

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Port Sheldon Township Board was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. **PRESENT:** Esther Van Slooten, Teresa De Graaf, Howard Baumann, Bill Monhollon and Gerald Smith. Also present: Attorney, Ron Bultje, Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse, Ottawa County Sheriff, Steve Kempker, and five township residents.

Gerald Smith offered an invocation.

Motion by De Graaf **to approve the agenda**. Supported by Smith and carried.

Consent agenda:

To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular meeting.

To accept the financial report.

Correspondence: a thank you letter from the City of Escanaba thanking the township for its financial support.

Committee Report:

- Building: No report submitted.
- Fire Department: twenty-six calls and two meetings.

Motion by Monhollon **to approve the consent agenda**, supported by Smith and carried.

Motion by Smith **to appoint probationer Adam Trowbridge to full firefighter status**, supported by De Graaf and carried.

Ottawa County Sheriff, Steve Kempker, presented the Ottawa County Annual Report which included Port Sheldon Township incident activity and statistics.

Discussion:

- Fire Department – Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse, gave an update on his review of neighboring township cost recovery procedures. At this time, and upon his recommendation, the board will not take any action and will continue to monitor fire activity.
- Solar Farms – Many surrounding townships have or are adopting ordinances. Ron Bultje shared his knowledge regarding other township statuses. Howard Baumann will gather information to enable the board to proceed with working toward a Solar Farm Ordinance.
- Windsnest Park project update. Preliminary work started, major work to begin in the fall of 2018 and continue through May 2019.
- Discussion around the Treasurer position. Several resumes and letters of interest have been submitted, with more verbal interest expressed. Possible action by the board at the July 2018 meeting.

Motion by Van Slooten **to pay the bills**. Supported by Smith and carried.

Public Comment:

- DeAnna Nelson introduced herself as a candidate for the Treasurer position.
- Resident, Mike De Boer, requested board meeting agendas be posted to the township website in advance of the meetings, enabling residents to attend meetings of interest.

Motion by Monhollon **to adjourn**. Supported by Smith and carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Teresa De Graaf, Clerk