

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 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: Robb Carr – OCFLandfill, Justin Obermeyer – Republic Services, Katie Kinley – Project Engineer – Weaver Consultants. Lee Fisher candidate for OC Prosecutor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Langeland offering the invocation. Supervisor Sahlberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lee Fisher, the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, introduced himself. Ron Frantz is retiring and Fisher feels he has the most experience with the prosecutor position.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

AGENDA: Busman moved to approve the agenda as amended Key supported. All Ayes; Approved.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Scott moved with Liszewski in support, to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from January 9, Bills to be paid, PC minutes of January 21, Fire Authority minutes January 14, with financials. Sheridan Park minutes January 16, SE School were not received. Cemetery meeting minutes from January 9. All Ayes; APPROVED.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$21,539.65(Ck#2875-2887) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10129-10153) and WF \$10,815.46(Ck#1501-1502).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: Liszewski: The remaining balance of \$400,000 (\$100,000 was paid in Dec 2019) for a total of \$500,000 approved for downpayment for the firestation has been paid in full by a certified check to the Joint Building Authority. \$300,000 from the GF with \$200,000 from the Fire Fund. A transfer and/or JE identifies these payments.

PC Report: by Scott: Officers were appointed for the 2020 PC. Three Public Hearings were held, OCFLandfill SLU request, a Barn Event Ordinance and changes to the time limits for SLUs. Feb will hold a PH for essential services and work on a new master plan should begin.

Fire Authority Report: by Courtade and Busman: Minutes were presented with the financial report. May 9, 2020 is a tentative date for dedication.

Sheridan Park: by Key: The committee would like to purchase a pole saw to add to their Stihl power head. Two additional picnic tables are requested for the pavilion. Support letters are being received for the seeking of grant request through MDNR for possible land acquisition.

SE Schoolhouse: Were not available.

Cemetery Minutes: Were presented, a couple of minute items as written, are to be confirmed.

REPUBLIC SERVICES/OTTAWA COUNTY FARMS LANDFILL SLU PMR (planned mineral removal): The owners and operators of the OCFL are requesting a 30 year permit to relocate clean soils, from new cells to be dug on the east side of the property. They are requesting to move these soils across 60th Ave, which runs dead end into the expressway, east onto parcels #70-05-26-400-015 (87.02 acres) and 70-05-26-400-009 (1.36 acres). The soils would be held there until the landfill capping in approximately 30-40 years. At that time, they would recapture approximately 90% of the stockpiled soils for the capping. The project would begin with constructing a 28' screening berm running along the north side of the parcel parallel to the I-96 expressway for a site buffer. Trees would be planted and maintained on the north side of this berm. The proposed stock pile would be 60' in height, covering most of these acres. A good portion of the soils would be placed there within 5-7 years.

**OCFLandfill
SLU/PMR
REQUEST**

The question was why across 60th and not continue across Garfield? Safety reasons, they feel it would be much safer to cross over the dead end road of 60th rather than have flag persons on Garfield for a number of years again. With the crossing of 60th, the main water line into Coopersville would require crossing over with heavy equipment, protection of this water line is very important. Justin Obermeyer of Republic Services stated that they will take all engineered precautions to cross and would take full responsibility for any damage to the water line. The City of Coopersville was contacted regarding the scope of the project and no concerns were expressed. While many more questions and concerns were voiced, it was noted that the local operators of the landfill have always been good to work with and the any concerns brought forth have been addressed. A resolution as discussed and amended, including the concerns, times of operation, height of stock pile, time allowed for phase one, re-evaluation,

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OCFLANDFILL SLU/PMR REQUEST continued: fees to be associated with this project, etc. was moved for approval by Sahlberg, with support from Liszewski. A roll call vote was taken Members Key, Langeland, Liszewski, Scott, Busman voting yes, Courtade voting no because of the time to work limitations. APPROVED (for 3 yrs.)

**OCFL
Continued**

SLU TIME LIMIT ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading: While a SLU is a process that usually goes through the Planning Commission and the Township Board, some of the approvals run their course and are abandoned. 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 for more than one year. The ordinance does allow for extensions if requested and approved. Legal Counsel advised that past SLU approvals are not affected unless abandoned once they began. This first reading as presented was moved for approval by Lizewski and supported by Scott with all members voting yes. First Reading Approved.

**SLU TIME
LIMIT ORD**

BARN EVENT VENUE ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading: The proposed ordinance is intended to allow for the repurposing of historical barns to be used as event venues. All requirements are listed within the ordinance, inspections are required. Scott moved to approve the first reading as presented with support from Langeland. All Ayes. First Reading Approved.

**BARN
EVENT
ORDINANCE**

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REGULATORY ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading: IMS and Legal Counsel recommend to incorporate this ordinance to allow for management of properties in our Township. This is not meant to cause hardship to residents, but a means for the Township to address certain incidents where a home owner is unwilling to address an issue or a structurally problematic concern. This ordinance applies to all zoned properties within Polkton Township. Scott moved to approve this First reading as presented with support from Liszewski. All ayes. First Reading Approved.

**PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT
ORDINANCE**

THE ABOVE THREE ORDINANCES WILL HAVE A SECOND READING ON MARCH 5, 2020

50/50 ROAD GRAVEL PROJECT FOR 2020: Taft from 56th to 64th and Roosevelt from 56th to 64th are being discussed. It was reported that there are stakes on Taft, what additional concerns are there in this area? Cost per mile to be verified. Busman motioned to table, support from Courtade. All Ayes. Tabled.

**50/50
GRAVEL
PROJECT**

ROAD BRINING 2020: Busman moved with support from Scott to contract with Great Lakes Chloride for the 2020 brining of gravel roads. All Ayes Approved.

**2020
BRINING**

INTERNET SPEED: Sahlberg requested funds be released to allow for an cost increase through Acentek for increased internet speed. Courtade moved for approval, supported by Key. All Ayes. Approved.

**INTERNET
SPEED**

2020 MASTER PLAN: Sahlberg requested funds be released to allow Fresh Coast to begin the work with the PC for a new Master Plan. This planning is scheduled for every 5 years. Liszewski moved with Scott supporting. All Ayes. Approved.

**MASTER
PLAN**

CEMETERY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Keri Rogers has recently moved into Polkton Township and has an interest in serving on the Cemetery Board as a representative for Polkton. Keri is currently the Treasurer at the City of Coopersville and has knowledge of the operations of the Cemetery. Courtade moved to appoint Keri Rogers to the Cemetery Board with support from Liszewski. All Ayes, Approved

**CEMETERY
APP'T
ROGERS**

FIRE AUTHORITY/JBA SUBLEASE ADDENDUM: Courtade moved to approve the Addendum and Resolution as presented to allow for the Joint Building Authority to acquire insurance as required by the contract. Support from Busman. All Ayes. Approved.

**FIRE
AUTHORITY
ADDENDUM
& RES#**

LAWN CARE 2020: Busman moved to approve the bid by contract with Phils Lawn Service. This includes the Township yard, Sheridan Park and SE School at \$20 per time if requested. Support from Scott. All Ayes. Approved.

**2020 LAWN
CARE**

DIGESTER STATUS: A Master Contract was reviewed, there were a couple of concerns within the contract with exclusive provider verbage and local unit responsibilities. More information will be requested.

**DIGESTER
STATUS**

BOARD DISCUSSION: Sahlberg will be gone for 2 weeks to be with his brother in California, a person to chair the March meeting may be needed. The 2019 OCPU water rate survey was made available. The 2019 Life EMS summary was available. Senior Program will see Wright Township and Chester Township pulling out.

**BOARD
DISCUSSIONS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lee Fisher stayed through the whole meeting and expressed his interest in hearing the many local concerns.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 pm. The next regular meeting is to be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
UnApproved.