

Tentative:

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

Approved: X

**January 10, 2024**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 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 December 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.  
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeremiah Jones: Reported that he has been reappointed as Chair of the commissioners and Sam Barrera is now Vice Chair.

Lynn Schantz: Gave a Road Commission Meeting report.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor: Attended a Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission and MTA meetings.

Clerk: Completed year end task and getting ready for the February 27<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary Election.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$730,120.50 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Winter taxes are out.

Zoning Administrator: 0 permits for November.

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

Building Inspector: 0 permits for December.

Cemetery Board: Sign at Sumnerville Cemetery has updated burial prices on it and brush was trimmed.

Fire Departments:

Pokagon – 2 calls in Pokagon for December. They are down 13% on calls for the year.

Indian Lake – 2 calls in Pokagon for December. Had a total of 37 calls in Pokagon Township for the year, also down on runs for the year. They got in the new air packs from a grant they received.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: Mining permit applications have been mailed out.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – Had 9 calls in the normal coverage area for Pokagon Township and 171 calls in new coverage area for December.

CVBESA – Looking into the cost of adding an addition truck.

Assessor – Went over the sales study report from the county. The study showed that there will be increases in taxable value in all districts.

Transfer Station – Is closed.

Volunteer Work – Brush was trimming around Sumnerville Cemetery building.

Correspondence: Par Plan News

Bills – The total amount of bills for January is \$21,025.60. Kevin 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:

**Annual Calendar:** Linda made a motion to adopt the annual calendar as presented, Kevin second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried

**Removed addresses from MEC Internet List:** We received an updated list of addresses from MEC. For the addresses that were removed it would cost us \$60,000.00, we opted to not do the removed addresses at this time at this time.

New Business:

**2024 Property Tax Exemption Guidelines:** Linda made a motion to adopt the 2024 property tax exemption guidelines as presented, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

**Annual Meeting:** Kevin moved to adopt the annual meeting resolution #2024-01 for Wednesday March 13th, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., second by Bob. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

**Salary Resolutions:**

-Kevin moved to adopt the Supervisor salary resolution #2024-02 for 2024-2025 as presented and read, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

-Linda moved to adopt the Treasurer's salary resolution #2024-03 for 2024-2025 as presented and read, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

-Kevin moved to adopt the Clerk's salary resolution #2024-04 for 2024-2025 as presented and read, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

-Kevin moved to adopt the Trustees salary resolution #2024-05 for 2024-2025 as presented and read, Christina second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

**Electrical Inspector:** Linda made a motion to hire Dave Gongwer as Pokagon Townships electrical Inspector, Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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