Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**November 11, 2015**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday November 11, 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. The day was recognized as Veterans Day, and thanks were given to all Vet’s including our own Bob Shaffer.

Motion made by Bob and supported by Linda to approve the October 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb – County Commission office- reports the completion of the new roof at the courthouse.

Discussion regarding County Equilization Director position being filled. Linda communicated that the Townships are not going to be willing to pay for reassessments / Bill Kays communicated his concerns that reviews are not completed.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: Habitat House – Cassopolis finished / attended SouthWest Michigan Planning Commission meeting, MAR- recycling discussions.

**Clerk:** Renee- Set board meeting dates for 2016, Election stats for Dowagiac school election. Good turnout for Pokagon Township – close to 30%.

March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary is next election.

**Treasurer:** Kevin - reported Gen Fund balance at $374,253.67

Tax bills will be received next Tuesday Nov 17th.

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Gary supported to move $30,000.00 to the Capital Expense fund from the General Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays reported State Tax Commission increase of .3% of taxable value. He is working on sales studies and preparing for Board of Review in December.

**Building Inspector:**  2 permits

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

Zoning- 2 items.

Blight: following up with same properties.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 4 calls @ avg. 12.8 min

Pride Care- 6 calls. Avg. 3 min 13 sec. Linda reported they are having an open house tomorrow evening Nov. 12 at 6:00 pm at new facility. Also Linda read a report regarding improvements and purchases made.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: from report: 6 calls – 5 in Silver Creek and 1 in Pokagon

Pokagon VFD: Chuck reported 4 calls.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** none

**Planning Commission-**  none

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer communicated that the cemetery board met on October 20th and worked the 2016 budget. Preparations have been made for the winter months.

\*\*\* Bob moved and Gary supported to re-enlist three board members: Rick Shaffer, Rick Rankel, and Chuck Miltenberger. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Transfer station:** Open. 1 more Saturday left for the Transfer station this year- Nov 21st is the last day. We are still in need of a Transfer Station Attendant for next year.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $19,317.73 Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Linda and Renee attended the Annual Townships Meeting at the Cass County Road Commission. Projects for next year were discussed as well explanations for the various road applications and how they work.

The township board will conduct a Vision Meeting on Tuesday December 1st @ 4:30 pm to discuss projects for next year.

**New Business:**

Midwest Energy continues their fiber/ internet build out.

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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