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Pokagon Township Board Minutes

Approved:

March 13, 2024

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, March 13, 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 Gary and second by Bob to approve the February 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremiah Jones: Health Department report and county update.
Undersheriff Roach – April 27th is drug take back day.

REPORTS

Supervisor: Attended a SWMPC meeting and was reappointed secretary, also had a meeting with the Pokagon Band and City of Dowagiac for water and sewer.

Clerk: Had a good turnout for the February 27th Presidential Primary Election.

Treasurer: Kevin Young reported general fund balance at \$785,155.63 as of February 29th, 2024. Winter tax collection is complete, he will be settling with the county treasure. Kevin made a motion to transfer the allocated funds set in the budget of \$70,630.00 from the Fire Fund to the Pokagon Fire – Vehicle Fund better known as the Fire Sinking Fund. Gary second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: 1 permit for February

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

Building Inspector: 4 permits for February for a total of \$3,340.00

Cemetery Board: Burned brush pile and picked up some brush

Fire Departments:

Pokagon –7calls in Pokagon for February.

Indian Lake – 3 calls in Pokagon for February.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Planning Commission: Set quarterly meeting schedule. They had a rezoning hearing – Linda Rife and Mathew Burks want to rezone the southern portion of 14-110-015-260-30 from residential to light industrial. He will be building a building to house his businesses equipment. Kevin made a motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation to approve the rezone, Gary second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Kevin made a motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation to approve the three mining permits that were received from Yerington Brothers, NCSC, and Moose Lake, Gary second. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ambulance:

SMCAS – Had 5 calls in the normal coverage area for Pokagon Township and 143 calls in new coverage area for February.

CVBESA – SMCAS has a six-month contract with the Dowagiac car.

Assessor – Held board of review this week. They met on Monday and will meet again on Thursday.

Transfer Station – Is open.

Volunteer – Brush picked up in the Sumnerville Cemetery, air filters were cleaned in the hall and board chairs were fixed.

Correspondence: Congressman Tim Walberg, Spring Egg-stravaganza at Lawless Park.

Bills – The total amount of bills for February is \$61,622.11. 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:

Roads: Bob made a motion to sign contract estimates #24-11-04 for Peavine Street mill & fill and #24-11-02 Beason Street Crackseal and to authorize the supervisor to go ahead with #24-11-01 Beason Street sealcoat if it can all be done in the same year. Kevin second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried

Pokagon VFD Contract: Gary made a motion to enter into a three-year contract with Pokagon VFD, Christina second.

Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried

2023-2024 Budget amendments: Linda made a motion to amend the Township Hall, Protective services, CVBESA, and contingency categories as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

New Business:

Adopt 2024-2025 Budget: Kevin made a motion to adopt resolution #2024-07 as presented, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

MTA Hotel: Kevin made a motion to authorize the clerk to process a check for the MTA hotel to cover rooms outside of the normal bill payment cycle, Christina second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Mining Permit Increase: Kevin made a motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation to increase the permit fees to \$100.00, Bob second. Roll call vote: Ayes -Bob Shaffer, Kevin Young, Linda Preston, Christina Davis and Gary Mihills. Motion carried.

Rooted in Progress article: Article about the Old Rugged Cross's organ.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Christina Davis - Clerk

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