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Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**October 9, 2019**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7 pm. by Supervisor Preston and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills, Kevin Young and Linda Preston. Member absent Renee Meiser.

Motion made by B. Shaffer second by K.Young to amend the September 26, 2019 Special minutes to combine the two documents to read as one. After the opening and closing of the public hearing, state- No comment. Then insert the resolutions that passed with motions. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by B.Shaffer second by G.Mihills to approve the Regular September 11, 2019 and Special September 18, 2019 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

-Hope Anderson Cass County Treasurer and Cynthia Gil Chief Deputy discussed with the group updates in the Treasurer’s Office, the 2nd County Land auction and the GIS software.

-Christina Davis stated that she is interested in becoming Deputy Clerk and running for Clerk in 2020.

-Dawn & Kurt Orpurt operate a non-profit horse-riding ministry on Barron Lake Road. Their next phase is the construction of a barn. Dawn asked if the Board would consider a reduction of the building permit fee. Motion made by B.Shaffer second by G.Mihills to waive the zoning fee and reduce the building permit fee to $5. Roll call- Yes- Shaffer, Mihills, Young and Preston. Member absent Meiser.

-David & Debra Bronsan of Walters Way asked for 2014 minutes of the Public hearing held by the Planning Commission to consider a Deer Processing home occupation, they also discussed issues of use of the easement by Krueger. Supervisor Preston presented Debra with a copy of those minutes. Mr. & Mrs. Rick Krueger who operates the deer processing presented the Board with a copy of their survey that shows that he has access to Walters Way. Mr. & Mrs. Herman Wogatzke from Walters Way were present and in support of the Kruegers. Supervisor Preston will get advisement from the Attorney of the use of the driveway to the easement.

-Jacob Boyer aid to Representative Aaron Miller brought updates from the State.

-James Norris came to talk to Blight Officer True about his cars.

-Les McClelland representative of the CCRC, hoping to hire a new manager October 17.

**Reports**

**Supervisor:** MTA- New Executive Director Neil Sheridan was present at On the Road Meetings. Attended Habitat Meeting, they are taking applications for a new build. Attended Bauckham, Sparks Workshop.

**Clerk:** Absent

**Treasurer:** Reported the General fund Balance at $192,800.25 as of September 30, 2019.

Attended MTA On the Road Meeting. Still collecting 2019 Summer Taxes in the Township office with late interest added. Winter bills will be coming shortly.

**Zoning Administrator & Blight:** Joe True reported that he issued 1 zoning permit and has sent out 5 letters to offenders of Blight issues in the Township.

**Building Inspector:**  5 Building permits were issued for September.

**Building Project:** Discussed the project and what stage it is currently in.

**Cemetery Board:** Reset 10 ancient stones in Sumnerville Cemetery. Next meeting will be on Oct 15th at 7pm.

**Fire Departments:** Indian Lake 4 calls- none in Pokagon Township. Indian Lake Fire hosted the Association meeting for Sept and had Trues demonstrate hazardous clean up. Pokagon Fire had 10 calls for the month of Sept.

**ZBA Board:** No report

**Planning Commission:** Attended the joint workshop held at Silver Creek Township Hall presented by Catherine Kaufman, Atty.

**Ambulance:** SMCAS – 10 runs in August, still running in the black, working on the main station and 100% staffed.

Pride Care – 21 calls in Sept.

**Assessor:** Working on special assessments and PREs.

**Public Hearing – Indian Lake Special Assessments**

Motion by G. Mihills second by B. Shaffer to open the public hearing at 8:02 pm. All Ayes. Motion carried. There was no public comment. Bill Kays explained the Inn D Inn Dr fees. Motion by K. Young second by G. Mihills to close the public hearing at 8:09pm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Transfer Station:** Had ½ price day on 10/5/19.

**Website:** Work in progress

**Correspondence:** County Conservation Dist. Notice of permits for work on California Rd. Health Dept. sent notice of EEE spraying. Comcast program changes.

**Bills:** Bills were presented in the amount of $81,479.79 which included payment to SMCAS. Motion made by B. Shaffer second by G. Mihills to pay bills as submitted. Roll Call – Yes – Shaffer, Mihills, Young, Preston. Member absent: Meiser. Motion carried

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink Road Bridge Ribbon cutting was attended by Preston, Shaffer and Mihills.

DMK Property – Supervisor Preston received electronic copy of Quit Claim Deed and was mentioned that when original comes it will be recorded with the County and a copy of the recorded deed to be sent back to DMK.

DNR Canoe Launch is now open on Peavine St.

Indian Lake Weed & Inn D Inn Dr resolutions:

Weed District resolution #1 of 10-9-19: Motion made by G. Mihills second by K. Young to adopt resolution #1. Roll call – Yes – Shaffer, Mihills, Young, Preston. Member Absent – Meiser. Motion carried.

Inn D Inn Dr. resolution #2 of 10-9-19: Motion made by B. Shaffer second by G. Mihills to adopt resolution #2. Roll call – Yes – Shaffer, Mihills, Young, Preston. Member Absent – Meiser. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

SEMCO Energy Franchise agreement – Our Attorney suggested a 10 year from a 30-year agreement with an Opt Out clause. Motion made by G. Mihills second by B. Shaffer to adopt Ordinance #1 of 10-9-19: a 10-year agreement with SEMCO Energy with an Opt Out Clause. Roll Call – Yes- Shaffer, Mihills, Young, Preston. Member Absent: Meiser. Motion carried.

ORV use on County Road discussion – Meeting set for Nov 6th at 7pm at CCRC building.

MTA – On the Road – B. Shaffer, G. Mihills, K. Young and L. Preston all attended in Kalamazoo and all spoke in regardsto items including roads, legislative update and solar farms.

Visioning Meeting – Supervisor Preston asked of available dates for a visioning meeting to be held in late October.

Clerk Meiser provided year to date financial reports for the Board to review. The Board agreed to move the township hall tree removal out of Misc. Expense and place in Capital Outlay expense as part of the Building Project.

Motion made by G. Mihills second by B. Shaffer to make final payment to Bailey’s Asphalt in the amount of $12,671.27 towards the Inn D Inn Dr project. Roll Call – Yes – Shaffer, Mihills, Young, Preston. Member absent: Meiser. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Linda Preston/ Supervisor

Kevin Young / Treasurer