

Tentative:

Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved: X

November 8, 2023

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, November 8, 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 October 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Schantz: Gave a Road Commission report.

Sheriff Behnke: Reported that deer accidents are up and to beware of Facebook marketplace scams.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended Cass County Leaders, SWMPC, and Market Van Buren meetings.

Clerk: Signed agreement with the county for early voting.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$711,977.91 as of October 31st, 2023. Late summer tax payments are still coming in. He is working with the equalization department to update addresses for taxes. There is a county wide treasurers meeting coming up.

Zoning Administrator: 3 permits for October.

Blight Enforcement: Never ending issues. Continuing to tag cars as he is out inspecting. Working on fifth wheel campers and appliances.

Building Inspector: 9 permits for October for a total of \$2,713.00.

Cemetery Board: Bob made a motion to increase cemetery lots in the Sumnerville Cemetery for Pokagon Township residents to \$300 each and for non-residents to \$800.00 each, Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried. The Sumnerville Cemetery is closed, water is drained, snow stakes are up and a tree was removed.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 6 calls in Pokagon for October. Will have a training at Indian Lake Fire Department on December 2nd.

Indian Lake – 2 calls in Pokagon for October. Will have a bake sale on December 16th and a training on December 2nd

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: A rezoning hearing for two hearings will be held on November 28th.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – Had 8 calls in the normal coverage area for Pokagon Township and 205 calls in new coverage area for October.

Assessor – He has everything ready to print winter tax bills. Will hold a Board of Review on December 12th from 5:30-6:00 PM.

Transfer Station – Is closing November 18th for the year.

Volunteer Work – Snow stakes put out and a tree was removed in the Sumnerville Cemetery.

Correspondence: Cass County Master Plan, Public Service Commission – I&M.

Bills – The total amount of bills for November is \$15,283.41. 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:

DHHS Holiday Drive: They sent us a letter notifying us they are doing a holiday drive this year and asking if we wanted to participate.

Condemned Property: Bob made a motion to move forward with the condemnation of the property on Edwards Street.

Commissions: Gary made a motion to reappoint the following cemetery board members: Bob Shaffer, Mike Keesler, Dean Conrad, and Dan Kulwicksi; Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Kevin made a motion to reappoint Adam Hover to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Bob second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Linda made a motion to accept the resignation of Rozanne Scherr from the Planning Commission; Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Linda made a motion to appoint Steven Phillips to the Planning Commission; Bob second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Generac Warranty: Generac sent us a warranty for our generator. We will look into the different options.

AT&T Metro Act: AT&T sent us a Metro Act. We will have our attorneys look at it.

Road Commission tour: Bob and Gary will be doing a road tour with the county some time in the coming month.

M-51 & Peavine Street: MDOT is installing a rural cautionary light for the intersection of Peavine and M-51.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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