

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

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

Additional Attendees: Lisa Barkel Williams and Marlin Vanden Brink and by "GoTo" was Carleen Habian.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Habian mentioned that she was running for a trustee position on the board.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Liszewski moved with support from Key, to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from September 3, Bills to be paid, a Treasurers Report was not available due to the early date of this meeting, PC minutes of September 15, Fire Authority minutes September 8 with financials. Sheridan Park minutes of September 17, S.Evergreen School minutes of September 14 and ZBA minutes from a virtual meeting held September 10&17. All Ayes.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$ (Ck#2992-3) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#) and WF \$ (Ck#150).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: by Liszewski: With the meetig on October 1st, no Bank Statements were available yet for September. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

PC Report: by Scott: The Master plan update continues.

Fire Authority Report: by Courtade and Busman: All bills for the construction of the New Fire Station have been paid.

Sheridan Park: by Key: Loose cables were found under the walking bridge. It was first thought possible tampering, however with a closer look, it would appear that nuts and bolts had worked their way loose over the years. By Sahlberg: One complaint was noted about noise from a motocross dirt track adjacent to the park property.

SE Schoolhouse: by Key: A group has expressed interest in helping with saving of historical buildings by possibly seeking period antiques and/or restoration projects etc.

ZBA Minutes: by Busman: Three applicants sought variances for oversized accessory buildings. Not all variances were granted as requested.

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE: Scott moved with Liszewski in support to approve the first reading of the Short Term Rental Ordinance. This ordinance will be posted on our web site and at the office for viewing. A roll call vote was taken, all board members voting yes. APPROVED. A second reading be held at the November 5 meeting.

**SHORT
TERM
RENTAL
ORDINANCE**

MILLAGE RESOLUTION: Liszewski moved with Langeland supporting to approve the 2020 millage resolution as discussed last month. The total mills for the Township will be 4.1996. The operating millage could be allowed to increase to 1.0443, however was voted to remain at .9496 the same as 2019. Renewed in August were millages for roads at 1.0000, fire and rescue at 2.0000 and senior services at .2500 mills. A roll call vote was taken, all board members voting yes. APPROVED.

**2020
MILLAGE
RES#**

SNOW PLOWING 2020/2021: Courtade moved with Langeland in support to approve the bid from LP Tree Service. All board members voting yes. APPROVED. A very minimal price increase was recognized this year for a total of \$44/per time for the hall parking area, \$35/Sheridan Park and \$16/for sidewalks & salting.

**SNOWPLOW
CONTRACT**

SENIOR RECREATIONAL CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF COOPERSVILLE: The Senior Recreational Program is operated and provided by the City of Coopersville with financial support by the Township. Scott moved with support from Courtade to approve the contract presented with funding collected from the Senior Millage. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**SR REC
CONTRACT
W/CITY**

BUDGET REVIEW: Sahlberg asked of area municipalities what they were paying their ZBA Board members. While funds were generally similar, a few had some extra services to offer. After a discussion, it was determined to leave compensation the same. Liszewski also suggested adjustments to two items of revenue. State Recenue Sharing will be reduced to \$180,000. While the Landfill fees will be left as is. While several more services and needs were discussed, they will be left for the next administration to change. Next month the proposed budget should be presented and approved.

**BUDGET
REVIEW**

THE JOINT BUILDING AUTHORITY (JBA): Having had their final regular meeting and approved the last bills for the building of the Fire Station. Busman moved to allow the transfer of the remaining JBA Account balance to be moved to the Fire Authority to reimburse for architectural fees incurred prior to securing the bond. Courtade was in support. All members voting yes. This had been discussed from the beginning.

**JBA
FIRE
STATION
COMPLETED**

DESIGNATED ASSESSOR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Through the State Audit for Assessors, it was determined that an interlocal agreement with Ottawa County for assessing, if need be, should be entered into. This agreement designates assessor Brian Bussher MMAO. Courtade moved to approve this agreement as presented, support from Scott. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**DESIGNATED
ASSESSOR
WITH OC.**

BOARD DISCUSSION: Sahlberg shared papers as prepared by an Architect on the current township building use and possible future needs. Much more preliminary work will be needed prior to any changes. SHERD IT is scheduled for Novemeber 7, 9-12.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

It was moved and supported to adjorn the meeting at 8:05 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The Township Hall will be open for for those wishing to attend in person.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
UnApproved.