

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
MAY 5, 2022, - 7:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

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Board Members Present: D.Biller T.Costigan, J.Key, R. Liszewski, J.Meerman and M.VandenBrink.
Absent: C. Langeland
Additional Attendees: M. Frain, A. Miedema, R. Reagan, C. Luther, B. Kingma, B. VanDongen, Ewings, B. Groendyke, J. Fitzpatrick and a few others.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Liszewski offering the invocation.
Supervisor Costigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rochelle Reagan (Wyoming) – asked if everyone read the packets she distributed on the 501c3 Rollenhagen House. Has been in contact with several neighbors (Craigs, Hacketts, Evermans) and she feels all questions have been answered with no negativity. Trustee VandenBrink toured the house and property, pointed out new drive & parking lot location on the north property.
Wally Ewing (Grand Haven) – local historian in support of the museum as he feels it will educate the young and old.
Betsy Groenendyke (Allendale) – runs the Knowlton House in Allendale. Stated that small house museums do not generate a lot of traffic with only a few attendees at a time. Feels it is a great place for the museum with no danger to neighbors’ children. Offered to store township documents. Answered question of ownership and management, their township owns, and the historical society runs it.
Jane Ewing (Grand Haven) – would like to see the house honored as a museum and feels it is valuable to the community.
Bob Vandongen (Eastmanville) – yes, the house has a lot of history but if it will be an asset to the community is to be determined. Wanted to know if the township has bought it and answer is No. Rochelle deeded it to the Rollenhagen House.
Jim Fitzpatrick (Polkton) - would very much like to see the 40-acre woods be purchased soon (425,000) He would be open to selling via land contract with a down payment of \$130,000 with the township apply for grants for the remainder. Time is in play as he is looking to purchase another family parcel.

AGENDA: Liszewski moved to approve the agenda as presented. Biller supported. All Ayes; Approved.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Vandenbrink moved with support from Liszewski to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Minutes from the Regular Board meeting of April 7 and bills to be paid along with the Treasurers Report. Also viewed were PC minutes from April 19, no Park minutes but a brief update was given, Fire Authority minutes of April 12 with financials and the Cemetery minutes from April 14.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$ (Ck#) Payroll (Ck#), 1 EFT PR Tax, and WF \$ (Ck#).

Treasurers Report: by Liszewski.

PC Report: by Meerman – doing research for updating ordinances, Master Plan was sent to planner and still awaiting Census information.

Fire Authority Report: by Biller: Update on new ladder truck purchase and financials with contribution analysis were reported.

Parks Committee: by Key; met with EPS on installing cameras in the park. He was told equipment will need to be kept contained(heated). There have been no issues requiring these, looking into just as a preventative measure. Jim will look to obtaining another quote or two. Looking to add another light in the SP parking lot. Will have a discussion at next meeting about “open space” designation for dogs off leash. SE is on track with the plumbers union and is waiting to hear back on the well.

CEMETERY: finalizing and transitioning to a new sexton.

**BOARD
REPORTS**

ROLLENHAGEN HOUSE:

Liszewski researched ownership and zoning of Knowlton house and Coopersville Train Museum and both are in commercial zones. Rollenhagen in in R2 Residential.

Biller agrees that while a worthwhile venture, there are great concerns for the pedestrian crossing safety. He also feels the parking is inadequate. He took some time and walked the road and potential parking area.

VandenBrink agrees with the zoning issue and pedestrian crossing safety.

**SLU
ROLLENHAGEN
HOUSE**

Rochell was allowed a comment; she has owned the house since 2012 and has hosted several family gatherings that have had no trouble crossing the road. She doesn't feel it will be a problem and stated she has spoke with the OCRC and stated that pedestrian signs *could* be installed.

Costigan said while it is great and noble to want to preserve history, the board has to put feelings aside and do what the ordinances dictate for the best of the community. Legal counsel was consulted in this matter and noted the findings in 8.02.B (R-2 Waterfront Residence District). The recommendation from the PC states "museum use" which the ordinance does not include. Key read the ordinance description.

There was a zoning question from an audience member and Key explained why it is a good concept that the township cannot spot zone.

J. Ewing asked if the name could be changed from museum to community center, the ordinance was re-read.

Vandongen stated traffic control is barely there now. Pedestrian crossing safety is a big concern.

Key stated that previously Fresh Coast held a community forum about changing Eastmanville to a "historic district", the community members did not want it and voted to leave it as is.

MOTION made by Biller to tentatively deny the Rollenhagen SLU as presented with resolution from legal to come. Supported by Liszewski. Roll call vote: VandenBrink, Yes, Liszewski, Yes, Costigan, Yes, Meerman, No, Key, No, Biller, Yes. Absent Langeland. Vote of 4 > 2. Motion PASSED to deny.

SANDY BROOK SITE CONDO:

Matt Frein stated that all requested items have been received...*finally*.

Key noted the considerations that were required as he is new to this item. Biller feels that all the information is correct. He also stated some concerns he felt that should be addressed in the near future with regards to having three subdivisions within a 1/3 mile. He would like to see no more subdivisions in the area as he feels there is a great output of water in that area. Revisit for future vision.

MOTION made by Biller to approve Sandy Brook site condo, final approval. Supported by VandenBrink. Roll Call vote: All AYES. Motion PASSED.

FRESH COAST CONTRACT:

The township is seeking professional guidance on help with ongoing ordinance reviews and updates, consultation on zoning and an assortment of other items. The professional services of Fresh Coast are about half the cost of our legal counsel. Minor adjustments will be made to the contract based on board discussions.

MOTION made by Liszewski to approve a modified contract based on discussions by the board. Supported by Biller. Roll call vote: All AYES, Motion PASSED.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Clean up day work schedule was confirmed. Discussion regarding the parks wanting to purchase the 40-acre woods adjacent to SE School house; the grant deadline for this year has passed. Fitzpatrick really would like to see the township acquire this property. The Jim's have talked about the possibility of a land contract (\$425,000) with an up front down payment of \$130,000 and the remainder paid with grants (no guarantee we will receive).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Allison Miedema spoke as to her running for a seat on the OC Board of Commissioners.

It was moved by Liszewski and supported by Key to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Jamie TenBrink, Deputy Clerk
UNApproved