

**POLKTON CHARTER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MINUTES DRAFT Copy  
JANUARY 7, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

Board Members Present: at the Township Hall were D.Biller, T.Costigan, R.Liszewski, J.Meerman, R.Scott and Attending by “GoTo” meeting, C.Langeland, Coopersville and M.VandenBrink from Wayland. Absent: None

Additional Attendees: GoTo Meeting attendee was Jim Key.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Key reported that the trails in Sheridan Park have been groomed by Doug Otterbein, they are getting a lot of use and positive comments have been received. SE School has received a couple of donations and Jim has contacted the Plummer Union to see if more can be done at this time.

**AGENDA:** Liszewski moved to approve the agenda, Scott supported. All Ayes; Approved.

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Scott moved with support from Liszewski to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from December 3 , Bills to be paid, the Treasurers Report, PC minutes of Dec. 15, Fire Authority Dec. 8 with financials, ZBA Dec. 10. Sheridan Park and SE Schools committee held no meetings. BOR Dec. 15. All Ayes.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**Bills Paid:** GF\$ (Ck#30 ) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#103 ) and WF \$ (Ck#1519).

**BOARD  
REPORTS**

**Treasurers Report:** by Liszewski: Presented

**PC Report:** by Scott: A couple changes were made to the draft Master Plan, a copy will be sent to legal.

**Fire Authority Report:** by Biller: The Fire Authority hires Linda Overfield as the ESC replacement. The 2020 Budget received amendments, yet the budget was met.

**ZBA Report:** by VandenBrink: Both the Lemmen SLU Variance request and a request for an oversized assessor building for Reeves were approved.

**BOR December:** One PRE clerical error was corrected and one Veteran’s Exemption was granted.

**2021 WATER RATES:** After discussion and review of current rates, Costigan moved with support from Scott to maintain the current 2020 water rate and resolution for 2021. All Ayes. Approved.

**2021 WATER  
RATE**

**2021 MEETING DATES AND DEADLINES:** The 2021 list of Boards and Committee Members along with schedules for meetings was made available, this can also be found on the Polkton Township Web site.

**MTG DATES  
BOARDS &  
COMMITTEES**

**OVERSIZED BARNs:** Many months ago, the PC was asked to review the Accessory Building Ordinance, while we did get a recommendation from the PC at that time, this board is asked to review section 4.11 on Accessory Buildings, along with what has been approved by the ZBA over the past several years to be able to discuss sizes of Accessory Buildings moving forward. Along with the Accessory Buildings, regulations and definitions of hoop buildings, storage containers and the like, and whether or not to allow them to be used as assessor buildings. At this point, the ZBA has seen more than its share of variance request for sizes of barns.

**ACCESSORY  
BUILDINGS**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:** Road Brining and Gravel Roads will be discussed in coming meetings. A discussion was led by Costigan regarding the OCFLandfill and their application to the EPA and EGLE for deep injection well permits to allow for disposal of non-hazardous runoff water also known as leachate to be injected 4490 feet below the ground surface (for reference, Lake Mi is 400’ deep). Resident owners on record within the required area were sent information. Information may also be accessed on the following web site: ottawadeepwell.com

**DISCUSSION**

**OCF  
Injection  
Wells**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** From Jim Key, it would be prudent to the residents within Polkton Township and especially those located in the area of the landfill if the board would look into expansion of municipal water. A feasibility and cost study, allocation of funds toward, these are all things the township should start looking into. In addition, Natural Gas, Key said he has contacted both MichCon and DTE (DTE is to the corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and Leonard *not verified*) and was told that MichCon has a franchise agreement with Polkton Township. (unknown by the current township board members). MichCon has told Key, that they have no plans to ever expand into Polkton Township and they only service a very small section at this time. DTE would expand however they cannot due to franchise. MIGAS is working on lines on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave with a promise to run new lines west on Cleveland. Players need to be fully identified and any franchise agreements checked into. Better Internet is also needed throughout the township if online learning and meetings are to continue.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk  
UnApproved.