Tentative: X

Approved:

**Pokagon Township Board Minutes**

**December 12, 2018**

The meeting of the Pokagon Township Board was called to order on Wednesday December 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Roll call of members showed all members present: Linda Preston, Renee Meiser, Bob Shaffer, Gary Mihills, and Kevin Young. Supervisor Preston opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Gary Mihills and supported by Bob Shaffer to approve the November 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes and November 8 and November 27, 2018 special meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cass County Sheriff Richard Behnke spoke about recreational marijuana & dispensaries.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor:** Linda attended Habitat meeting, MTA – interview process for Executive Director, LRSB Audit, Department of State Police- report of forfeiture- none in Township

**Clerk:** Organizing election supplies & equipment

**Treasurer:** Kevin Young reported general fund balance at $445,977.24

Tax bills are out, dog tag registrations are online, not selling tags at Pokagon Township at this time.

Treasurer’s office would like to extend, as has been done in the past, the winter tax season/collections to February 28th 2019, without penalty and interest.

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Gary supported to extend the Winter tax season/collections to February 28th, 2019 without penalty & interest. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Assessor:**

Bill Kays- BOR met 12-11-18. 3 appeals

Board of Review members need to be re-appointed.

\*\*\* Linda moved and Bob supported to re-appoint: Ron Shrout, Jerry Bement, and Rick Rankel to the Board of Review for two year terms 2019 to 2021.

**Building Inspector:**

2 permits in November

**Zoning Administrator& Blight:**

Zoning- 1 permit in November

Blight: 4 letters sent. Re: cars, Baldwin property, Krebs: trees,brush,grass, Smiths (old M-62) dogs, outside materials, McKnight: cars. Making progress.

**Ambulance:**

SMCAS-Gary Mihills reported 6 calls

Pride Care- Linda read the report – 16 calls @ 4 min avg.

**Fire Department:**

Indian Lake: Doug Shaffer- 4 calls in November

Pokagon VFD: Chuck Bower reported 4 calls in November

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

No ZBA Hearings.

ZBA appointment – member needed

\*\*\* Linda moved and Bob supported to appoint Mike Freeman to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to re-appoint Minnie Warren and Rozanne Scherr. All ayes. Carried.

**Planning Commission-**

Quarterly meeting was 12/4/18

Changes/corrections to the new Zoning ordinance was sent to Land Plan. A date will be set in January to review and finalize.

Re-appointment to the Planning Commission needs to be made

\*\*\* Linda moved and Kevin supported to re-appoint to the Planning Commission: Vickie Wood. All ayes. Carried.

**Cemetery Board:**

Bob Shaffer reported Cemetery business: Set for winter. No burials.

**Transfer station:** Closed. Need to update price sheet for transfer station, we no longer accept tires, discussed better ways to advertise ½ price days – possibility of Pokagon Fire Department advertising on their digital sign.

**Bills:**

Motion made by Gary and supported by Bob to pay bills as submitted in the amount of $34,418.19. Motion carried by roll call vote.

\*\* Clerk requested approval of Semco Gas Bill, which sometimes arrives after checks for the month are processed and approval for Wightman Associates for Feasibility Study. Approved. Amounts will be presented to the board in January.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sink Road Bridge- Jan 4th 2018 – let out for bids

MTPP Grant Application – for Fall Material (playground) – Grant was sent in

DMK Donation Proposal- 2.61 acre vacant lot donation to township discussed

\*\*\* Kevin moved and Bob supported for Linda to proceed with $200.00 title search on property. All ayes. Carried.

Walker LOU (Letter of Understanding) – Township received payment ($200.00) from Linda Walker for LOU provided by our Attorney.

Wightman & Associates provided a 3rd option for offices in front of building for review. Board is waiting for cost estimates from Wightman for discussion.

**New Business:**

Pokagon Land Company- extended thanks for clean-up of right of way / road and interest in purchasing property from Township if it should become available for sale. Township not considering any sale of transfer station property at this time.

Recreational Marihuana /Marijuana: Ordinance to Opt-out.

Linda read the “Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance”. Discussion regarding opting-out / prohibiting facilities within the township.

\*\*\* Bob moved and Gary supported to adopt by resolution the Prohibition of Marihuana/Marijuana Establishments Ordinance for Pokagon Township, Cass County, Michigan. Ordinance # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried by Roll call. All ayes.

Linda moved, Gary supported to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Renee Meiser, Clerk