

**POLKTON CHARTER
A GOTO - REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

Board Members Present VIA the “GoTo: meeting web site: D.Busman, W.Courtade, J.Key. C.Langeland, R.Liszewski, B.Sahlberg and R.Scott attending in person. Absent: None

Additional Attendees: Carleen Habian.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Schmidt Family from 96th Ave proposed a change to the Single Family Dwelling in Ag Ordinance. Lisa Barkel Williams who is running for the Supervisor position in November introduced herself. She would like to create a mission statement and guide the township into a more defined direction. Marlin VandenBrink stopped by to check out what township board meetings are all about as he is looking to gain a position as a trustee in November. Ted Costigan, also running in November for the Supervisor position, was attending online and was having some communication glitches.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Liszewski moved with Langeland in support, to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from July 2, Bills to be paid, Treasurers Report, PC minutes of July 21, Fire Authority minutes July 14 with financials. A Sheridan Park meeting was held at the pavillion on July 16. Cemetery minutes from July 9, and the July Board of Review minutes were presented. All Ayes; APPROVED.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$ (Ck#2435-24) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10216-102) and WF \$ (Ck#1507-15).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: Liszewski: Four Points has been sent a check for \$12,850. From the Senior Funds. Comerica funds have been moved to 5/3 for better interest rates.

PC Report: by Scott: The Master plan update continues as this needs to be current as this is a requirement to apply for grants. A public hearing will be held regarding short term rentals in September.

Fire Authority Report: by Courtade and Busman: Water costs to begin a lawn in a dry summer are high, these costs should flatten out as the lawn is now established.

Sheridan Park: by Key: Jim Key, along with his Grandson Gage continue to cut back the trails at the park and make necessary repairs. Phils Lawn Care has been doing an excellent job keeping the trails mowed nicce and wide.

SE Schoolhouse: by Key: No June Meeting was held. The OC Health Department has determined that a raised septic system would be required at the South Evergreen School even with the limited proposed use. This would create a \$5000 cost for the system as Key had already secured \$5000 in donated labor and product.

Cemetery Minutes: Reviewed by Sahlberg. Karen Kulicamp retires from the Cemetery Committee.

July BOR Minutes: by Sahlberg: Corrects PRE’s and clerical errors.

MUSKEGON WASTE WATER (MWW) – Sewer Use Ordinance: After Legal Councils review, Sahlberg asked for any questions, hearing none, Scott moved to approve the Sewer Use Ordinance as a first reading. Support from Liszewski. A roll call vote was takes, All Ayes. Approved.

**MWW
SEWER ORD.
First Read**

COOPERSVILLE/POLKTON CEMETERY: A few years ago large trees in the cemetery took down power lines to the maintenance building. Personal generators have been used since that time to complete needed operations at this building. Upon request from the Cemetery Board, Consumers is seeking an easement to allow them to rerun power to this building. Most of the line proposed would be underground just to the east of the current eastern most road, a pole will need to be set according to the drawing to complete the job. Several thoughts and questions were brought up. There is no up front costs to the Township however minimum fees for electric will likely occur and be billed to the Cemetery. Key moved to approve the easement request with support from Scott. A roll call vote was taken 6-1, All Ayes with Busman casting the desending no vote. Approved.

**CEMETERY
EASEMENT
FOR C.E.**

BOARD DISCUSSION: A discussion was held in March of 2017 to have “SHRED IT” come to the Township as a service to Township Residents. Langeland mentioned that there are also many, many ballots that could also be shredded. Sahlberg will recheck costs and availability. The 68th Street Bridge over the Grand River remains closed until mid August. In conjunction with the new decking on the Bridge, a 2nd water line is being run. This line will allow necessary water to have two ways to enter into the water system on the north side of the Grand River. That system serves the City of Coopersville and several residents in Polkton Township. Sahlberg presented that the costs are coming in less than anticipated for this water line. After much thought, Busman has removed his name for trustee from the November 2020 ballot. The gravel road brining is scheduled for August 28. Ottawa County Canvassers will finalize the write-in vote tallies and make contact with the candidates regarding the November Ballot. Sahlberg has been working with the Ottawa County IT Dept. It is hopeful that an agreement will be reached with Ottawa County fully in September.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Costigan commented via messaging on the GO TO Meeting App.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The Township Hall will be open for those wishing to attend in person.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
UnApproved.