

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
MARCH 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.
Absent: None

Additional Attendees: Jim Key

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None Received.

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

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Costigan moved with support from Scott to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Minutes from the Regular Board meeting of Feb 4, Bills to be paid, the Treasurers Report. Minutes from PC minutes from Feb 16, Fire Authority Feb 9 with financials and the Sheridan Park Feb 18 minutes. All Ayes.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$146,787.25(Ck#3072-3078) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#10463-10486) and WF \$22,384.53(Ck#1523-1525). Check Funds to verify where the Water Bond Payment was to be paid from, **GF** or WF.

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: Presented by Liszewski.

PC Report: by Scott: Planning Commission members reviewed the SLU site plan review based on the ZBA approved variance, the Lemmen SLU was approved as presented. The Master Plan has been tabled to allow for the new 2020 census numbers to be included.

Fire Authority Report: by Biller: A billing of \$1,187.50 has been received from Wright/Tallmadge fire department for mutual aid assistance on an oil spill. Discussions are being held as this had not been the normal practice. Low flow alarms are activated when filing fire trucks at the new station. A \$1,900 solution has been proposed for the new system, or, was this installed incorrectly? Costs for a new or repaired Ladder Truck are being discussed.

Sheridan Park & SE Schoolhouse: by Meerman: discussions were held regarding re-application for the grant toward the purchase of a 40 acre woods. Thanks to Doug Otterbein for grooming the SP Trails, the sledding hill could use location signage.

TOWNSHIP PARKS REVIEW: A to do list from the Recreation Master Plan for 2021 and future years was reviewed with associated costs and presented by Jim Key. Many of the improvements over the years have been done through grant applications and these will continue to be sought. Along with the seeking of a grant for the 40 acre woods adjacent to the SE School, a septic system for the SE School is requested. A local donation of \$5,000 worth of work has been offered, however a raised septic is being required by OC and the costs of that, is another 5 to 6 thousand dollars. Continued restoration and work on the school house is also needed. The maintenance bridge needs replacement in Sheridan Park, costs for that are extensive as well. Key wanted to update and extend the knowledge of these projects to the mostly new board.

**TWP PARKS
REVIEW**

PUBLIC HEARING (as posted) PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR SEEKING A GRANT FROM THE MNRTF: The regular meeting was recessed for the public hearing at 7:51 pm.

The application is for funds of \$287,899 to assistance (67% of the costs) in a Land Acquisition of a 40 Acre woods and natural area adjacent to the SE School House. Public in attendance was Jim Key who expressed he is 100% in favor of seeking this grant.

The Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting was resumed at 7:58 pm.

**PUBLIC
HEARING
GRANT
REQUEST
40 Acres**

GRANT REQUEST RESOLUTION: This being the second request and application process for the MNRTF grant, an updated resolution was presented. Biller held a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the use of tax funds for such requests, questioning if this the best use of these funds. Biller would also like the all the board members to have copies of the Rec Plan. Liszewski moved to approve the resolution in support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application as presented, support from Costigan. A roll call vote was taken: voting yes were: Continued..

**GRANT
REQUEST
RESOLUTION
#21-3-1**

GRANT RESOLUTION Con't: Vandenbring, Liszewski, Langeland, Costigan and Meerman. Decending no votes were received from Scott and Biller. Resolution Approved.

2021 ROAD BRINE APPLICATION: Bids from Michigan Chloride and Great Lake Chloride were received and discussed. Scott moved with support from Langeland to contract with Great Lakes for the 38% brine for Spring and the 28% for the late summer brine. All Ayes, Approved.

**2021 ROAD
BRINE**

2021 MOWING: VandenBrink moved with Langeland in support to contract with Phils Lawn Mowing services for the 2021 season. All Ayes, Approved.

**2021
MOWING**

TREASURES REPORT: Liszewski explained the process for collection of delinquent taxes. Real property is turned over to Ottawa County for collections however the Personal Property is the responsibility of the local Treasurer. Polkton has one personal property that continues year after year with delinquencies. A lot of time and effort is committed toward this one large companies collection of funds. Liszewski is seeking the proper demand for action, for an all in one collection verses the pay as they choose way. No action needed at this time.

**DELINQUENT
PP
COLLECT**

TOWNSHIP FEES: As discussed last month, there is a need to increase the fees collected for applications. Fees for requests should at least cover the costs of the application process. Langeland presented new application fees for township services. A new Acessory Building Ordinance must also be completed as soon as possible to help eliminate the need for so many ZBA meetings. Scott moved to approve the new fee schedule as presented, support from Liszewski. All Ayes, Approved.

**TOWNSHIP
FEE
INCREASE**

BOARD DISCUSSION: Just a follow up on the Pressure Reduction Valves, the City of Coopersville will pay for the valves as needed in certain areas for those with municipal water. Costigan and Liszewski explained the Grand Haven Area Fund Report and how these funds are and can be used in support of Sheridan Park and SE School. Costigan followed up with Brightmark regarding the natural gas line proposed to run west on Cleveland. The target date for installation is July of 2021. Residential customers within the parameters of this proposed project would have two estimated options: A ten year surcharge of \$35.00 per month for 10 years plus a \$200. upfront hook up fee (totaling \$4,400 over 10 years) OR a onetime upfront payment of \$2,957 plus the \$200.hook up fee (totaling \$3,157). Brightmark is hoping to have the digester project on board by fall 2021. Clean Up day will be held this year on the second Saturday of May, being May 8, 2021 from 7:30am to 11:30am at the OC Landfill.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

**Naural Gas
Lines/Costs**

Digester

**Clean Up
Day**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

It was moved and supported to adjorn the meeting at 8:53 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
Approved. 4/1/2021