## PORTAGE TOWNSHIP MINUTES January 28, 2025 9:00 A.M.

The Township Board of Portage Township, Porter County, Indiana met on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Members present were Tiffany Gulley and Nikita Momola(Willimas). Also, present were Trustee, Brendan Clancy, Attorney Clay Patton and Rebecca Allen.

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

Ms. Momola (Williams) moved to approve the January 7, 2025 minutes as received, Ms. Gully seconded. Motion was carried on a unanimous vote.

Communications, correspondence, announcements from the Board Members None

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## **New Business**

- Ms. Momola (Williams) moved to approve the 2024 Annual Report. Ms. Gulley seconded the motion. Motion was carried on a unanimous vote.
- Ms. Momola (Williams) moved to approve and adopt the 2025 Township Guidelines. Ms. Gulley seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.
- Mr. Clancy discussed with the board an update on the Maintenance and Fire Vehicles and Apparatuses. The fire equipment has been ordered and should arrive in one year or less. The fire bond and cumulative fund will pay for that equipment. The park vehicles are new so they shouldn't need any replacement anytime soon. The Bonner Senior Center will need one bus replaced soon. The scissors lift and front end utility loader that does all has been delivered to the Park/Maintenance Department.
- Mr. Clancy mentioned the Bonner Senior Center needs a bus driver.
- Mr. Clancy said that the department head will be meeting in the next month to prioritize what the needs are in each facility in the next month. This will include preparing a capital improvement plan. Along with this the Park's Department will be updating their Master plan.
- Mr. Clancy also discussed that the local Porter County shelter Family Promise was donated another property. He would like to come up with a plan to help provide funds to help them operate.
- Mr. Clancy informed the board that the City of Portage is consolidating multiple TIF districts in new residential areas that will allow for expenditures for city Fire and Police. He will be reaching out to the mayor to gather more information on how this works. He would also like to reach out to Baker Tilley to find out how these TIF fees will affect Township funds now and in the future.
- Mr. Clancy also told the board about two upcoming senate bills that could affect or eliminate Township Government. We will be keeping an eye on these bills.
- Ms. Momola (Williams) called the meeting adjourned at 9:26 am. Ms. Gulley seconded. Motion was carried on a unanimous vote.