Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

**August 8, 2018**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday August 8, 2018 at 7:00 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 Gary and supported by Bob to approve the July 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:**  Linda: attended Habitat open House on Front St Dowagiac (home transfer), 1st Par Plan meeting

**Clerk:** Renee- reported election results of previous day – 351 votes incl. 46 absentees, straight ticket voting ban for November struck down / voters will have the option to vote a straight ticket by checking a box, no road commission check for 25% remaining was processed as projects are not all completed.

Auditor probably presenting next month.

**Treasurer:**

Kevin reported Gen Fund balance at $321,554.09 as of July 31, 2018. Tax collection is underway.

Kevin expressed that the County and residents lost a great person and Treasurer in Linda Irwin.

**Assessor:**  Bill Kays: Reported that July Board of Review – 17 petitions

L-4029 / Headlee rollback- General fund millage set at .7726

 \*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to approve the General fund millage for 2018 at .7726. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

**Building Inspector:**  Report for July shows 2 permits.

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:**  Joe True not present

Zoning- no permits for July

Blight: tagged 18 cars-working on 2 other neighbor complaints (chickens), issued 2 citations and forwarded to court and attorney.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS- 4 calls – Gary reported they received new ambulance.

Pride Care- 12 calls – Linda reported.

CVBESA – Election of officers. Linda and Bill Kays re-elected.

 \*\*\* Public hearing for Ambulance & Fire took place at 8:00 pm and adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: 10 calls per Doug Shaffer/ report provided- 2 in Pokagon Township

Pokagon VFD: 6 calls per Chuck Bower

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** None

**Planning Commission-** Received attorney’s comments and review of Land Plan / Ordinance / Planning Commission has regular meeting in September. May meet prior to that.

**Cemetery Board:**  Bob Shaffer reported 1 burial. Two trees removed at Sumnerville and cleaned up by Kachur Tree Service. Doug/Bob reported and shared burial fee increases. There was discussion to repay the General fund for some of the tree removal done this year.

 \*\*\* Bob moved and Kevin supported to transfer $4500.00 from the Cemetery fund to the General fund to cover the most recent tree work done (July 2018). All ayes. Motion carried.

**Transfer station:** Open. Transfer station closed early on 8/4 due to Republic not emptying roll off/dumpster.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Bob and supported by Kevin to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $24,983.44. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Picnic tables for pavilion- purchased and delivered

Sink Road bridge- Linda provided letter of support – from the 2010 agreement the amount was $5000.00 for the township commitment.

Barron Lake speed review – Linda read email from Cass County Road Commission stating the options. Resident Sylvia Phillips was present at the meeting. Sylvia originally brought the issue to the board and sheriff’s department. It was decided to ask for 2 – 45 mph signs to be posted.

Fire and Ambulance resolutions were presented.

**New Business:**

Roof was patched in leaking spot

Wightman & Associates Feasibility Study was presented to the board for review.

Pokagon Land Co- Claiming easement. Township is asking resident to provide to us.

MTA on the Road Meeting – Oct 17th. At the Fetzer Center Kalamazoo- Expenses to be covered for any board member wishing to attend.

 \*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to approve related expenses to attend MTA on the Road in Kalamazoo on October 17, 2018 for any board member interested. All ayes. Carried.

Crystal Springs bridge - dedication planning

Hall Rental requests – people are requesting use of the Township Hall and / or pavilion for next year. At this time we are asking they call after January 1st to make reservations.

We need to work on the rental rules, procedures, fees, signage, maintenance, oversight of the rental program. The board decided to dedicate a meeting to plan this: August 28th at 4:00 pm.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Renee Meiser / Clerk

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Public Hearing regarding Fire/Ambulance Millages

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday August 8, 2018 at 8:00 pm as posted. Members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills, and Kevin Young.

Linda read the Resolutions:

Resolution #1 8-08-18 Ambulance

Pride Care North Section 1-24 $0

SMCAS South Section 25-36 $20.00 per occupied parcel

No public comment

 \*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to accept Resolution #1 8-08-18. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution #2 8-08-18 Fire – 3 districts

Dowagiac 4.2 mills

Indian Lake 2.25 mills

Pokagon 2.25 mills

No public comment

 \*\*\* Linda moved and Bob supported to accept Resolution #2 8-08-18. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public hearing closed at 8:05 pm.

Renee Meiser, Clerk