Tentative: X

Approved: X

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**February 10, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Gary Mihills, Kevin Young and Renee Meiser. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Supervisor Linda Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to approve the January 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb discussed the ongoing search for a County Administrator and the County Survey for ideas for the future of the Courthouse building.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended MTA conference as (outgoing)past President, attended courthouse building meeting, and pipeline meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- Attended MTA conference, gave election updates / student election inspectors trained by County Clerk’s office, Annual Board meeting scheduled for March 9th at 7:00 pm, 2016, IRS mileage reimbursements set at .54 from .575.

**Treasurer:** Kevin –attended MTA conference.

Reported Gen Fund balance at $362,508.89 as of January 31,2016.

Winter Tax collection nearing end- February 29th.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays not present. Linda reported that 2 members of the Board of Review attended training, BOR organizational meeting on March 8th (election day), Mission Hills Tax Tribunal ongoing, Poverty guidelines for hardship and application discussed.

 \*\*\*Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept the Pokagon Township Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2016 assessments. All ayes. Motion carried.

 \*\*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to accept the Pokagon Township Application for Property Tax Property Exemption. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Building Inspector:**  No report / No permits

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

Zoning- 2 permits for January

Blight: following up same properties.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 8 calls @ 12-19 min

Pride Care- None

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 3 calls per report.

Pokagon VFD: 7 calls- all Silver Creek. Gave detailed yearly report for 2015.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-** Planning Commission and the Board will be meeting February 16th and March 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm to work with Land Plan on the Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing took place on January 26th to consider request from Moose Lake Aggregates for mining operations on Barron Lake Road. The board took action on this request.

 \*\*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to grant the Conditional Use permit for Moose Lake with the 5 conditions listed. All ayes. Bob Shaffer absent. Motion carried.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer absent. No report.

**Transfer station:** Closed. Open in March weather permitting. Discussed shorter hours on Saturday 8am – noon. Linda will discuss with transfer station attendant.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $12,921.32. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

LRSB meeting on 2/10/16.

**New Business:**

Roads- discussed plans for road work in the township to submit to Cass County Road Commission for bids. Proposed to spend for 2016-2017 fiscal year 125-150k.

Linda discussed the Sink Road bridge getting State Critical funding for matching funds / move canoe launch to opposite side of road.

The township now has a ceremonial flag.

Public accuracy test for election set for Tuesday Feb 23rd at 4:30 and the Township budget meeting will take place the same day at 5:15 pm.

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn.

 Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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