

Tentative:

Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved: X

December 13, 2023

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, December 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 November 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones: Health Department report. June/July 2024 court house should be completed with the help of a grant.

Lynn Schantz: Gave a Road Commission report.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended Meandrs meeting and re-appointed to the State Boundary Commission.

Clerk: Our new ballot drop box was installed, getting ready for year end and elections.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$700,308.75 as of November 30th, 2023. Winter taxes are out. Renewed CDs with Sturgis Bank and Trust, Huntington, and 1st Source.

Zoning Administrator: 0 permits for November.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues. Continuing to tag cars as he is out inspecting. Working on neighbor hood problems.

Building Inspector: 2 permits for November for a total of \$50.00.

Cemetery Board: Ready for winter.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 6 calls in Pokagon for November. They covered Penn Township so the fireman could attend a funeral of a fellow firefighter. Bus extrication class went really well

Indian Lake – 2 calls in Pokagon for November. Will have a bake sale on December 16th and bus extrication went really well.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: Had their quarterly meeting/public hearing on November 28th. They had two rezones come before them. 14-110-011-197-20 (McCanse) will split the east 5.5 acres, commercial to residential. Gary Made a motion to accept the planning commissions recommendation to approve the rezone, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. 14-110-002-038-00 (Dudley/Burling) 5 acres from R1 to Commercial to have a small car dealership. Kevin made a motion to accept the planning commissions recommendation to deny the request, Gary second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – Had 3 calls in the normal coverage area for Pokagon Township and 186 calls in new coverage area for November. Kevin made motion to transfer \$3,936.99 from General fund to Ambulance fund, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Assessor – Held December BOR on December 12th. 2 items.

Transfer Station – Is closed.

Volunteer Work – Christmas tree was put up and decorated, and ballot drop box was installed.

Correspondence: EGLE, Christmas cards from Sturgis Bank & Trust and Decker

Bills – The total amount of bills for December is \$45,161.92. Gary moved to accept the list of bills presented, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

MEC Broadband Contract: Bob made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign broadband contract agreement with MEC, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried

AT&T Metro Extension: Kevin made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign on behalf of the township the AT&T Metro Extension, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried

Road Tour: Gary and Bob attended a road tour with the county.

New Business:

State signs Energy Bill: The state signed an energy bill removing local control.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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