

Portland Township
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The Portland Township board held the March 2023 board meeting at 6:00 pm at the Portland Township Hall on Wednesday, March 16, 2023. All board members were in attendance.

Supervisor Jensen called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the March 9, 2023 special meeting minutes seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried. Trustee Simon motioned to approve the February 2023 board meeting minutes seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Assessor Kohagen gave a review of the March 2023 Board of Review meetings. All items concerning the end of the fiscal year is complete.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot reviewed her monthly report. The Planning Commission will be meeting March 20, 2023. The ZBA will be meeting for a variance request for Green Rd.

Treasurer Schneider noted the account balances. No fire runs were reported for February. Lots for Sun Communities for February are 425. Taxes have been closed out. An update from the March Pama meeting was given.

Supervisor Jensen reviewed the PAFA meeting, the Board of Review meetings and the MTA conference meeting. Still Meadows crack/seal from 2022 will be re-evaluated. Supervisor Jensen will create language for the bidding of farming the Township's property.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the Proposal for Professional Architectural Conceptual Planning Services from Spicer Group for the new Township Hall and Recycling Center seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the second submission from the Ionia County Road Commission for the agreement for brining the Township's roads for 2023 seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the consolidation with Lyons Township for the May 2, 2023 election for the Pewamo-Westphalia residents for the school bond issue seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried. These voters will be voting at the Pewamo Community Center in Pewamo.

Trustee Simon motioned to amend and increase the budget items for the year ending March 31, 2023 as noted: Supervisor mileage to increase to 700, BOR mileage/Trng. to increase to 900, Advertising to increase to 3,500 seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

The Township board prepared the 2023-2024 budget. The approval of this budget will be held on March 29, 2023 at the annual meeting.

No action was taken on old business items.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the bills presented by Clerk Keilen seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to adjourn at 8:19 pm seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

The next meeting of the board is March 29th at 6PM.

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk