Tentative: x

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**September 11, 2019**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 7:00 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. A moment of silence was taken in recognition of 9/11.

Motion made by Bob and supported by Gary to approve the August 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brian Hake- Kruggel Lawton presented the Audit report.

Kevin Decker- Decker Insurance discussed Township policy renewal and premium. Also additional coverages that are available.

Joe Dohm- Pokagon VFD spoke and reported on the subject of discrepancies of Pride Care response times and issues that the Township should be made aware of. Comments were also shared by Chuck Bower of Pokagon VFD.

Les McClelland – Road Commission – he is commissioner for 3 townships – introduced himself, talked about road commission issues: roads, insurance.

Clark Cobb- County Commissioner – discussed Woodlands: county is holding off to see what the State is going to do.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: MTA- legislation items, Habitat (applications open), SWMPC

**Clerk:** Reported to the Board that (she) will not be administering Elections for the Township in 2020. Asked the board if there was a plan in place to prepare for that. The township and the County were informed by the Clerk about this early this year.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $284,919.81 as of August 30, 2019

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays working on deeds and transfers, splits, SAD hearing

**Building Inspector:**  Reports: 3 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True present

Zoning- 1 permit

Blight: working on issues: Starling, Smith

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 10 calls per report (Gary)

Pride Care- no report

Linda attended Berrien County Medical Control Authority – reported on that meeting.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 7 calls 3- Pokagon

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower 4 calls

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** ZBA training being offered at Silver Creek Township

**Planning Commission-** Kevin reported – Mining visits completed at all three mining pits and Kevin gave updates, new Zoning Ordinance on the website, Planning Commission had quarterly meeting, received zoning ordinance and map.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer: Bob reported that the fence is not finished at the Cemetery, Insurance check was received from Farm Bureau for the repair, September 21st is a work day, will be setting stones / 10 ancient.

**Building Project:** Work has started on the addition, Mid December completion date.

**Transfer station:** Open ½ price day October 5th.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $107,478.98. Additional checks to be processed : Kalleward Group, City of Dowagiac (Fire), Decker Agency, MTA on the Road. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink Road bridge – progressing

Par Plan Grant- $1464.00 for Cameras

InterCounty Drain – Dowagiac River / Linda attended meeting

Insurance renewal- Decker Agency 10-1-19 to 10-1-20

\*\*\* Linda moved and Gary supported to accept the proposal for insurance renewal by Decker Agency. All ayes. Carried.

DNR – Canoe launch

**New Business:**

Semco Energy Franchise – they would like to renew for 30 years. Linda will send to attorney for review.

ORV use on County Road discussion

Hearing for Special Assessments set for Inn D Inn Drive, Indian Lake Weed, and Ambulance October 9th 8:00 pm

\*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to set hearing for October 9th at 8:00 pm.

**Website:** No report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk Pokagon Township Board Minutes