

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2024 Approved Pat MacLachlan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Portage Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Reed.

Board members present: Holbrook, McKeage, Reed and MacLachlan

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion McKeage; second MacLachlan to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes

Motion McKeage; second Holbrook to approve the minutes of the 5/14/24 regular meeting and 6/4/24 Budget Workshop minutes. All ayes

Motion Reed, second McKeage to approve the bills as presented. Including payroll and 23/24 admin fees. All ayes.

Candidates running for elected office on the August Primary ballot introduced themselves to the board and meeting guests. Hillary Vowell, Mackinac county clerk, Lester Livermore, Mackinac county treasurer, Frank Buckley, Portage Twp. trustee, Pat MacLachlan, Portage Twp. Clerk, Andrea McKeage, Portage Twp. treasurer, Edgar Holbrook, Portage Twp. Trustee, Eric Wiegand, Portage Twp. supervisor.

Reports

Clerk-Astrea has been purchased by Charter Communications. Portage Township received a 2% funding grant from Sault Tribe Casino funds to purchase a GaGa pit for the Learning Center playground. Accumed wrote off \$5,056.67 in uncollectable debt from EMS, this was per the township board decision. Curtis Chamber has requested to place a refrigerator and freezer in the community building to store items for their monthly brunches, ok with board.

Treasurer- Written report given to board. 2024TAS contract with Portage Township to collect school taxes was given to supervisor to sign.

EMS-20 calls.

Planning- A meeting is planned for June 18.

Fire- 0 calls. VFG grant for turn out gear was received.

Library- Summer reading programs are starting. The Library would like to use the community building on Thursday, July 18. The front steps/porch of the library are in poor/dangerous condition. Reed commented that it may need a total replacement.

Park & Rec- Hubbard referred to the items on the agenda for the Pickle Ball court upgrade.

Building/Zoning-Alberts said many permits for small projects have been submitted. He is currently filling in as building inspector in Garfield Township.

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Action items

Old Business-

- 1. Discussion between Board and many Pickle ball players attending the meeting. Motion MacLachlan; second Holbrook to approve the resurfacing of the tennis/Pickle ball courts per the quote of \$44,500.00 from Pro Surfaces. All ayes.**

New Business-

- 1. Motion Holbrook; second Reed to approve the 2024/25 Portage Township budget as presented. Includes raises for EMS, recreation area upgrades and purchase of a new mower. All ayes.**
- 2. Motion MacLachlan; second McKeage to adopt proposed run and Station pay raises for EMS effective as of the 7/1/24 pay period. Driver \$15/run, EMT \$50/run, MEDIC \$75/run. Station EMT \$13/hr, Station MEDIC \$17/ hr. All ayes.**
- 3. Motion MacLachlan; second Reed to accept the MCRC contract for \$98,241.90 for improvements to Sandtown Road. All ayes.**
- 4. Motion Holbrook; second McKeage to approve a fireworks permit to Night Magic for the 7/6/24 Independence Day celebration. All ayes.**
- 5. Motion Reed; second Holbrook to approve the 2024/25 EMS contract with Newton Township for EMS services of 1.25 mils. All ayes.**
- 6. Board confirmed July BOR date of Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**
- 7. Board accepted recreation Committee request to contract with EUP Regional Planning to administer a survey for input on recreation improvements in Portage Township. Cost is \$1,500.**

Public Comment

- Who bought Astrea?
- -What is the status of Highline service on Long Point?
- Soder shared information from the Mackinac County EDC.
- What's going to happen to all the dead ash trees?
- -Is there enough room in the EMS house for 2 people to stay there?

Adjourn 8:14 p.m.