

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

Board Members Present: at the Township were C.Langeland, R.Liszewski, B.Sahlberg and R.Scott. Attending by "GoTo meeting" was D.Busman, B.Courtade and J.Key, Absent: None

Additional Attendees: Officer Shane Ryke, Officer Rick Sykes, Katie Walsh from Neoforum. Rick & Sue Lemmen, Kevin Wieringa, Ted Costigan (Supervisor Elect), Janet Sahlberg and Dave Biller. By "GoTo" was Lisa Barkel Williams, Carleen Habian, Shirley Draft, Greg Slater, Dave Johnson from Muskegon Wastewater and Pat Staskiewicz from the OC Water Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Liszewski offering the invocation. Supervisor Sahlberg called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Habian offered thank-you's to board members for their years of service. Janet Sahlberg all offered appreciation to the retiring board members, welcomed the new members in attendance and urged them to get involved. Busman noted that a treasurer will be needed on the Fire Authority due to his retirement.

AGENDA: Courtade moved to approve the agenda Langeland supported. All Ayes; Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: Scott moved with support from Liszewski to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from October 1, Bills to be paid, the Treasurers Report, PC minutes of October 20, Fire Authority minutes October 8 with financials. Sheridan Park minutes of October 15, S.Evergreen School minutes of October 5, ZBA minutes from a virtual meeting held October 19&22 and Cemetery minutes from October 8. All Ayes.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$81,017.28 (Ck#3019-3028) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10345-10377) and WF \$11,929.34(Ck#1514-1515).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: by Liszewski: As presented.

PC Report: by Scott: SLU request for a home in Ag was denied. The Master plan update continues.

Fire Authority Report: by Courtade and Busman: Rescue calls were up substantially in October due to Covid Calls. Due to the transfer of the remaining JBA funds to reimburse architectural fees, the 2021 allocated equipment payments will be reduced from 68k to \$42,750.

Sheridan Park: by Key: Some brush hogging has been done to the upper meadow of the park, a few dead Ash trees have blown down.

SE Schoolhouse: by Key: Items that have been collected for the School House will be collected and brought for storage in the township garage area.

ZBA Minutes: by Busman: A size varinance was requested for an accessory building, the first for the Sunset Ridge development where the lots are under 1 acre. A 672 sq. ft. building was approved.

Cemetery Minutes: Karen Kulicamp has retired from the Board, Deborah Mauk is now the secretary for this board and a representative for the City of Coopersville.

NEO-FORUM UPDATES: (An Annual Budgeted Allocation) Officers Rick Sykes, Shane Ryke and Katie Walsh from Neoforum appreciate the township support and presented. NEO-Forum is a unique program within the City of Coopersville and for Coopersville Area Public Schools. The program has offered prevention, treatment and education services to youth in our area for 23 years. Their goals continue to reduce alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, violence and other risky behaviors by youth. Sykes, Ryke and Walsh feel that they are making a difference by being available on and off campus, at school and community events, pretty much 24/7. They are recognizing that Coopersville youth are getting more involved in their community. Many of their fund raising efforts have been affected by Covid this year. Financing is on track for this year however going forward an increase may be requested.

NEO-FORUM

LEMMEN SLU REQUEST: Rick Lemmen presented his request to build a home in Ag. There is a current ordinance that allows for building in Ag, however this request does not meet the requirements within the ordinance. The barn on the property was built in 1999 and was allowed for equipment storage for upkeep of the property. The ordinance of 1999 did not allow for building homes in Ag either. While the ordinance has changed a couple times during the years, the current ordinance still stands. Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission and the fact that the (Con't)

**LEMMEN
SLU**

LEMMEN SLU REQUEST Con't: Township Board cannot grant approval by overriding a standing ordinance, Sahlberg moved to deny the SLU request by Lemmen with support from Langeland. All Ayes. Busman, Courtade and Key urged Lemmen to seek a Use Variance through a ZBA request.

**LEMMEN
SLU**

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE 2nd READING: Having received no further input, Scott moved to approved the Ordinance presented. Support from Key. A roll call vote was taken, All Ayes. Approved.

**SHORT
TERM
RENTAL
ORD#112-20**

WATER AGREEMENT and RESOLUTION: After many, many years of negotiations and a lot of hard work by Pat Staskiewicz from the OCPU Department, a second crossing of a water line supporting the entire City of Coopersville as well as several residents within Polkton Township has been accomplished. The City of Coopersville, Allendale and Polkton Townships have reached a consensus on an agreement covering the new line along with the encompassing of previous agreements is now presented. Liszewski moved to approve a Resolution to approve Restated Water Agreement and in addition approve the signing of the Restated Water Agreement of 2020, Scott supported. A roll call vote was taken, All Ayes, Approved. Included with the agreement in a payment schedule 2020-2024 payable to the City of Coopersville for Water Bond Costs plus Interest. The total cost were significantly lower than proposed years ago. Thanks to those who have made this happen!

**NEW WATER
AGREEMENT
RES#20-11-16
Redundant
Crossing
Agreement**

MUSKEGON WASTE WATER: First presented in June, an interjurisdictional agreement was changed to define ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the waste water line to be installed to a Brightmark Digester on 80th Ave. The amended agreement is presented and will complete the Waste Water Committee requirements for this project. Scott moved with Liszewski in support to approve the Inetrjurisdictional Pretreatment Agreement as presented. A roll call vote was taken, All Ayes. Approved.

**Muskegon
WW – Res#
20-11-17
Digester**

2021 BUDGET APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION: Having one minor change to the proposed 2021 budget, the following resolutions were presented:
Resolution #20-11-18 General Fund Appropriations Act moved for approval by Langeland, support by Liszewski to adopt the foregoing resolution. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. APPROVED
Resolution #20-11-19 Compensation motion by Langeland, support by Scott to adopt the foregoing resolution. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. APPROVED
Resolution #20-11-20 Water Fund Budget motion to approve to adopt the foregoing resolution by Liszewski, support from Langeland, Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. APPROVED
Resolution #20-11-21 Senior Services Fund Sahlberg moved, supported by Liszewski to adopt the foregoing resolution. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. APPROVED
Resolution #20-11-22 Fire Department Fund Budget Busman moved, supported by Courtade to adopt the foregoing resolution with adjustment to Equipment Expense. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. APPROVED
Resolution #20-11-23 Road Fund Budget: Liszewski moved with support by Scott to adopt the foregoing resolution. Roll Call Vote, 6 voting Aye with Langeland voting no. APPROVED.
Resolution #20-11-24 Parks and Recreational Improvement Fund Budget: Key moved, supported by Langeland to adopt the foregoing resolution. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes APPROVED.

**2021
BUDGET
APPROVAL
BY RES#20-
18-24**

APPOINTMENT RENEWALS: Sahlberg presented the following board and committee members for reappointments: Jesse Gasser and Ed Alt to the Board of Review through Dec 31, 2022. Calvin Lindberg to the PC though Nov 30, 2023. Tim Alt and Sheryl Koning for the ZBA through Nov. 30, 2023. Bill Coutade as a representative to the Fire Authority through Nov 30, 2021. Tracy Muller to the Joint Building Authority through November 30, 2024. Liszewski moved to approve the reappointees, with support from Busman. All Ayes. Approved.

**RE-
APPOINTMENTS**

**** Several appointments will need to be filled by newly elected board members ****

BOARD DISCUSSION: Shred-It day - November 7. Election results were shared. 1645 ballots were cast. 745 were by absentee, with 900 residents voting at the polls. There were 1950 registered votes at the end of election day making the turn out 85% here at Polkton. Colored Brochures highlighting the progress of the South Evergreen School will be available very soon.

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
Approved. 12/03/2020