

POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP
APPROVED REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11TH, 2022

Chairman Dave Deutschlander called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge Allegiance was said. Supervisors who were present was Terry Peterson, Wayne Whited, Dean Swenson, and Jason Zastera. Also, who were present was Zoning Administer Gordy Johnson, Treasurer Darla Hall, and Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim.

AGENDA

Chairman Dave Deutschlander suggested we add Officer Bret Westbrook to the agenda right after the agenda is approved. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to accept the agenda with one addition. All in favor motion carried.

Officer Bret Westbrook introduced himself as being a state trooper for 18 years and he is running for Pine County Sheriff.

APPROVE MINUTES

Jason Zastera **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve the minutes from the July 14th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor motion carried.

PAYROLL

Terry Peterson **motioned** Jason Zastera seconded to approve payroll claims check # 13594 through check # 13598 and check # 13603 through check # 13614 for a total of \$11,787.00. All in favor motion carried.

SEWER

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to approve check # 3426 through check #3429 and check # 3431 through #3433 for a total of \$8,470.91 and check #3430 \$30,425.70 Dave Deutschlander yes, Dean Swenson yes, Wayne Whited yes, Jason Zastera yes. Terry Peterson abstains due to conflict of interest. Treasurer Darla Hall added check # 3434 \$300,000 to Sterns Bank for 2 CDs. Terry Peterson **motioned** Dave Deutschlander seconded to invest in 2, 24-month CDs for \$150,000 each with an interest rate of 2.08%. All in favor motion carried.

TOWNSHIP

Jason Zastera **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to approve check #13599 through check # 23602 & check # 13615 through check # 13618 & check #13626 through check #13638, EFT \$175.74. and voided check # 13619 through check # 13625 (printer printed both sides) for a total of \$99.877.90. All in favor motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Darla Hall gave the treasurer report she read off the balances in each account with a total ending balance of \$661,236.46. She mentioned the county levy check has been added and the second half of the ARPA funds. Also, we received \$4,100 for the sewer access charge on Birchview. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** and Terry Peterson seconded to approve the treasurers report as given. All in favor motioned carried. Jason Zastera commented on the outstanding check lists and inquired about check # 13381 for \$1,000 written to Pine City Recreation. Wayne Whited stated he will follow up on the check. Darla mentioned the auditor has apologized for taking so long on the audit and he is about to start on 2021, and when the time comes to do 2022 it will be a lot easier and will not take as long.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dave Deutschlander mentioned the east side of the building needs pressured washed. Tori Sigurdson is willing to do it. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to have the east side of the building pressured washed by Tori Sigurdson. All in favor motion carried, Administrative Clerk will contact her. Next, Chairman Dave Deutschlander mentioned the lumber yard is working on a plan for the shop addition. Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson questioned if this was going to be done this year and if we could start on moving the septic now. Dave Deutschlander stated moving the septic could be done at any time.

CLERK

Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim said the Primary Election went well. We had a total of 257 voters out of 1,936 registered voters.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator mentioned the public nuisance ordinance that a couple of the board members made suggestions on making some changes and he will make those changes and have it ready for the September regular meeting.

ROADS

Road supervisor Jason Zastera stated the dust coating is completed for the year. The roads that have not been dust coated should be graded soon. Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim mentioned she had sent a letter to Rydberg's explaining the board felt that \$2.50 additional c/y was too high, but with the rising cost of fuel the supervisors are willing to work with them. We received a bill from Rydberg's for the gravel, and they did not add anything for the fuel surcharge. The Supervisors decision was to pay the amount of the invoice.

FIRE & ANNEXATION

Supervisor Wayne Whited mentioned there is a fire district meeting on August 17th, at Pine City Township. Brook Park is waiting for the market value price for Pokegama Township. Zoning

Administrator mentioned the lawyer who completed the Chain of Lakes Fire District is willing to come here and do a presentation on the steps needed to take to set up a fire district. The Board thought that was a good idea. Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson will talk to the other townships, and possibly set it up for the September fire district meeting.

SEWER

Supervisor Dean Swenson stated everything with the sewer is going good right now. Most of the jetting is done.

NEW BUSINESS -None

OLD BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

REMINDERS

- A. Next Planning Commission August 15th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting September 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- C. Next Sewer Committee Meeting September 7th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- D. Township Legal Seminar September 17th, 2022 9am-4pm at Rutledge City Hall


JUNK MAIL

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to destroy the junk mail. All in favor motion carried.

ADJOURN

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to adjourn the July 14th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32


Christy Belsheim
Administrative Clerk


Dave Deutschlander
Chairman