

**POLKTON CHARTER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2 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. Absent: None  
Additional Attendees: Jim Key.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with VandenBrink offering the invocation.  
Supervisor Costigan called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The Coopersville Cemetery saw a lot of tree damage in a recent storm.  
Cleanup was costly.

**AGENDA:** Biller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Scott supported. All Ayes; Approved.

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Langeland moved with support from Liszewski to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved were: Minutes from the Regular Board meeting of August 5, Bills to be paid and the Treasurers Report. The August 17 PC meeting minutes, Sheridan Park with SE School House minutes of August 19. Fire Authority financials for August, no minutes available since June Draft minutes.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**Bills Paid:** GF\$ (Ck#10613-106 ) Payroll (Ck#3157-3165), 1 EFT PR Tax, and  
WF \$ (Ck#1533&1534).

**BOARD  
REPORTS**

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Liszewski: Delinquent PP Tax payments for a Cell Tower will be distributed and transferred this month.

**PC Report:** by Scott: A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Consumers Energy Substation to be located on Cleveland near 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. CE will need to seek a couple minor variances from the ZBA prior to getting a final decision from the Board.

**Fire Authority Report: by Biller:** August financials were reviewed. No minutes were available. The Fire Department is losing volunteers. The Chief will be retiring and is suggesting two full time staff. The City may look at additional costs for a ladder truck. Uniforms for fighter fighters are being looked at for meeting attendance and special events.

**Sheridan Park & SE Schoolhouse:** Presented by Jim Key: Cedar Shingles and supplies to refurbish the original outhouse have been purchased. These funds are to be taken from foundation money. An opening has opened up on the Parks Committee, Mikala Smith can no longer fit the meetings in her schedule. Thank-you Mikala for your time the last several years.

**TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING RECESS:** The meeting was recessed at 7:32pm for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. The 2021 millage was discussed. In November of 2018, it was approved by a vote of the people to allow for maximum allowable millages to once again be used. This allows a reversal of roll backs from previous years. In 2021 the Township could be allowed to collect a maximum rate of 1.0364 for the operating mills ,however, discussion was to leave the millage at its current rolled back number.

**2021  
TRUTH IN  
TAXATION  
HEARING**

Proposed for operating was to remain at; .9496 for general operating purposes, and to roll back to the following: .9925 for road improvements, 1.9850 for fire protection, .2481 for Senior Services for a total of 4.1752 mills. There were no questions nor public comment. Motion by Langeland, seconded by Liszewski approved to return to the regular meeting at 7:41pm.

**2021 MILLAGE RESOLUTION:** Langeland moved to approve, as presented, the 2021 millage resolution with the noted reduced rate allowed for operating. Polkton Township shall levy the following millage rate for the winter 2021 tax billings: .9496 for Operating using the same rate as in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Mills of .9925 for Roads, 1.9850 for Fire and Rescue, including .2481 for Senior Services will be collected. The total millage for township activities is 4.1752 Mills. Scott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all members voting yes. APPROVED.

**2021  
MILLAGE  
RESOLUTION  
RES#21-9-4**

**2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION:** A budget work meeting was held, the estimates for 2022 have been worked up as discussed, follow up will continue until a final budget can be presented.

**2022  
BUDGET  
DISCUSSION**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:** Boy Scouts helped with the Cemetery storm cleanup. The second road brining has been completed. Permits are now current for the home being rebuilt on Leonard, with reminders that additional permits will be required before work begins on the inside. Tax payment by credit cards were discussed.

**BOARD  
DISCUSSIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jim Key would like to see natural gas expansion as well as broadband.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by: Connie Langeland, Clerk  
UnApproved.