

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 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 McKeage; support Holbrook to approve the amended agenda that includes #4 Women's Club. All ayes

Motion McKeage; support Holbrook to approve the minutes of the 3/14/23 regular meeting. All ayes

Motion McKeage; support Abram to approve the bills as presented. EMS payroll \$13,227.45, Township payroll \$8941.50, General \$13,293.88, Fire \$13.99, EMS \$20,920.87, Road Debt \$220,262.49. All ayes

Reports

Treasurer-Written report given to board, C.D. s roll over at 4.1%.

Clerk- Working on election preparation and ballot wording to be approved at the May board meeting. Waiting on our Spark Grant score and resubmission dates.

Trustees-Holbrook-School flooring has been chosen and will be installed in July.

Abram- Resident request to fix drainage at Sandtown & N. Gould City Rd. Ditch needs to be cleaned out. Reed to contact MCRC garage.

Library-Linda shared that at the March 23, 2023 SDL board meeting it was decided that the SDL Board would not be renegotiating the contract for service with Portage Township.

We will need to gather information about the options available to keep the Curtis Library open. Issues to be considered include the additional costs as a standalone library, bank balances/ownership of funds. Linda suggested we contact the Library Law Specialist at the State of Michigan.

Reed shared that he previously spoke with the SDL director and the SDL board chairman.

Building/Zoning- Attended the LMAS meeting re: septic & well updates.

Fire- 1 run, annual pump and maintenance test was completed. 10 new SCBA units are needed at a cost of \$85,000.

EMS- 12 calls/16 patients. The '09 rig needs airlift repair. Scheduling is at 80% ALS coverage.

Action items

Old Business-

1. **Library Contract status was discussed as part of the Library report given at the beginning of the meeting by Linda Blanchard. Board is waiting for written confirmation of SDL decision.**

New Business-

1. **EMS Committee presented their recommendations. Chairman Dietz read the report to the Board and public. Comments were made by the public and board members about the report.**
2. **June 10, 2023 was selected as Clean Up Day, 9a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be no additional cost to taxpayers for the service. All ayes**
3. **Motion Reed; support McKeage to apply for an EGLE electronics recycle grant. All ayes**
4. **Marge Wicks shared that the Women's Club would donate \$1000 toward purchasing banner decorations on the streetlights.**

Public Comment

- 99% of EMS in Michigan run with 2 personnel.
- Ask Mackinac County for funds as ALS is too expensive for the township.
- Are grants available to fund EMS?
- Can a Plan of Action for EMS be brought to the next board meeting?
- How do we get more EMS staff? We are wasting dollars on duplicate pay.
- EMS Committee did well on their report.
- Gaps in pavement on Main Street are getting worse. Who is on the Big Lake Dam Committee and when do they meet?
- Wildfires can easily happen. Please don't burn until things green up.

Supervisor Report- We need to look at med control options. Reed and Holbrook spoke with Dr. Vix about HNJH Med Control. We still do not have an assessor at this time. Discussions with a few possible candidates are ongoing.

Motion to adjourn 8:50 p.m.