

Tentative:

Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved: X

October 11, 2023

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, October 11, 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 September 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones: County health department update.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended LRSB, MEANDRS, and MTPP meetings.

Clerk: Received state funded ballot drop box.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$514,631.25 as of September 30th, 2023. Last day of tax collection without penalty was Thursday September 14th. Still accepting tax payments with 1% interest per month. Winter tax collection dates have been submitted to the county. Kevin made a motion to transfer \$2,971.61 from general fund to ambulance fund checking to cover our share of the 90-day contract with SMCAS for the north district, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: 2 permits for September.

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

Building Inspector: no report.

Cemetery Board: Will be shutting the water off at the Sumnerville Cemetery sometime this month. Had 1 burial this month.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 4 calls in Pokagon for September. A financial report was given.

Indian Lake – 5 calls in Pokagon for September.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: 1 rezoning application was received.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – Had 5 calls in the normal coverage area and 158 calls in new coverage area for September.

Assessor – He completed a 5-year audit. Linda made a motion to adopt the property tax poverty exemption guidelines for 2023 year as presented, Bob second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Transfer Station – Is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday.

Volunteer Work – Indian mounds were trimmed.

Correspondence: Michiana public service commission.

Bills – The total amount of bills for October is \$30,777.92. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, Kevin second.
Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Ambulance Districts: The north district had 2 duplicates. Linda moved to revise the Ambulance District Assessment roll by removing 2 duplicated parcels in the north district and 1 vacant parcel in the south district.

Port- a-Potty: Will be removed by the end of the month.

New Business:

Bell & Drop Box: Looking for location ideas for the new ballot drop box and the bell.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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