

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2025 Approved

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

Board members present: McKeage, Holbrook, Sicinski, and Abram

Excused- MacLachlan

Guests – County Commissioner Daryl Schroeder

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Holbrook, second McKeage to approve agenda as presented. All Ayes

Motion McKeage, second Abram to approve the minutes of the 2.11.25 regular meeting. All ayes

Motion Sicinski, second Holbrook to approve the normal monthly bills, they were not presented. EMS payroll \$20,793.00, Township payroll \$10,778.34, Library payroll \$2686.50. All ayes

Reports

Assessor- land value analysis completed, this is an audit year, did a deep dive as Portage Twp. had failed last audit, lots of merging and updating supporting documents. Could be a messy BOR.

Planning- meeting 2.20.25, introducing new member, discussing Air B & B's and community oriented ordinances.

Building/Zoning- presented new building permit, will also provide “helping sheets “by March 1, 2025 examples would be ‘how to build a pole barn’ and ‘how to create a sight plan’.

Motion Holbrook, second Abram to approve new building permit. All ayes

Fire- 3 calls

EMS – 18 calls, both rigs up and running, Brad to follow up with county requests while captain is out.

Treasurer –written report given to board.

Library – Library board meeting is 2.12.25 at 3pm, Friends of the Library will meet 2.17.25 at 1:30pm in the library, they are holding elections, and all are welcome.

Action Items

Old Business-

- 1. H-33 metal collection site seems to be moving scrap on a regular basis.**
- 2. Video/steaming of board meetings, no action taken. Some board members questioning need for this.**
- 3. Did receive a buy/sell agreement from CATA, needs to be updated and resubmitted. Not in favor of environmental study.**
- 4. Motion Sicinski, second Holbrook to go with Macqueen for refurbishing the 2009 Ambulance with an F-450 4 x 4 Diesel at \$238,000 plus/ minus.**
- 5. Sicinski-Y, Abram-Y, McKeage- Y, Holbrook– Y.**

New Business

- 1. Motion McKeage, second Sicinski to go ahead with grant opportunity for the meadow. All ayes.**
- 2. Motion Sicinski, second McKeage to approve budget adjustments except the doors at the learning center. All ayes.**
- 3. Motion McKeage, second Sicinski to appoint Brad to interim EMS Captain until Eric returns. All ayes.**
- 4. Paid sick time policy, no action was taken.**

Public Comment-

-Daryl Schroeder, Mackinac County Commissioner, requesting attendance at the February 18, 2025 public hearing at Garfield Township Hall (6:30 pm) to expand the commissioners from a board of three to five. Plans on attending board meetings on a quarterly basis and will be available for the public an hour before hand.

- Big Manistique Lake levels will give us our beaches back, but has anyone looked into getting the boat launches dredged?

Motion Sicinski to adjourn at 8:35pm