

POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13TH, 2022 7:00 pm

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

AGENDA

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** to add lumber yard check to the agenda Jason Zastera seconded to approve the agenda with one addition. All in favor motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Terry Peterson **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to approve the September 8th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor motion carried.

Sheriff Jeff Nelson spoke stating he is running for Pine County Sheriff. His goals are to have better communication in the county. He will help provide the needs to the Township as far as ATV use and working with BLIGHT issues.

PAYROLL

Terry Peterson **motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to approve payroll claims check #13699 through check #13706 and check #13710 through check #13720 for a total of \$11,854.25. All in favor motioned carried.

SEWER

Dean Swenson **motioned** Dave Deutschlander seconded to approve Check #3444 through check # 3448 and check #3450 through check #3452 and check # 3454 for a total of \$12,408.20. All in favor motion carried. Dean Swenson **motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to approve check #3449 and check #3453 for a total \$27,798.88. Dave Deutschlander yes, Wayne Whited yes, Dean Swenson yes, Jason Zastera yes, Terry Peterson abstains due to conflict of interest. Motioned carried.

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Jason Zastera **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve check # 13707 through check # 13709 and check #13721 through check #13736 and check # 13738, EFT\$175.74 and voided check #13737 for a total of \$11,367.49. All in favor motion carried. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** to approve check #13739 for Federated CO-OP Lumber Yard for shop addition plans drawn for

\$1,360. After a discussion and feeling the price was too high it was tabled until next month and Terry Peterson will talk to Federated Co-Op Lumber Yard.

TREASURER

Treasurer Darla Hall gave the treasurer report she read off the ending balances in each account for a total ending balance of \$503,912.93. She stated the CD that was due she put it back in at Sterns Bank for 18-months at 2.65%. She stated the auditor has sent her the draft for the 2019 audit, the 2020 audit is complete a draft will be sent out soon, and the 2021 audit is being worked on. She stated they will present all three years at one time. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to accept the Treasurers report as given. All in favor motion carried.

BUILDING

The plans have been drawn at the lumber yard, still not sure on what is needed.

CLERK

- A. Election Judges- Terry Peterson **motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to approve the election judges Cordia Swenson, Bette Holdorf, Elaine Garaghty, Pat Waggoner, Laura Kryzer, Tori Siguradsen, Pauline Royce, Anita Sparks, Darla Hall, Tina Broussard, Christy Belsheim, Tom Howard, Connie Lewis, Wendy Nelson for the November 8th, 2022 General Election. All in favor motioned carried. The clerk added there is head judge training on October 20th, in Sandstone
- B. Certified Sewer Usage Fees and Liquor License- Dave Deutschlander **motioned** and Dean Swenson seconded to approve the list of certifications for sewer usage fees and liquor license. If payment is made, they will be taken off the certified list. All in favor motion carried.
- C. Administrator Clerk Christy Belsheim mentioned the Pine County Officers Meeting is on October 22nd, 2022 in Hinckley at 9:00 am. Also, Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim and Treasurer Darla Hall will be attending Clerk/Treasurer training on November 15th. The Administrator Clerk will be on vacation November 28th -Dec 2nd.

ZONING

- A. Public Nuisance – Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson stated he did not make any changes to the nuisance and it is up to the supervisors if they want to pass it. Supervisor Jason Zastera mentioned again that he has a hard time spending taxpayers' money on cleaning up a property with a chance that they will not stay clean. Zastera stated he likes the idea of donating dumpsters and having the property owners clean up on their own. The Supervisor came to an agreement instead of passing the Public Nuisance ordinance they will donate dumpsters to properties that are in question. Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson will draw up a letter and have it ready for the next regular board meeting.
- B. Connie Keane Variance- Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve Connie Keane variance request as recommended by the Planning Commission

and their findings and facts with the exception that she must meet the side lot set back of 5 ft. All in favor motion carried.

- C. Neal and Amy Jennissen Vacation Home Rental Conditional Use Permit- Terry Peterson **motioned** Dave Deuschlander seconded to approve Neil and Amy Jennissen vacation home rental conditional use permit as recommended by the Planning Commission including all findings and facts. All in favor motion carried.
- D. Pokegama Shores RV Extension Update- Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson explained to the Board Jacob Kruse owner of Pokegama Shores RV Park has applied for a site permit to expand by 24 sites. Gordy stated he approved the permit providing these conditions are met as follows. The Health Department is contacted for review and approval for expanding the license for the rv park, a stormwater management plan is in place and the Sewer Access Charge of \$75,600 is paid. The SAC charge was determined by the Town Board at the September 8th, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Jacob Kruse feels the SAC is way too high. He went on to explain that his SAC last time in 2015 was \$21,000 for Phase 1 and \$21,000 for the Phase 2. With his new 24 site expansion he felt the cost would be similar. Jacob feels that \$75,600 is a ridiculous amount and does not understand where the numbers are coming from for the sewer access charge. It was suggested to Jacob Kruse to bring it up to the Sewer Committee in December.

ROADS

Road Supervisor Jason Zastera stated the roads are looking good. Brad Rootkie has been out mowing the ditches. There are a few roads where trees need to be trimmed, he will contact Brad Rootkie to get on the schedule for winter. Lastly, it was mentioned the Ford plow truck is out being serviced at Lake State in Rush City.

FIRE

Pokegama Township received a fire contract from Brook Park Fire Department for taking over a portion of Pokegama Township. The Board were in agreement that we need to address the City of Pine City before we continue on with the Brook Park contract.

SEWER

- A. Sewer Supervisor Dean Swenson stated everything with the sewer is going good right now. Supervisor Terry Peterson stated that the lines at Pokegama Lake Resort is in the process of being camered. They are about 50% done and so far, and there has not been any issues.
- B. Pokegama Shores RV Resort user Fees Resolution- Owner of the Pokegama Shore RV Park questioned the resolution. After, a brief discussion Dave Deuschlander **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to pass Resolution 2022-10 Change on Usage Units for Pokegama Shores RV Resort.

$68 \text{ units} / 2 = 34 \times \$35.00 \text{ (REU)} = \$1,190.00 \times 6 = \$6090.00 / 12 = \$595.00$

$10 \text{ full time units} \times \$35.00 = \$350.00$

- 3 REU's Laundry Shower Bathroom x \$35.00 = \$105 x 6 + \$630.00 / 12 = \$52.50
Total monthly sewer charge \$997.50.
All in favor motion carried.
- C. A property owner off of Audrey Gayle was asking when the Audrey Gayle sewer extension was going to be started. Right now, they have a tank that they have to get pumped regularly and it is getting expensive. Supervisor Terry Peterson stated that it is too late in the year to start, it is on the schedule for spring.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CORRESPONDENCE

REMINDERS

- A. Next Planning Commission October 17th, 2022
- B. Fire District Meeting at Pine City Township, Town Hall October 19th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- C. Pine County Officers Meeting October 22nd, 2022 at 9:00 am Hinckley
- D. Next Regular Board Meeting November 10th, 2022, at 7:00 pm
- E. General Election November 8th, 2022 polls open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

JUNK MAIL

ADJOURN

Chairman Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Petersons seconded to adjourn the October 13th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm


Christy Belshim
Administrative Clerk


Dave Deutschlander
Chairman