50.

Cemetery Board: Will be doing a work day soon.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 3 calls in Pokagon for August. Have been award several grants, including one with multiple departments.

Indian Lake – 5 calls in Pokagon for August. Have been award several grants, including one with multiple departments.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: Held a quarterly meeting on the 12th. The county is looking at a new master plan. Kevin moved to accept the recommendation to join the county Planning Commission for a master plan for \$1,500.00 and for the supervisor and clerk sign proposal, Christina second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

Ambulance:

Pride Care – Is no longer in service. They served Pokagon Township for 14 years with no subsidy. The CVBESA is working to secure temporary service coverage for the areas Pride covered.

SMCAS – Had 25 calls for August. We have contracted with SMCAS for a temporary coverage of the north district for 3 months for \$6,000.00 per week.

Assessor – No report.

Transfer Station – Is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday. Closed over Labor Day.

Volunteer Work – Pine limbs were trimmed over the play ground and removed, beach tree limbs were trimmed and removed, entrance way was cleaned, bathroom was cleaned, plants in the hall were repotted, refrigerator was defrosted, and tree was cleaned up from the transfer station.

Correspondence: I&M, Market Van Buren.

Bills – The total amount of bills for September is \$68,594.72. Kevin moved to accept the list of bills presented, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Gateway Grant: MEANDRS along with Pokagon Township applied for a grant for signage on the bridges along the Dowagiac River but were denied.

Bell: Will be working on placement and what we want done.

New Business:

Ambulance: Bob made a motion to adopt resolution #2023-17 to apply \$20.00 per occupied parcel in the North district for ambulance, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried

MEANDRS: They will meet at the township hall on September 25th.

Indian Lake Lake Board: Curt Hickey gave us an update.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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