

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2022 Approved

Pat MacLachlan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Portage Township Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Reed.

Board members present: Holbrook, McKeage, Abram, Reed and MacLachlan,
Also present were: Commissioner Jim Hill.

Motion Holbrook; support McKeage to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes

Motion Holbrook; support McKeage to approve the minutes of the 8/9/22 regular meeting with the following corrections: Public Comment- Reed- "spoke with MCRC **before the meeting**".

McKeage- "concerns about **the Long Point** shoulders"

Add- "gravel dumped on Ketola Road"

All ayes.

Motion McKeage; support to approve the 8/23/22 special meeting minutes. All ayes.

Motion McKeage; support Abram to approve the bills as presented. General \$18,562.20, plus payroll \$10,544.01, EMS \$31,578.11, includes \$15,919.45 payroll. All ayes.

Reports:

Treasurer- Written bank balance report given to Board. Treasurer's office open tomorrow 9-5 to receive Summer tax payments. Spoke with Bill Sanders about fishing pier project and things are moving forward.

Commissioner

Clerk-

Ambulance- Lt. Kohvakka gave the report. 29 runs in July. The annual state inspection was completed in July and the license renewal is forthcoming. There will be new EMT & Medic classes offered this fall through SMH.

Jim Dickie shared his experience with Portage Township EMS response in January. He presented a \$1,000 donation to the EMS. He also suggested that the "North Road" should be completed as it would benefit emergency responses if there was a reason they could not get through town.

Parks- Bernie Hubbard shared that we are still working with DNR on the swimming beach project.

Road Committee- Written report of 7/22/22 meeting was provided to the board.

Library- SDL has requested that Portage Township Library assess an \$80.00 non-resident fee to Lakefield, Columbus and Germfask residents that use the Portage Township Library. Linda feels that that cost would be a barrier to library usage. She suggested that \$25 would be a more reasonable fee and would like to suggest that amount to SDL with Portage Township Board approval.

Motion by Holbrook; support McKeage to give permission for the Potage Township Library manager request a \$25.00 non-resident usage fee to SDL.

All ayes.

Building/Zoning- Very slow month, only 1 permit.

Action items

1. Long Point Road status was discussed during the 1st public comment period.
 2. Assessor Paula Fillman gave a status of the AMAR corrective action plan. The State has accepted our proposal and gave a 12/31/22 deadline for the initial work.
- Motion MacLachlan; support Holbrook to contract with Doug Volz at \$40.00 per property card, to assist with the AMAR corrective action plan. All ayes.

- 3. Lt. Kohvakka shared information about a new ambulance purchase. We could apply for a \$50,000 USDA grant and receive \$15,000 trade in value toward a new rig. Supervisor Reed suggested they get with Captain Wiegand to get a better handle on it and bring something back to the Board in September.**
- 4. Motion Holbrook; support McKeage to accept the bid from Charlie Abram for tree removal at Watts Stamper Park. All ayes.**

Public Comment # 2- None

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.