

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2023 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, Abram and MacLachlan,

Motion MacLachlan; support Abram to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes

Motion McKeage; support Holbrook to approve the minutes of the 2/14/23 regular meeting. All ayes

Motion McKeage; support Abram to approve the bills as presented. EMS payroll \$13,747.57, Township payroll \$9,147.76, General \$13,949.75, Fire \$587.50, EMS \$18,814.66, Library \$3,475.60. All ayes

Reports

Treasurer- Written report given to board, EMS and General Fund C.D. s roll over today.

Clerk- Reminded board about MTA Conference registration. Update of Veteran Wall names to be done prior to Memorial Day. EMS Medicare recertification paperwork is complete and ready to submit. Note dust control price quote list from MCRC is in board member boxes.

Trustees- Holbrook said new Library reading room furnace has been installed. New security locks on EMS/Fire barn and garage have been installed. 3rd bridge fishing pier permit has been approved by DNR.

EMS- 18 calls. Luce County Ambulance has gone to 2 paramedics per run. Our staffing is at a low level with 1 paramedic moving away and one paramedic going on a medical leave for 8 weeks. Kinross is considering creating an EMS Authority.

Some public comment was given during the EMS reports.

EMS Committee- Dave Dietz gave an update on the recent meetings. There are complex issues at EMS. The committee will bring recommendations to the board. The EMS staff is overworked and need more help.

Park & Rec- Still waiting for DNR action on 3rd bridge project.

Library- New furnace is working great! Spring and summer programing is in the works.

Building/Zoning- 2 permits issued for property on the end of Shoepac. Demo permit and new garage build permit to be issued for Scott Whitman property on Main Street. Meeting 3/22 at LMAS to review new well & septic construction guidelines.

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Action items

Old Business-

- 1. Copies of the proposed new SDL contract were provided by Reed to board members prior to meeting. Board discussion on SDL contract content and status of negotiations. Reed to talk with Lisa Waskin.**
- 2. Motion Reed; support Abram to disregard the proposal for attachment of power on 14 streetlight poles. All ayes**
- 3. No action taken to interview/hire a new assessor. Only one letter of interest/resume received. Reed to reach out to 2 others who were recommended to him.**

New Business-

- 1. Discussion of possible request for Omnibus "earmark" funds for Sandtown Road upgrades. Consensus to not pursue at this time. Other funding options will be investigated.**

Public Comment

- Alberts is helping newly hired Garfield Twp. Building inspector.
- Diesel fuel tank in the township parking lot needs repair/replacement. Hose is brittle. Is Manistique oil able to replace?

Motion Holbrook/Abram to adjourn 8:35.m.