

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 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, Reed, Abram and MacLachlan.

Also present: Commissioner Jim Hill.

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

Motion Holbrook; support MacLachlan to approve the minutes of the 8/8/22 regular meeting with corrections. All ayes. Motion McKeage; support MacLachlan 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 \$22,702.30 payroll,. All ayes.

Reports:

Treasurer- Written bank balance report given to Board. The DNR will visit the Third Bridge Fishing Pier site this week as part of NRTF grant process.

Clerk- Election is November 8, ballots will be available at the end of September. Clerk will be out of the office October 10-12.

Ambulance- Captain Wiegand gave EMS report. 17 calls in August. He has contacted several ambulance brokers but only one replied. Noted that Life Link will increase prices in October.

Treasurer McKeage noted that she spoke with Vehicles + and they have available rigs on their lots.

Fire- Julie Burton said fire had a mutual aid call with Germfask. Also noted that the McGahn Road is bad.

Building/Zoning- Some permits issued, things are slowing down. The 3 lots that are < 1 acre on Wild Leek Lane are talking with adjoining landowner to sell some property across the street to make a full 1 acre lot. A ZBA is scheduled to address a zoning denial.

Library- Written report.

Supervisor- Maps from Equalization (\$280) for AMAR have been delivered. Supervisor Reed met with Mackinac County Sheriff Deputy and Mr. Snyder to discuss the ongoing disputes between neighbors on Sandtown Road. Reminder to call the supervisor on his cell as he is usually not in the office.

Action items

Old Business:

- 1. Information shared about the Planning Commission 2022 Zoning Amendment process and public hearing.**
- 2. Supervisor shared that the trees were removed at Watts Stamper Park and that 3 stumps needed to be ground and 5 need to be pulled due to potential problems when the road is paved.**
- 3. AMAR update- Supervisor and Doug Volz visited the vacant land sale properties and will give the findings to the assessor.**

New Business:

- 1. Motion MacLachlan; support McKeage to approve the 2022 L-4029 as presented. All Ayes.**
- 2. Supervisor Reed presented 2 revised MCRC contracts for 10-10-10- gravel. The total bills were Sandtown- \$5,000 and "Various roads" \$5,000. Motion Holbrook; support Abram to approve the contracts as presented. All ayes.**
- 3. Board consensus to place the ad for snowplowing in the paper for two weeks.**

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Public Comment

-Hope the Township board will really consider the future of the Township.

-Grave concern regarding the consequences in the long term, of the decisions made, especially to the environment.

-Long Point Road condition is a real issue.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.