

**POLKTON CHARTER
A GOTO - REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

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

Additional Attendees: Were Carleen Habian, Ted Costigan, Justin Obermeyer and Rob Carr from the OCLF, Lisa Barkel Williams and Jay Meerman and “For Judge” Juania.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Juanita has been in the law business since 1997, she is the current assistant prosecutor and is now running for the 58th District Court Judge in Ottawa County. She has worked with criminal law and civil law, the current Judge and Sherriff are in support of her.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Sahlberg moved with Langeland in support, to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from August 6, Bills to be paid, Treasurers Report, PC minutes of Aug 18, Fire Authority minutes Aug 11 with financials. A Sheridan Park meeting was held at the pavillion on Aug 20. All Ayes; APPROVED.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF \$85,876.19 (Ck#2974-2991) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10298-10318) and WF \$ 28.85 (Ck#1512).

Treasurers Report: Liszewski: Presented.

PC Report: by Scott: The Master plan update continues. The short term rental ordinance is to be completed at the PC level in September and passed on to the Township Board for a first reading in Oct.

Fire Authority Report: by Courtade and Busman: Several new fire fighters have joined the team. Much other information is in these minutes. An Audit of the Joint Fire Authority was performed send the line item for Admin over budget.

Sheridan Park: by Key: Jim Key, Tent type sides for wind breaks are being looked into for the pavillion.

SE Schoolhouse: by Key: Though no official meetings have been held due to Covid, intallation of a septic remains a topic of dicussion.

**BOARD
REPORTS**

ABANDONMENT OF 60TH AVE NORTH OF GARFIELD AVE: Upon the request of the OCFL and the OCRC, a resolution was presented to abandon and discountinue this portion of road and convey This property to the OCFL as it is no longer needed for public use. A notice of determination and a Quit Claim deed were provided by the OCRC to Polkton Township. A discussion was held with Robb Carr and Justin Obermeyer from the OCFL regarding right of way access and maintenance of this ROW. They confirmed that the road for access to all parties with an interest in this road will be maintained, snow plowed with access allowed. Wording included on the notice of determination will also be placed within the resolution. Courtade moved with support from Scott, to approved the resolution with the addition as indicated, abandoning this road as it will become the property of the Ottawa County Farms Landfill. A roll call vote was held, All members voting yes. APPROVED.

**60th Ave
ABANDONED
N of Garfield**

On another note, Langeland asked about a letter received regarding an application from the OCFL to use deep wells to manage non-hazardous fluids, produced by the Landfill. More information will be made available, they currently haul these liquids away to a site in Grand Rapids.

OTTAWA COUNTY “IT” AGREEMENT: Currently, much of the computer IT work has been done internally. With Sahlberg leaving, more IT help will likely be needed. Ottawa County has provided an Agreement for these Information Technology services. Cost and Benefits have been compared. Scott moved with Key in support to sign the agreement with Ottawa County for IT services. All Ayes, APPROVED.

**OC “IT”
AGREEMENT**

LAP TOP NEEDED: Sahlberg has been using his own personal lap top at the township to be able to access the *GOTO* meetings monthly. The office computers allow attendance of the zoom meetings etc as have been required during covid, however there are no microphone making joining in the meeting difficult. Sahlberg is requesting a laptop computer be purchased through the Ottawa County IT Department not to exceed \$1400 for the township use. Lizewski moved to purchase laptop as presented not to exceed \$1400. Support from Langeland. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**LAPTOP
PURCHASE**

FOUR POINTS SENIOR CONTRACT: The Senior Millage has been renewed therefore, discussions with Four Points and the City of Coopersville have taken place. A contract of what Four Points will offer Polkton Seniors for the next 4 years was presented. Millage funds will be split evenly between the City and Four Points, a second agreement with the City still needs to be worked out for the local recreational activities. Scott moved to accept the contract as provided with support from Liszewski. All Ayes, APPROVED.

**FOURPOINT
SENIOR
CONTRACT**

MUSKEGON WASTE WATER (MWW) : Sewer Use Ordinance: Having received no further questions or letters or concerns at this point, Scott moved to approve the Sewer Use Ordinance (for the proposed digester) for a second final reading. Support from Liszewski. A roll call vote was taken, All Ayes. Approved.

**MKG WW
SEWER ORD.
Second
Reading
Ord#111-20**

SHRED IT: Scott moved with support from Langeland to have a Shred-IT company come to Polkton Township . This service will be offered to Polkton Township Residents and be located in the township parking lot (date to be determined). This is being offered to the residents on a first come first serve basis. The truck will be on location for 3 hours only and has a 9000lb capacity. Watch the Observer for more information. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**SHRED IT
SERVICES**

EASTMANVILLE CEMETERY: Budgeted for this year was the removal of a large Sugar Maple Tree encroaching on the cemetery. A bid was received from LP Tree Service for the cost to exceed \$2500. Courtade moved to release funds for the tree removal, support from Langeland. All Ayes. APPROVED.

**TREE
REMOVAL @
EASTMANVILLE
CEMETERY**

PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING: The 2021 millage was discussed. As last year, the township would be allowed to collect a higher operating millage, however the board discussed and has chosen to leave the millage rate for general operating purposes where it is, at .9496. With the renewals all passing in the August election, rates will be 1.0000 for road improvements, 2.0000 for fire protection, .2500 for Senior Services for a total of 4.1996 mills. A resolution to be completed in October.

**2021
BUDGET
HEARING**

BOARD DISCUSSION: Sunset Ridge has received it's first occupancy permit. The new water line crossing has been installed, road closings, water service shut downs and boil water notices will all have to take place yet in mid September. Regraveling should be taking place in mid September on those roads chosen. The Assessor passed the AMAR Assessment very well. On September 10 an arcitech will visit the township building to begin an assessment for remodeling the building. The OCLF has chosen not to hold their annual appreciation day luncheon this year due to covid restrictions.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Costigan has gotten his mic fixed and commented that public service has always been important to his family and that this community is very important. Anyone wishing to contact him is more than welcome to do so. Barkel also commented that she is open for any conversation as she feels more communication is needed within the township.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 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.