

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2021, - 7:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 6900 ARTHUR, COOPERSVILLE, MI.**

Board Members Present: at the Township Hall were D.Biller, T.Costigan, C.Langeland, R.Liszewski, J.Meerman, R.Scott and M.VandenBrink. There was no one attending by "GoTo" meeting at the start of the meeting. Absent: None

Additional Attendees: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Meerman offering the invocation. Supervisor Costigan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one in attendance or by *Go-To*.

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

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Scott moved with support from VandenBrink to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Regular meeting minutes from January 7, Bills to be paid, the Treasurers Report, Fire Authority minutes January 12 with financials. Sheridan Park January 21 with a bit of S. Evergreen School minutes. All Ayes.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$23,655.09(Ck#3061-3071) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10434-10461) and WF \$7960.08(Ck#1521-1522).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: Was presented by Liszewski.

PC Report: by Scott: Planning Commission members tried for 40 minutes to get the *GoTo meeting* up and running, it was determined that the meeting should then be canceled with the agenda items moved to March.

Fire Authority Report: Linda Overfield was hired as the Admin Assistant. With Covid, the EMS calls have increased, discussions are being held regarding possible needs for full time personel. In person trainings have also been paused as *ZOOM* training is not near as effective. Busman and Biller worked with the Auditors for the Fire Authority.

Sheridan Park & SE Schoolhouse: by PI Committee Member Meerman and Key (who joined the *GOTO* meeting a bit after the meeting began): A to do list for 2021 was reviewed.

ACCESSORY BUILDINGS: The Ordinance for Accessory Buildings needs to be updated. Sizes of Accessory Building needs to be increased and the ZBA has seen to many variance requests. The PC offered a quick solution several months ago, however much more work is needed to bring this ordinance up to date. Discussions and a general direction are being looked at by township board members. A work group may be required. A review of the Township Fees is also being done to be implimented as soon as possible.

**ACCESSORY
BUILDINGS**

MASTER PLAN: The Master Plan seeks to keep the township rural as there are areas designated for growth. After a review by legal council with three minor adjustments noted, a draft copy of the Master Plan has been made available. The PC will take up this draft in March and likely pass it onto the Township Board. All Members were asked to review and prepare for future discussion.

**MASTER
PLAN**

S.EVERGREEN SCHOOL: A 40 Acre wooded lot, which is contiguous to the SE Property, is being looked at for additional Township Park property. Last year Prein and Newhof was hired to prepare a grant request from the MNRTF to allow for possible acquisition for this property. While the request was denied in 2020, the parks committee would like to hire Prein and Newhof for an additional go-around request for a grant in 2021. Costigan provided and discussed the evaluation work sheet. Key with the parks committee asked for an increase to the township match from 25% to 33%. Key explained the vision for this park would be to have it remain a natural area, with walking trails. Key feels that a park in this area would benefit this growing residential area. He also mentioned seeking of local grants to help raise funds to cover the additional township percent. The main costs of seeking this grant should have been reached in 2020, Costigan moved to hire Prein and Newhof to re-apply, with a not to exceed cost of \$2000. Support was from VandenBrink. A roll call vote was taken, six members voting aye with Biller voting nay. Approved.

**GRANT
REQUEST
40 Acres**

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BOARD DISCUSSION: Pressure Reduction Valves are needed in certain areas for those with municipal water. The City of Coopersville sent out a letter to the residents who need them installed. Costigan will contact the City as a few questions were raised by the board. The 2021 Federal Poverty guidelines were provided for information. Adjusted State Revenue 2021 sharing projections were provided for information. Grants were sought by the Coopersville/Polkton Cemetery to help defray costs of uprighting sinking and leaning gravel stones. This grant was denied, stating this should fall under preventative maintenance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: by Key.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
Approved. March 4, 2021