Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**April 19, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday April 19, 2017 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 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the March 21st (Land Plan) special meeting and March 21st, 2017 special meeting (Board) minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended SWMPC-CEDS meeting, Habitat, MTA - NATaT

**Clerk:** Clerk shared communication from Leader Publications regarding “The Watchdog” addition to the papers that will report township news, mentioned Midwest Energy service charge increases, littering on California Road – response from Cass County Road Commission is that it is the landowner’s responsibility.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $317,788.00 as of March 31, 2017.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays read the March BOR report.

**Building Inspector:**  2 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True

Zoning- 4 permits for March

Blight: updates on blight issues

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 7 calls @ 12-15 min. Gary reported they have 2 new ambulances on the road

Pride Care- 6 calls

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 3 calls

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower present / 6 calls

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-**

A public hearing was held April 18, 2017 considering an application from Verizon regarding a cell tower on California Road. The Planning Commission will advise the board when an updated letter from the FAA is received regarding the “no hazard to air navigation” in order to recommend support of the application.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported the Cemetery board will meet May 6th & May 20th to set flags for Memorial Day. The 4-H group completed their volunteer work at the cemetery and the board unanimously requests reimbursement to the 4-H club for pizza and pop.

 \*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to reimburse the 4H club for pizza and pop for the work day they devoted at the cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Transfer station:** Open. 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $42,951.75. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Perkins Property – action on hold

4 contracts: Sink Road, Klumbis Road, Commercial & Park Place were submitted to the Cass County Road Commission.

Crystal Springs bridge closing May 1st

Jody @ Cass County did some work on the Assessors computer. The computer needs to be updated as soon as we find out what the system requirements are. Also, backup options are being reviewed with Jody for the Clerks computer.

**New Business**

Mining permits reviewed and considered by the board for Kulwicki- NCSC and Yerington Brothers. These two were approved by the Planning commission and forwarded to the board. Both have completed the applications and paid the fee.

 \*\*\* Gary moved and Bob supported to approve the mining permits for 2017 for Kulwicki-NCSC and Yerington Brothers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fees have not been received from Kalin or Moose Lake- therefore the permits for 2017 are not active.

The I &M franchise agreement has been renegotiated to be more favorable to the township. The agreement is written for 10 years. A new ordinance #0419-01 was adopted.

 \*\*\* Gary moved and Bob supported to approve the new ordinance #0419-01 Franchise Agreement for I&M. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Linda wrote a letter in support of a Berrien Township Grant Application

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn.

 Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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