

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

Board Members Present: D.Busman, W.Courtade, J.Key, C.Langeland, R.Liszewski, B.Sahlberg and R.Scott. Absent: None

Additional Attendees: Joel Lemieux, Vern Helder, Jon Vogel, Lori Laug and Carleen Habian.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Liszewski offering the invocation.
Supervisor Sahlberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joel Lemieux stated that he feels a proposed purchase of 40 Acres adjacent to the South Evergreen School would be a waste of taxpayer money as there are already six Ottawa County parks in this general area. Joel also mentioned that once the property is logged as proposed by the current land owner, a lot of the value and historic woods would be gone. Vern Helder gathered signatures in support for his run for the District Court Judge of the 58th district court.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

AGENDA: Courtade moved to approve the agenda as amended Scott supported. All Ayes; Approved.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Langeland moved with Courtade in support, to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from Feb 6 as amended, Bills to be paid, PC minutes of Feb 18, Fire Authority minutes Feb 11 with financials. ZBA minutes from Jan 30 & Feb 4, the Sheridan Park minutes of Feb 20 and the SE School minutes from Jan & Feb. All Ayes; APPROVED.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$142,059.82(Ck#2888-2898) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10154-10180) and WF \$25.36(Ck#1503).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: Liszewski: There are 2019 fund transfers that need to be completed yet. Choice One Bank currently has the best interest rates. Yet to determine if closing more accounts will happen.

PC Report: by Scott: Calvin Lindberg did the minutes as Jamie was out sick. The Public Hearing was held on the Essential Services proposed Ordinance. Fresh Coast will be attending the next PC meeting to begin work on the new master plan.

Fire Authority Report: by Courtade and Busman: An interactive 911 response program has been purchased for the new station, this will identify those able to respond to the call at hand. May 9, 2020 from 2-4 is the date for dedication of the new Fire Station, the occupancy permit has been received. State reporting for 2019 was 100% compliant. The fire calls are down yet rescue calls have increased up to 60 per month. The Fire Authority Financial Audit has been completed.

ZBA Report by Busman: A special meeting was held for Kevin Rowland and approved per the submitted sight plan.

Sheridan Park: by Key: Two additional picnic tables are almost completed and bird house posts replaced. Jon Vogel is interested in joining the Parks Committee.

SE Schoolhouse: Looking for a large picture of Abraham Lincoln. The Committee thanks those who donate to the School House renovation projects.

NEW PUBLICATION OF NOTICES: A resolution was presented to allow for publication of legal notices by posting in the office and on the website in lieu of publication in a paper. The costs have increased as newspaper publications change. Currently the supervisor posts to the website to keep costs down. A new web site will be coming soon and will allow for posting of minutes etc. Busman moved to approve the Resolution as presented, support from Scott. A roll call vote was requested. All Ayes. Resolution #20-3-3.

**NEW LEGAL
PUBLICATION
REQUIRE-
MENTS**

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:39 PM FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

THE MDNR GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATION and information regarding the potential purchase of prime 40 Acres of mature woods. The property has been appraised as required and is valued between \$410,000 and \$425,000. Some property in this area has been selling for up to \$35,000 per acre and residential homes in this area are increasing. While there are County Parks near by, the township has talked about preserving this area similar to our Sheridan Park which sees many visitors. The grant application would be for 75% of the purchase price of \$429,000 with the township having to match with 25% being \$107,425.

**PUBLIC
HEARING
MDNR
GRANT
APPLICATION**

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MDNR GRANT APPLICATION PH continued: Joel Lemieux asked the board if the appraisal was based on, or included timber value as that might make a difference if it is logged as there is a large value in timber on this property.

The resolution to be presented is to allow seeking of the grant funds as mentioned, it is not approval of purchase.

**MNRTF
PH
Continued**

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:57 PM

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION: Courtade moved to pursue the grant application, support from Key. A roll call vote was called, all members voting yes. Resolution#20-3-4

**RES#20-3-4
GRANT APP**

APPOINTMENT TO PARKS COMMITTEE: Busman moved to appoint Jon Vogel who was recruited and expressed interest on serving on the Parks Committee, support from Scott. All Ayes. Approved. Thank-you Jon!

**PARK COMM
APPOINTMENT**

ESSENTIAL SERVICES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – FIRST READING: As recommended by the Planning Commission. Liszewski moved to approve the first reading of the proposed amendments, removing Section 21.10 C after discussion and replacing it with a 500’ setback from adjoining property in all directions. Support from Scott. Contingent on legal review. A roll call vote was requested. All members voting yes. First reading approved, the final and second reading proposed for the April 2, 2020 meeting.

**ESSENTIAL
SERVICES
ORD
AMENDMENT
1st Reading**

SLU TIME LIMIT ORDINANCE – 2nd and Final Reading

Approved SLU’s previously ran with the land that it was approved for, however this ordinance would allow a SLU to expire if it is inactive for more than one year. This second reading was moved for approval by Busman with supported from Langeland. A roll call vote was taken, all members voting yes. Ordinance # 107-20 Approved.

**SLU TIME
LIMIT ORD
#107-20**

BARN EVENT VENUE ORDINANCE – 2nd and Final Reading: To allow for the repurposing of historical barns to be used as event venues. Scott moved to approve the second and final reading as presented with support from Langeland. A roll call vote was taken, all members voting yes. Ordinance #108-20 Approved.

**BARN
EVENT
ORD#108-20**

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REGULATORY ORDINANCE – 2nd and Final Reading: To allow for management of certain properties in our Township. Busman moved to approve this second reading as presented with support from Scott. A roll call vote was taken, all members voting yes. Ordinance #109-20 Approved.

**PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT
ORD#109-20**

50/50 ROAD GRAVEL PROJECT FOR 2020: Taft from 56th to 64th and Roosevelt from 56th to 64th were proposed. Budgeted is \$42,000. for the year. Scott moved to approve with support from Key. Approved with a 6 to 1 vote. With Langeland opposed..

**50/50
GRAVEL
PROJECT
2020**

RESOLUTIONS FOR MILLAGE RENEWAL REQUESTS: Langeland verified wording of the 3 renewal proposals with Legal Counsel. These proposals to be placed on the August 4, 2020 local primary election ballot.

**MILLAGE
RENEWALS
2020 FUNDS
ROAD
SENIOR &**

- 1.) **Road Improvement Millage Renewal Resolution** offered by Busman, support by Scott. Roll Call – All Ayes. Approved as presented. **Res#20-3-5**
- 2.) **Senior Citizen Activities and General Senior Services Resolution** offered by Scott, support from Langeland. Roll Call – All Ayes. Approved as presented. **Res#20-3-6**
- 3.) **Fire Protection Purposes Renewal Resolution** will be held until April to clarify if “Rescue” may be added to the proposal rather than requiring a “new” millage. (After thought the GF 2020 Budget allocates \$32,000. toward the Fire Fund for Rescue so technically it may not required.)

**FIRE
WORDING**

EVERSTREAM REQUESTS NEW ROW METRO PERMIT: A company named Everstream GLC Holding LLC, is requesting permission to install a fiber line for Ethernet services beginning and connecting to an existing line, at a location near Buth Farms then East along Leonard St., North on 60th Ave., to the T-Mobile Tower located at 15601-60th Ave. (deadend at I-96). Everstream was contacted and told about the recent permit issued to the OCF Landfill and their work that will also be taking place near the end of 60th Ave. It was confirmed that Everstream intendeds to install the line on the West side of 60th Ave. This should not conflict with the water line however a City Line from the waste water plant on Garfield St. does run on the west side along with an additional fiber line.

**EVERSTREAM
METRO ACT
NEW**

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EVERSTREAM continued: Legal Counsel was contacted to review the application as provided by Everstream. Legal provided a resolution and a unilateral form permit for the Board. Legal also suggested for the Township to require a bond to ensure the protection of the right-of-way and to ensure the public ROW is returned to its original condition. Key motioned to approve the resolution as presented with the additional requirement of a \$10,000 bond and to sign the Unilateral Permit Metro Act as provided by Legal. Support from Scott. A roll call vote was taken, All members voting yes. Approved. RES#20-3-7

**EVERSTREAM
METRO ACT
RES#20-3-7**

TOWNSHIP CREDIT CARD: As times change and some products are more easily available on line and with renewals of web site domain names held by companies out of country, using the office personnels own credit cards has become a concern. Liszewski presented a Resolution/Policy to obtain a Township credit card. Budgeted purchases of up to \$500.00 may be authorized with a limited on the card being \$1,500. Langeland moved to approve the Resolution/Policy with support from Liszewski. All Ayes. APPROVED Liszewski will check with the banks for the best card and rate. RES#20-3-8

**CREDIT
CARD
POLICY/RES
#20-3-8**

PA 116 RIVER RIDGE FARMS: A new request for a PA 116 Agreement was received. Parcels 70-05-18-200-004 and 70-05-18-400-036 now combined by River Ridge Farms with this new number Parcel # of 70-05-18-400-040 lies North of State Road and West of 88th Ave and is fully with-in Ag zoning. Combined acres are 62.57 and appears to be fully tillable. A letter of support has been received from the OC Planning Dept. Liszewski moved in support of approval of this PA116 request. Support from Langeland. All Ayes. Approved.

**PA 116 RR
FARMS**

PROPOSED FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR 2021: Busman presented the proposed budget with a total bottom line the same as the budget for 2020. The \$350K budget excludes the Bond payments but addresses the Operating and Capital needed. Per contract, the split city/township contributions are not yet calculated, however they should not be much different than last year either. Courtade moved with Key in support of the proposed budget. All Ayes. Approved.

**2021 FIRE
AUTHORITY
BUDGET**

DIGESTER STATUS UPDATE: This request is not controlled by the township government. The reason that the township is even involved in because of its road right of ways. Last month a Master Contract was reviewed. Exclusive provider verbage and local unit responsibilities were of concern. A resoution has been provided by Legal Counsel addressing the intent regarding the Bright Mark Energy Digester Project and matters related thereto. It would allow for the township to obtain reimbursements of expenditures associated with this project and signing of the Master Contract. Busman moved to approve the Resolution as presented and allow the Supervisor to sign the Master Contract. Support from Scott. A roll call vote was called. All Ayes. Approved. RES#20-3-9

**DIGESTER
STATUS
RES Intent
RES#20-3-9**

BOARD DISCUSSION: Web Techs to be at the township on March 13. Check with Legal Counsel on a minor amendment to Ordinance Section 14.03D regarding replacing a home in Ag... A formal letter has been received on the withdrawal from an Intergovernmental Agreement/Senior Services Board by both Wright and Chester Townships. Trending-Solar Energy eating up farmland.

**BOARD
DISCUSSIONS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: were received from Joel Lemieux on the Everstream application.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

It was moved and supported to adjorn the meeting at 9:07 pm. The next regular meeting is to be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
Approved. 4/2/2020