**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Meeting**

**PO Box 319, Big Bay 49890**

**Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 7:00 PM**

**Approved Minutes 11/17/15**

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor Darlene Turner, at Powell Township Hall.

2. Pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call: Joe Stanley, Denise Hudson, Darlene Turner, Linda Gamble, Arline Erickson

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with additions: Fire Department approval for Alex King to join and Fire Department payment approval for $200 to N&N Trucking for educational purposes (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried**

5. Approval of Minutes:

* Motion made to approve September 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. (Stanley/Hudson) **All yes, motion carried.**
* Motion made to approve the October 16th, 2015 Meeting of the Whole (Gamble/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**

6. Revenue & Expenditure Report: No discussion. Motion to approve report (Turner/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**

7. Treasurer’s Report: No discussion. Thank you Arline Erickson.

8. Approval of Bills: Motion made to approve September bills with addition of payments to Marquette Road Commission ($12913.00) and ProMark (or Pummill) ($96.87), The North County Sanitation was an amount for 2 months owed, and the Timber Ridge amount is to fix the Halfway Fire Hall door. (Stanley/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**

**Committee and Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Department: 7 calls in August, 5 calls in September, and 9 calls out in October so far; all but 2 volunteers attended EMS conference; new drug called “Narcon” for allergy issues to administer and there is further training, will be picking up at the hospital pharmacy; there is an issue with pressure/compressor on the truck that is being looked into.
2. Fire Department: No calls; new door is awesome and it was 1/3 cost of other bids; Boat training with N&N training; there is a foam issue on the truck that will be covered by Deep South.
3. Emergency Management: no report
4. Parks & Recreation: Spaghetti dinner earned around $700; Christmas party will be the 1st Saturday of December at 6pm; a date was set to clean out the Parks and Rec. shelves at the twp. Hall; discussing the possibility of a “Dark Sky Park” on the new property adjacent to Thomas Rock
5. Water Department: All good
6. Sewer Department: All good
7. Planning and Zoning: No new or old business so there will not be a Planning and Zoning meeting
8. Correspondence: Flyer from Eagle Mine that there is a November 11th meeting for the public at Thunder Bay Inn; Michigan Environmental Report
9. Presentations: None

Public Comment:

Would the Dark Sky Park be like the one in St. Ignace? Linda answered that it would be something like that but everything is still in planning stages.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Grant: Jim reported for UP engineers; waiting on a few well site access; there was information that was held back and requesting information on some drilling; a little behind on the planning from some questions but the preliminary plans are done; hydrants need to be flow tested again; Roger Zappa will start the preliminary title search and give opinion; Easements are all in place but Draver Park needs a little confirmation; small minor things are appearing that are slowing process down; KD road would not be expensive to add but the existing line is small; 8” is recommended or minimum but 6” is plenty; New customers can only be added after finished when the capacity will go up.
	1. Motion made for Audit Engagement for 2016, 2017, & 2018 with Anderson & Tackman (Hudson/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made for an appraisal for property (Gamble/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**

**New Business**

1. Fire Department:
	1. Motion made to approve Cory Steede for volunteer fireman (Gamble/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made to approve Alex King for volunteer fireman (Gamble/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**

\*Working with Huron Mountain Club to cover cost to finish certifications for both Cory and Alex

* 1. Motion made to approve purchase of six 800mg Radios at $800 each(Gamble/Turner). **All yes, motion carried.**
		1. Radios usually cost $2,000; these El-com radios are used but in good condition. Buying extra to go around to new members and trucks.
	2. Motion made to approve paying $200 to N&N trucking for training (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
1. EMS: Motion made to approve $125 State of Michigan Renewal License (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
2. Parks and Recreation:
	1. Motion made to approve $350 for Thomas Rock Septic Pumped (Stanley/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made to approve $400 for Community Christmas Party (Hudson/Gamble). **All yes, motion carried.**
	3. Motion made to approve $10,600 fence around Draver Park that is 4 ft high installed in the Spring (Gamble/Hudson). Turner opposed, Gamble/Hudson/Erickson/Stanley in favor, **motion carried.**
3. Dangerous Building Ordinance:
	1. Motion made to approve Dangerous Building Ordinance (Turner/Hudson)
		1. Board handles issues, has hearings, and appoints and enforcer officer
		2. Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Aye; Erickson, Aye; Turner, Aye; Gamble, Aye; Hudson, Aye. **Ordinance Passed.**
4. Release and Hold Harmless Agreement:
	1. Originally passed in 1977, an updated version is needed
	2. Motion made to pass the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
5. Release and Hold Harmless Agreement –Water Pipe Thawing:
	1. Lawyer’s opinion is on file; does not protect township 100% but a good policy.
	2. Motion made to pass the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement- Water (Gamble/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**
6. Policy on Overpayment of Property Tax Bills
	1. Motion made to pass Overpayment of Property Tax Bills Policy which is for amounts in overpayment of under $5 will not be returned back to taxpayers (Gamble/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**
		1. Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Aye; Erickson, Aye; Turner, Aye; Gamble, Aye; Hudson, Aye. **Policy Passed**
7. MTA Conference:
	1. Motion made to approve 3 people to attend Detroit MTA conference January 19th – 22nd, 2016, costs include Classes at $434; Room at $150 per night; Bus is at $230; Meals are at $200 (Erickson/Gamble). **All yes, motion carried**
8. Claim of Lien Policy:
	1. Purpose of policy is to insure that Powell Township is compensated for monies owed on properties in township. Township Treasurer shall have authority to file Claim of Lien on any property where the owner owes money to the township
	2. Motion made to approve Claim of Lien Policy (Gamble/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**
9. Township Roof:
	1. Motion Made to have roof repaired this fall (Turner/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion Made to approve G&S Roofing (amount of $4,500) for complete replacement (Stanley/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**
10. Letter of Support with Sands Township:
	1. Motion made for a Letter of Support with Sands Township on decision of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority issue. (Gamble/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
11. Research Purchase of truck and Plow:
	1. Motion made for custodian to research a purchase of a new truck and plow (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
12. Chain Saw Purchase:
	1. Motion made for custodian to make township equipment purchase of Chain Saw for amount $424.24 (Stanley/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Question was posed on what would qualify in Dangerous Building Ordinance?

 Mostly vacant properties, but the township will investigate any building that will be dangerous for public

Question was posed on what the motion passed for the appraisal of property for the water grant?

 The appraisal would be for easements in water

Clerk, Gamble announced that Next Thursday, 10/29/15 the Clerk’s office would be closed because of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk being out of town.

Next regular meeting: November 17th, 2015 at 7:00 PM – Township Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM by Supervisor Turner.

Minutes Prepared by Samantha Morin - Recording Secretary