Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**April 13, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday April 13, 2016 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.

Motion made by Bob and supported by Gary to approve the March 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the February 16, 2016 and March 22, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Mears from Pride Care Ambulance discussed the improvements in response time for their service as well as general information and answered questions regarding Pride Care.

Clark Cobb relayed that a new Equilization Director is on board at the County.

Aaron Miller – District 59 Michigan House Representative discussed the ongoing budget process, the Flint water crisis, the Detroit Schools financial situation, and future road funding.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attending MTA executive meeting April 14 (tomorrow), Habitat will be renewing a rehab home on Front Street Dowagiac, which will be available for a new homeowner, attended a SW MI Planning Commission meeting.

**Clerk:** Renee- attended Clerk training with other Cass County clerks for election training by the Bureau of Elections, relayed the need to purchase a new laptop for upcoming elections, asked for funds to attend MTA election training in Kalamazoo on May 24th for $101.00.

\*\*\*\* Gary moved and Bob supported a motion to purchase a new laptop for elections. All ayes. Motion carried.

\*\*\*\* Bob moved and Gary supported to pay for Clerk Election training on May 24th. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $368,213.96 as of March 31, 2016.

Winter Tax collection ended.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays : reported 20 parcels for BOR review, Hampshire Golf Club tax tribunal ongoing.

**Building Inspector:**  report- 3 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True

Zoning- 4 permits for March

Blight: Crystal Springs Road, Edwards Street, Pokagon St (burned house), following up same properties.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 5 calls 1 @ 17 min 4@11-12 minutes / Gary mentioned that SMCAS is asking for additional millage.

Pride Care- 11 calls avg time 5.49 minutes

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 5 calls per report. All Silver Creek

Pokagon VFD: 5 calls

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-** Planning Commission and the Board will be meeting April 26th at 6:00 pm to work with Land Plan on the Zoning Ordinance.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported that the Board will have a work day on May 7th and will be setting flags at all 3 cemeteries on May 21st. Linda communicated that the 4H group will be there for clean up this coming weekend with nicer weather, Bob asked that the township provide pizza and refreshments for the kids work.

\*\*\*\*Bob moved and Kevin supported to pay for pizza and refreshments for the 4H group after they clean up at the cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Transfer station:** Open. Changed hours on Saturday 8am – noon. 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $19,557.29 plus the 25% road commission payment, Board of Review payroll checks (3) and MTA payment for Clerks class. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Linda attended Road Commission meeting and relayed information regarding upgrades to seal options on some roads.

**New Business:**

Carol Hatter would like to rent the Hall on July 30th. The board approved to allow. Application will be mailed.

Linda will be using the hall on April 24, 2016.

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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