

Portland Township
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The February 2018 Portland Township board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall.

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

Ionia County Road Commission Engineer, Paul Spitzley gave a report concerning the recommended road treatments for Portland Township for 2018. He also reviewed the suggested 2018/2019 reconstruction road project for Cutler Rd. Mr. Spitzley spoke about the proposed County Road Millage which plans to be placed on the August ballot.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the minutes for the January 2018 board meeting seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Mike Callton was present to announce his campaign for the State Senate.

Treasurer Simon noted the accounted balances and presented the quarterly report. There were 4 fire runs for January. Ninety five percent of winter taxes have been collected.

Assessor D. Kohagen gave his monthly report.

Supervisor Jensen gave a review of the Portland Area Fire Authority and the Ionia County Road Commission meetings.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot gave her monthly report.

Trustee Simon motioned to authorize the Gravel agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission for 10,000 yds. of gravel seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

Treasurer Simon motioned to authorize the Brine agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Treasurer Simon motioned to authorize the Gradall agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned for Portland Township to participate in the current road project for Cutler road as presented by the Ionia County Road Commission per ACT51. Portland Township agrees to pay 50% of the costs of this one particular project for 2018/2019, any future maintenance projects would need to be discussed. Seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to have Portland Township participate in the 2018 Portland City Clean-up event seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Treasurer Simon motioned to contribute \$2,500 to the P.A.S.G. and \$8,000 to Recreation seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to amend the budget items for Software/Technology and Advertising seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2018 B.O.R. dates: March 6th at 5:00 pm, March 13th at 9am-12noon and 1pm to 4pm, and March 14th at 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm. The remaining 2018 B.O.R. dates are July 17th and December 11th, seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the 2018-2019 Portland Area Fire Authority budget seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2018 Poverty Exemption Application for Portland Township seconded by Treasurer Simon. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to increase the salary for Deputy Treasurer Simon seconded by Trustee Simon, all were in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to increase the salary for Election workers seconded by Trustee VanLente, all were in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Jensen submitted resignations for ZBA board members, Platte and Selden. Trustee Simon motioned to approve the resignations seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to appoint a ZBA opening to Marcella Lay seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to appoint a ZBA opening to Mark Simon seconded by Trustee VanLente. 4-yes, 1-abstain, motion approved.

Trustee Simon motioned to appoint the Janitorial position to Charlene Keilen seconded by Trustee VanLente. 4-yes, 1-abstain, motion approved.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the election consolidation for Westphalia Township for the May election seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the METRO ACT permit application for Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. seconded by Trustee Simon. 4-yes, 1-abstain, motion approved.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the costs for the Friends of the Red Mill to assist with overseeing the Recycle weekend for February seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

All old business items will be addressed at the March meeting.

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

Trustee VanLente motioned to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk