

Portland Township
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The October meeting of the board was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall. Supervisor Jensen called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee VanLente motioned to approve the September 2019 meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Deputy Treasurer Simon reported the account balances. There was no fire report available. Tax collection for September was at 95% collected.

Assessor D. Kohagen gave a report for the 20% yearly evaluation for this year including the Sunset Communities area. The board discussed decks of 100 sq. ft. or more being assessed.

Supervisor Jensen noted the meetings he attended and those upcoming for October.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot reviewed her monthly report.

Mr. Hodges and Ms. Sharp from the Ionia County Board of Commissioners were present and spoke about their concerns for the financial/ employee pension situation of the Ionia County Road Commission.

Prosecuting Attorney, Kyle Butler and IMSafe Executive Director, Lori Kirkhoff gave a presentation about the Ionia Montcalm Child Advocacy Center. This center is for children who have been abused.

Trustee VanLente will get a quote for magnetic signage to use at the monthly recycle collection.

No action was taken to increase Cyber coverage.

Clerk Keilen discussed with the board the need to purchase 2 additional laptops for future elections.

The next Township newsletter will be sent out with the Winter taxes.

Clerk Keilen discussed with the board the need for a locked drop box for absentee ballots and a dolly to move election equipment to use for future elections.

Supervisor Jensen has been in discussion with the City of Portland concerning options for compost items.

The Portland Township board will be meeting with the Westphalia Township board next month to discuss information about the construction of their Township hall.

No action was taken concerning a pathway from Sun Communities to the City limits.

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

Trustee Simon motioned to adjourn at 8:53 pm seconded by Trustee VanLente and carried.

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk