

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
December 7, 2023

The Township Board of Portage Township, Porter County, Indiana met on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Members present were Tiffany Gulley, Nikita Momola, and Jenarae Maldonado. Also, present were Trustee, Brendan Clancy, Rebecca Allen and daughter to Tiffany Gulley, Emma Gulley.

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

Ms. Momola moved to approve the October 24, 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

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Mr. Clancy updated the board on the number of homeless interactions the Trustee office has received this year. Seventy percent of the homeless calls received to the Portage Township Trustee Office, were Portage Township residence. There were 3 specific clients that Mr. Clancy spoke of. The first was a woman living in a tent and on park benches for a few months, we were able to help her secure affordable housing, along with Family Promise's help. The second was a young man that was living in his disabled vehicle, unable to do his delivery job. We were able to secure a used, running vehicle for two thousand dollars, so that he could keep warm and continue making an income as a delivery driver. Thus, saving the township money in the long term. The third was a homeless man that we were able to help return to his family friend in Mobile, Alabama with the purchases of a bus ticket. The number of those helped with emergency shelter have doubled for the 2023 year.

Mr. Clancy also informed that the Portage Township Parks 5 year master plan should be completed in the next month. The skate park and ball field at Evergreen Park should be completed by June of 2024.

Mr. Clancy spoke of the new bus and van at the Bonner Senior Center. This purchase was made by paying cash.

Mr. Clancy gave praise to the ARP funds that were received from Porter County and then given to the Townships. With these funds, we were able to purchase a generator to keep our office and the food pantry running in the event of a power outage.

New Business

- Ms. Maldonado moved to Approve Resolution 2023-06, Recreation Fee Schedule. Ms. Momola seconded the motion. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.
- Ms. Momola moved to Approve Resolution 2023-07 and Adopt the Cemetery Fee Schedule and Rules and Regulations. Ms. Maldonado seconded. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.

- Ms. Momola moved to Approve Resolution 2023-08, Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-10.5-5. Ms. Maldonado seconded the motion. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.
- Ms. Momola moved to Approve Resolution 2023-09, Bonner Senior Center Room Rental Rules and Rates. Ms. Maldonado seconded the motion. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado were all in favor, none opposed.
- Ms. Maldonado called the meeting Adjourned at 10:38 a.m. Ms. Momola seconded. Ms. Gulley, Ms. Momola and Ms. Maldonado all were in favor, none opposed.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.