Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**December 14, 2016**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday December 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Kevin Young, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer and Gary Mihills. Supervisor Linda Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Bob and supported by Gary to approve the November 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes, November 14 and December 6 special meeting minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb- County Commissioner spoke about the Courthouse- future plan / use of courthouse building. More meetings and discussions are scheduled in January and February 2017.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: SW MI Planning Commission meeting, Supervisor Meeting, ribbon cutting/City of Dowagiac, MTA.

**Clerk:** Renee- Election recount/State of Michigan, Asked auditor for assistance to set up Michigan Withholding tax for payroll.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $331,470.16 as of November 30, 2016.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays: not present- Board of Review on 12-13-16 with 5 changes.

**Building Inspector:**  1 permit

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True – not present – Linda read report.

Zoning- 1 permit / site plan

Blight: 5 cars removed

The hours for the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator on Monday nights were reviewed by the Board with Don and Joe. It was proposed that the available hours would remain at 2 ½ hours but changed from 6:30 – 9:00 pm to 5:00 -7:30 pm effective immediately ( December 19th, 2016)

\*\* Linda moved and Bob supported to change the Monday evening hours for the Building inspector and zoning administrator to 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm beginning December 19th, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- November – per report (Gary) 4 calls 11,13,13,14 minutes

Pride Care- 5 calls – under 9 minutes

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 7 calls 5 in Silver Creek , 0 in Pokagon, 2 Tribal

Pokagon VFD: 5 calls per Chuck Bower

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-**  Met @quarterly meeting on previous night 12-13-16. Set schedule for next year as: June 13, 2017- Sept 12, 2017- Dec 12, 2017- March 13, 2018 @ 6:00 pm. Reviewed the proposed zoning map from Land Plan.

**Cemetery Board:**  Burned brush at Sumnerville Cemetery and had 1 burial.

**Transfer station:** Closed.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Gary to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $32,283.75. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bauckham Sparks seminar re: Medical marijuana /township board and planning commission will need to have future discussion regarding laws on dispensaries within the township.

Road projects for 2017 will need to be decided in January.

**New Business:**

none

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Renee Meiser, Clerk