Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**July 12, 2017**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday July 12, 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 Kevin to approve the June 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented and the June 27, 2017 special meeting minutes with correction. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerry Bement- he is at the far end of the SMCAS service area. He feels it is in the best interest of the township to negotiate with SMCAS. The township has “free riders” some that pay no $20 fee. Also mentioned that internet service workers should pay and that he hopes the township will use discretion to waive the fee in some cases of hardship.

Sam Maxedon- stated that SMCAS is a high rated ambulance service and that Pride Care has a poor reputation, low pay and that they will hire low level employees to fill needed positions. 20% is a steep increase. It was established that the change was to a 20.00 per parcel – not a 20% overall increase.

Linda Kramb- has experience with Pride Care and received good care & professional service. She is not anti SMCAS or anti Pride Care – just anti increase.

Dave Kramb- asked about the option of millage

Anne Davis- stated that everyone will have different views about the services based on their own personal experiences.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: Habitat House in Dowagiac on Front Street is available, SWMPC Meeting

**Clerk:** Audit work complete – Auditor may present at August meeting. Waiting on information regarding election equipment delivery and training.

**Treasurer:**

Reported Gen Fund balance at $219,284.91 as of June 30, 2017. Tax collections have started.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays – Absent BOR is July 18th.

**Building Inspector:**  4 permits

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:** Joe True – Absent

Zoning- 9 items

Blight: continuing on same issues.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 5 calls

Pride Care- 22 calls avg.7.35 minutes Semi Annual meeting on June 16th Linda & Gary attended

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer present / 5 calls Pancake breakfast August 6 & September 3rd

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower present / 5 calls

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-**  Kevin reported the Planning Commission meets August 29th to review maps

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported normal business.

**Transfer station:** Open. 1st and 3rd Saturdays. 8 am to noon. No longer accepting tires.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $39,156.17. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink road bridge update – Linda provided explanation of project and canoe launch

Crystal Springs bridge update – starting back up approx. July 17th. Linda provided explanation of project

Pokagon Township Board will host Kalamazoo Charter Township Board for a visit on July 19th 2017

 There were many new faces in the audience this evening, so explanations were given regarding each above mentioned item.

**New Business**

Re: Ambulance Service sections 25-36 Brian Scribner in attendance

No change in service or rates at this time with SMCAS per contract

The board set the millage hearing date for August 9th, 2017 @8:00 pm

 \*\*\*\*Linda moved and Kevin supported to set the millage hearing date for August 9th at 8:00 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sam Maxedon thanked the board for their work and service.

Linda moved and Gary supported to adjourn.

 Meeting adjourned at 8.25 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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