

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
January 2, 2024

The Township Board of Portage Township, Porter County, Indiana met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Members present were Tiffany Gulley, Nikita Momola, and Jenarae Maldonado. Also, present were Trustee, Brendan Clancy, Attorney Clay Patton and Rebecca Allen.

Mr. Clancy called the meeting to order, and Ms. Gulley led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Momola moved to approve the December 7, 2023, minutes as received, Ms. Maldonado seconded. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.

Communications, correspondence, announcements from the Board Members

Ms. Maldonado updates the board on the Portage Recovery Association and their upgraded facility and how it is doing very well.

Communications, correspondence, announcements from the Trustee

Mr. Clancy updated the board on the appraisals that are out for the property interest. Some of the appraisals are back but one of the properties will require a different kind of appraisal because of the property type. Once those appraisals are in the board will be updated.

Mr. Clancy informed the board that the Porter County Health Department is offering a grant that Portage Township will be seeking. This grant is geared to help with the health of the community and could benefit our trails and exercise outlets through our Park's Department.

Mr. Clancy also updated the board on the Evergreen Park construction and that it is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Clancy brought before the board the circumstance of someone seeking a refund for the rental they reserved and paid for at the Bonner Senior Center to take place on January 14, 2024. The patron informed the director that she was in a bad car accident and would be unable to keep her rental. Under the guidelines, she would be unable to receive any of her deposit back. Due to her circumstance, the board decided to make a special exception and return her entire rental fee and deposit.

New Business

- Organization of Board in accordance with IC 36-6-6-7

Ms. Momola motioned to nominate Ms. Gulley as President of the Board. Ms. Gulley seconded.

Ms. Gulley motioned to nominate Ms. Momola Secretary of the Board. Ms. Momola seconded. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.

The Board members were appointed to their liaison positions as follows: Ms. Gulley to the Bonner Senior Center, Ms. Momola to the South Haven Fire Department and Ms. Maldonado to the Portage Township Parks Dept. and Cemetery.

- Ms. Momola moved to approve the 2024 Encumbered Appropriations. Ms. Maldonado seconded the motion. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola, and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.
- Ms. Maldonado moved the acknowledgment and approval of the 2023 Investment Report. Ms. Momola seconded the motion. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.
- Ms. Momola moved to approve the Dormant Fund, Transfer Authorization. Mr. Skalka seconded. Mr. Coker, Ms. Momola and Mr. Skalka were all in favor, none opposed.
- Ms. Gully, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado all acknowledged the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Mr. Clancy.
- Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola, Ms. Maldonado, and Mr. Clancy all acknowledged and signed the Affidavit of Compliance on Nepotism.
- Ms. Maldonado called the meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m..Ms. Momola seconded. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado all were in favor, none opposed.