

**POLKTON CHARTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
AUGUST 5 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, and M.VandenBrink. Absent: R.Scott.
Additional Attendees: Jim Key.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Meerman offering the invocation.
Supervisor Costigan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Eric and Kelly Hecksel would like to build a house on 80 Acres that they own. Can they tear down the house they own and build another? They currently live at 18555 – 92nd Ave. but would like to build near the SE corner of Taft and 88th. They have been told that there is only one location on the 80 Acres where a house would fit with our current ordinance. Jim Key presented information as noted under the SE School House minutes...

AGENDA: Liszewski moved to approve the agenda as presented. VandenBrink supported. All Ayes; Approved.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Liszewski moved with support from Biller to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Minutes from the Regular Board meeting of July 1, Bills to be paid, the Treasurers Report. There was no PC meeting held again in July. Fire Authority June draft minutes were provided and the financials for July. Sheridan Park and SE minutes combined on July 19 minutes, Cemetery minutes of July 8 and the BOR minutes from July 20.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Bills Paid: GF\$ (Ck#10567-105) Payroll, 1 EFT PR Tax, (GF Cks#3122-31) and WF \$ (Ck#1530&1531).

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Treasurers Report: Presented by Liszewski: Delinquent PP Tax payments have been completed for 2020.

PC Report: No Meeting. Liszewski mentioned that census information should become available in September.

Fire Authority Report: by Biller: July financials were reviewed. June minutes were made available.

Sheridan Park & SE Schoolhouse: Presented by Jim Key: Installation of a septic is scheduled and permits received. Discussions with the Plumbing Union for help with some of the plumbing have been held. A Brush Hog is needed for the Top Meadow area as a bid to have someone come in to do it is too high. Autumn Olive is a growing problem and needs to be treated. Maybe some wild flower planting could be done. Silent Auction is planned at Vets Park in Coopersville to benefit area one room schoolhouses.

Cemetery Minutes of July 8 – were presented

Board of Review Minutes July 20 – presented, Ed Alt will be retiring from the BOR. We thank Ed for his years of service to the community.

GREAT LAKE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – SECOND AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE:

A map of current utilities and a written plan of their intent were received. Added to the Ordinance was a request that Great Lakes be non-exclusive to only their current electric customers, but to offer and allow all those within their service area, where feasible, that the services be made available to residents wanting to hook up. Langeland moved with Costigan in support to approve this second reading of the Ordinance granting Franchise to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative as presented. A roll call vote was taken, All Ayes, Approved.

**GREAT
LAKES
FRANCHISE
ORD#113-21**

VERIZON TOWERS ESCROW ACCOUNT: Upon no response after attempts to reachout to the contact of the two most recent cell tower applications with escrow funds remaining. It was suggested by Langeland to apply these remaining escrow funds toward the legal fees now incurred while dealing with Stout and Company and their resistance in paying taxes on the tower at the Taft and 68th location. Liszewski moved to retain held escrow fees from the Chailli Tower Consultants to cover the cost of legal fees incurred while pursuing required taxes. Support from Costigan. All Ayes. Approved.

**VERIZON
TOWER
ESCROW
FUNDS RE-
DIRECTED**

BOARD DISCUSSION: Casey Kalee, a 20 year electrical inspector with IMS will be retiring, IMS has hired Paul Bierman who has 28 years of experience in the electrical field.

Short term rental properties have pending legislation at state level.

The Township as applied for American Rescue Act Funding offered by the Federal Government. These funds are required to be spent of specific things if received.

Legal Counsel has been contacted for advice regarding the condemned house on Leonard St. that is being redone without any permits. The new property owner and subsequent land contract owner have both refused to obtain permits for work to date.

A 2022 budget work meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 7pm, handouts were given and explained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Key would like contact be made with MGU to request a release of their franchise for the areas in Polkton Township where they will not add natural gas service. DTE is near Leonard and 90th, with all the new homes in that area, they should be contacted and asked to extend services in that area.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk
UnApproved.