Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

**October 14, 2015**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday October 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills. Absent: Kevin Young. Supervisor Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Bob Shaffer and supported by Gary Mihills to approve September 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes and September 22, 2015 Special meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb- Cass County Commissioner discussed SMART committee updates/ Linda spoke at recent SMART meeting. Also gave Road Commission business updates/ job openings.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:** Linda attended and spoke at SMART meeting. 4-H club made greeting cards for servicemen and are on display at the township hall.

**Clerk:** Renee communicated AV ballots are being mailed and preparing for Nov 3rd Dowagiac school election.

**Treasurer:** Kevin Young absent. Linda reported general fund balance at $191,531.22

**Assessor:**

 Bill Kays spoke about AMAR review. All items corrected and good. Also preparations for upcoming tax bills.

**Building Inspector:**

Don Herter provided written report - 4 building permits for September 2015

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:**

Joe True gave a verbal report**:** Zoning- 2 permits - 1 site plans

Blight: Following up with previous 4 locations on blight issues.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS-Gary Mihills reported 1 call @ 12 minutes

Pride Care- Linda read the report> 10 calls avg. 5 minutes

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 4 calls in September: 2 Silver Creek, 2 Pokagon

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower reported 5 calls for September

\*\*\*\*Public hearing for Ambulance, Fire, and weed control district millages took place @ 8 pm.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

No business

**Planning Commission-**

No business

**Cemetery Board:**

Bob Shaffer reported Cemetery business: The new roads at Sumnerville Cemetery with the donated gravel (at no cost to the township) has been completed. At the board meeting trees were trimmed and cleaned up. Rick Rankel also provided equipment and time/labor to complete this project at no charge.

 \*\*Bob Shaffer moved, and Gary Mihills supported a motion to provide $200.00 payment to Rick Rankel for fuel expenses, etc. for the work done on the Sumnerville Cemetery road. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Transfer station:** Open

 Linda communicated to the board that Roger Scott Callahan would like to discontinue work as Transfer Station Attendant and we should search for someone to fill that position next year.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary Mihills and supported by Bob Shaffer to pay bills as submitted/amended in the amount of $30,314.53 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Linda communicated that she has been discussing rate increases with BHS Insurance and possible raising of deductibles to reduce expense. The savings were very low compared to the increase in deductible.

 \*\* Linda moved and Gary supported to stay with the BHS Insurance plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Linda reported LRSB revenue information.

October 28th – Cass County Road Commission Annual Meeting @ 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Linda moved, Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Renee Meiser, Clerk

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Public Hearing regarding Weed Control and Fire/Ambulance Millages

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday October 14, 2015 at 8:00 pm as published. Members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills. Kevin Young absent.

Linda read the resolutions:

Weed Control-

14 parcels @ Indian Lake – 4.40 per foot

No public comment

Motion made by Gary Mihills to accept weed control resolution and supported by Bob Shaffer. All ayes. Motion carried by roll call. Kevin Young absent.

Fire- Resolution #2 10-14-15

Millages set at :

Pokagon- 2.25

Indian Lake 2.25

Dowagiac 4.2

No public comment

Motion made by Gary Mihills to accept and supported by Bob Shaffer. All ayes. Motion carried by roll call vote. Kevin Young absent.

Ambulance – Resolution #1 10-14-15

SMCAS South Section 25-36

$20.00 per residence or business

No public comment

Motion made by Bob Shaffer to accept supported by Gary Mihills. All ayes. Motion carried by roll call vote. Kevin Young absent.

Allocated Millage- Resolution #3 10-14-15

@ .7734

No public comment

Motion made by Gary Mihills to accept and supported by Bob Shaffer. All ayes. Motion carried by roll call vote. Kevin Young absent.

L-4029

Bob moved and Gary supported to approve the L-4029. All ayes. Motion carried by roll call vote. Kevin Young absent.

Public Hearing closed at 8:05 pm.

Renee Meiser

Clerk

10-14-15