Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**September 9, 2015**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday September 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Gary Mihills, Kevin Young, Renee Meiser, and Bob Shaffer. Supervisor Linda Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Bob and supported by Linda to approve the July 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brian Hake – Auditor from Schaffer & Layher – the firm that audits for Pokagon Township reported a good audit opinion from testing & procedures for 2014-2015.

Clark Cobb – County Commission office- reports County Administrator back to work part-time and county phone system needs replaced by year end at a significant cost.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: Habitat House – Cassopolis nearly finished and advised about an Open House at an Alpaca Farm on Peavine Street on Sept 26 & 27th

**Clerk:** Renee- will demo new election equipment on Sept 17th

**Treasurer:** Kevin - reported Gen Fund balance at $246,697.73

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays absent. Millage rate and weed hearing moved out to next meeting. Oct 14th. 8:00 pm.

Golf Course (Hampshire) tax tribunal coming up. We have hired an attorney.

**Building Inspector:**  no report

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True not present.

Zoning- 4 permits

Blight: working with 5 property owners.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 4 calls @ avg. 14 min

Pride Care- 13 calls. Avg. 4 min 53 sec. Linda met with them and discussed transfer problems.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: from report: 6 calls- 4 Silver creek, 1 Pokagon, 1 assist Pride Care

Pokagon VFD: 6 calls. Had their 9.11 dedication. Great success!

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** none

**Planning Commission-**  Kevin reported gravel pit mine inspections done by planning commission on 9.8.15. at Kalin, NCSC- Hover pit, and Yerington/Chippewa/Aggregate.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer communicated that the cemetery board will meet on Sept 19th at 8:00 am to trim trees and gravel/road work should commence soon.

**Transfer station:** Open.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Bob to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $65,750.69 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Quit claim deed received for property purchased (by township) behind township hall

Property chopped and cleaned up

Grant from Pokagon fund for Gazebo denied

**New Business:**

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Renee supported to increase snow plowing pay to Doug Shaffer for the winter season 2015-2016 as follows:

$40.00 for the Hall (increased from 25.00)

$40.00 for the cemetery (increased from 35.00)

All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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