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The February 2021 meeting of the board was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm remotely. Supervisor Jensen called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A roll call attendance was taken, all board members were in attendance. Also in attendance remotely was Deputy Treasurer Schneider, Zoning Administrator Vandersloot, Assessor J. Kohagen and Terence Frewen.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Simon. A roll call vote was taken, 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Treasurer Schneider noted the account balances. No fire runs were reported for January. Sun Communities lot occupancies were reported. Treasurer Schneider will be available February 16th for the final tax collection date. A CD was renewed at Independent bank. The board discussed the money market account at Huntington, an investment decision will be made at the next board meeting.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the implementation process and costs for the online tax payment program for 3yrs. with BS&A/ and Point/Pay seconded by Treasurer Schneider. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes-0-no, motion carried.

Assessor J. Kohagen noted the assessment notices will be mailed soon. The March Board of Review meetings dates were noted.

Supervisor Jensen reviewed the monthly meetings he attended.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot reviewed her monthly report. There will be a ZBA meeting on February 17th for a zoning variance.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2021 Poverty Exemption resolution seconded by Trustee VanLente. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to amend and increase the budget items for 2020-2021 for Advertising, Software/Technology, Treasurer Internet, Land Division, Election Salaries and Election expenses seconded by Trustee Simon. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve a \$5,000.00 contribution to the City of Portland for Recreation seconded by Trustee VanLente. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to increase all board positions salaries by 2% seconded by Trustee VanLente. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to participate in the 2021 City of Portland annual cleanup seconded by Trustee Simon. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the cost to have the land on Barnes road perked seconded by Trustee Simon. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the cost for the land survey for the land on Barnes road seconded by Trustee VanLente. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee Simon left the meeting at 7:32 pm

Trustee VanLente motioned to authorize the 2021 Board of Review Meeting dates; March 2nd at 5pm-organizational meeting, March 9th from 2p-5p and 6p-9p, March 10th from 9a-12n and 1p-4p seconded by Treasurer Schneider. A roll call vote was taken; 4-yes, 0-no, 1-absent, motion carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the Portland Area Fire Authority 2021-2022 budget seconded by Treasurer Schneider. A roll call vote was taken; 4-yes, 0-no, 1-absent, motion carried.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the bills presented by Clerk Keilen seconded by Supervisor Jensen. A roll call vote was taken; 4-yes, 0-no, 1-absent, motion carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to adjourn at 7:43pm seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk

The next meeting of the board will be March 17th at 6:00 pm followed by the Budget meeting, March 24th at 6:00 pm followed by the April board meeting. The board plans to meet April 14th at 6:30 pm for a work session for planning of a Township Hall.