Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**January 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Roll call of members showed the following members present: Linda Preston, Kevin Young, Renee Meiser, and Gary Mihills. Absent: Bob Shaffer. Supervisor Linda Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Cobb- County Commissioner – discussed new commissioners sworn in.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: MTA/Policy governance meeting

**Clerk:** Renee- Updates on voting equipment replacement from the Bureau of Elections.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $354,065.80 as of December 31, 2016.

Taxes due Feb. 28th.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays: working on assessment notices for next year. Need to adopt poverty guidelines and asset standards. All ayes. Motion carried.

\*\*\* Linda moved and Gary supported to accept the poverty guidelines and asset standard recommended by federal government.

**Building Inspector:**  No permits.

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True

Zoning- no permits

Blight: 1 call for trash

The hours for the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator on Monday nights are working out well so far.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- December- no report / no meeting

Pride Care- 13 calls / avg 7.4 minutes.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 6 calls all Silver Creek

Pokagon VFD: 10 calls per Chuck Bower Total for 2016 – 61 calls.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Zech Hoyt resigned/ moved out of township. Linda suggested Dan Stuglik as a replacement.

\*\*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to accept Dan Stuglik as a new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Zech Hoyt. All ayes. Motion carried.

January 18th there will training for the ZBA.

**Planning Commission-**  No activity

**Cemetery Board:**  No activity

**Transfer station:** Closed.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $14,315.71. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

We have received the aerial photos from Cass County. Some of them need to be reprinted on quality paper.

**New Business:**

April Meeting Date: The April 12th Board meeting will be changed to April 19th to accommodate the boards attendance to the MTA conference in Lansing.

\*\*\* Gary moved and Kevin supported to change the April board meeting date to April 19th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Annual meeting date set for March 8, 2017.

\*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to set the Annual meeting date for March 8, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

Salary Resolution for the 2017-2018 budget year will be adjusted at the Annual meeting.

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Renee supported to set the Salary Resolution for 2017-2018 at the Annual meeting on March 8, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed road projects for 2017. Linda will submit the list for bids to see where we are with costs to budget.

Linda questioned whether the township wants to allow Totzke’s to use the Landfill road for logging. The board will discuss further at a future meeting when Linda has more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Renee Meiser, Clerk