

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023 Approved

Pat MacLachlan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Portage Township Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Reed.

Board members present: Holbrook, McKeage, Reed and MacLachlan

Guests: Jennifer Goudreau, Mackinac County Treasurer and Jodi Kaiser, Mackinac County Commissioner.

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

Motion McKeage; support Holbrook to approve the minutes of the 8/8/23 regular meeting. All ayes

Motion McKeage; support Holbrook to approve the bills as presented. EMS payroll \$19,051.50, Library payroll \$2450.50, Township payroll \$12469.57, General \$24,466.22, Roads \$85,525.30, Fire \$45.00, EMS \$24,835.82, Library \$3,558.43. All ayes

### **Reports**

Clerk-Gave November election progress status. Noted that there are 13 months remaining on current board terms. Every effort should be made to complete projects and programs tabled and make good on the promises made to the public.

Treasurer- Written report given to board. Office will be open Thursday 9-5 for payment of July tax bills. Working on township web site, also with Bill Sanders on the fishing pier projects. The stop sign at Diller Road is still obstructed from view.

Supervisor spoke with Bill Sanders and is wondering what is going on.

Trustee – Holbrook is still waiting to get bids on replacement doors for Learning Center.

Building/Zoning- Some new permits, but mostly inspecting projects that are being completed.

Planning- Committee will meet before the next board meeting.

Library- Linda will be attending a library conference in S.S. Marie on Thursday.

EMS- 17 calls. State inspection was completed and updates to OSHA and MIOSHA need to be included in Portage EMS policies. Rigs are being rotated for maintenance. A medic who has been off our roster, has returned, short term.

Fire- 3 runs.

Roads- Committee met and the fall road ride is planned for October. Striping of new paved roads and Wolf and Long Point issues were discussed. Carlson Rd. almost complete. N. Gould City and Sandtown ditching will be done.

**Action items**

**Old Business-**

- 1. Supervisor to call Fred Burton re: EMS Contract for 23/24.**
- 2. Reed & Holbrook to follow up re: 23/24 contract & proof of insurance.**
- 3. Reed & Holbrook to talk to TAS Superintendent Price re: church property status.**
- 4. Reed to follow up on dock prices.**
- 5. S. McKeage said Planning Committee will meet in October to review amendments to Zoning.**

**New Business-**

- 1. Motion Reed, support McKeage to approve the 2023 Portage Township L-4029 as presented. All ayes.**
- 2. Motion McKeage; support Reed to place ads for 23/24 snowplowing bids. All ayes.**
- 3. Motion Holbrook; support McKeage to place an ad for letters of interest to serve on the Portage Township Library Board. Ad to run for 2 weeks. All ayes.**
- 4. Motion MacLachlan; support McKeage to hire Lee Wilburn as the Portage Township building and grounds caretaker as of 9/5/23. All ayes**

**Public Comment**

- Thank you to PT fire & ems for their great care.
- Why the delay in the fishing pier access sites construction?
- When the Road Committee does their ride, please note issues on Long Point Road. Please let voters know what has been completed in the next 13 months. Are the Par Plan job description templates a consistent format?
- Progress on website?
- Holes on Long Point appear to be “bubbled up” blacktop. 2023 dust control was excellent.
- What are the speed limits on the newly paved roads?

Jennifer Goudreau, County Treasurer and Jodi Kaisner, County commissioner, came to the meeting to share information about the MCRC and interest in the county to increase the road commission membership from 3 to 5 elected members with staggered terms. MCRC members plan to attend more township meetings. Discussion with board and public. More information to come.

Motion to adjourn 8:05 p.m.