**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Meeting**

**PO Box 319**

**101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**

**Tuesday, November 17th, 2015**

**Approved Minutes 12/15/15**

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 correction to EMS device is CPAP not CPAD (Gamble/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried**

5. Approval of Minutes:

* Motion made to approve October 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. (Stanley/Hudson) **All yes, motion carried.**
* Motion made to approve the November 13th, 2015 Meeting of the Whole (Stanley/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**

6. Revenue & Expenditure Report: Turner questioned the Ambulance Communications and Gamble answered that there is a voided amount from a previous year that is trying to balance; Turner stated the Planning and Zoning has not used their budget for training. Motion to approve report (Erickson/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**

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

8. Approval of Bills: Mbank charge ($549) is for the townships VISA credit cards; DEQ charge is a renewal for Water Department; Superior Electric charge ($630) is for Fire Halls Generator. Motion made to approve October bills (Stanley/Turner). **All yes, motion carried.**

**Committee and Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Department: eleven calls in October and one call in November so far; crew is trained in the administration of “NARCAN”; a Continuous Postitive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine is optional for ambulance crews and it has been decided by Powell Townships crew, after having a few calls that this machine would have been helpful, that they would like to have it by first of the year; EMS coordinator, Kim Bourgeois, will contact Billing Clerk, Gary Vargo, for Turner’s question on after so many calls there is less revenue from previous years, though Kim was able to answer that some calls are not charged
2. Fire Department: Fire Chief, Mike Thoma, did not have a lot to report; the one call to a fire at the mine was a false alarm
3. Emergency Management: EM Official, Deborah Moore, is trying to have more training in Marquette but not having luck with the EM coordinator in Marquette; she is trying to stay active but there has been nothing to report
4. Parks & Recreation: committee staked out where the cabin will be moved; the tree lighting with Santa will be December 5th, 2015 at 6pm; the December meeting is cancelled
5. Water Department: Custodian, Pete TenEyck, will be meeting with engineers to discuss Perkins Park water issue
6. Sewer Department: All good
7. Planning and Zoning: Meeting will be November 18th, 2015 at 6pm
8. Correspondence: none
9. Presentations: None

Public Comment:

Pete TenEyck wanted to mention that Dave, from 906 Technologies, was able to find the data for the cemetery that was gathered in the last 4 years and he (Pete) will need the BSA password before a 2 hour meeting to connect the old and new program

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Grant: Jim and Matt from the UP Engineers couldn’t attend meeting but by email correspondence contacted the board about the roads being torn up in sections and pieces to update the water system, unless the board passes to pay for a full width replacement of the road; total road replacement cost of $75,000 was calculated; it is the UP Engineers hope that the USDA Rural Development will pay for 75% of incurred costs and this would mean Powell Township will have to agree to pay 25% of the cost for full road replacement
	1. Motion made to approve to pay 25% of full road replacement costs (Hudson/Stanley). Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Yes; Hudson, Yes; Erickson, Yes; Turner, Yes; and Gamble, Yes. **All yes, motion carried.**
2. New Township Truck Purchase
	1. Motion made to Purchase 2016 Ford Truck S-Dty F – 350 SRQ with Plow (Hudson/Gamble). Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Yes; Hudson, Yes; Erickson, Yes; Turner, Yes; and Gamble, Yes. **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made to Amend Budget Revenue amount $37,153.01 from Fund Balance to General Fund Equipment (Erickson/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	3. Motion made for General Fund to pay for 50% or amount $18,576.50 (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
	4. Motion made for Water Department to pay for 25% or amount $9,288.25 (a Journal Entry to move amount from Repair & Maintenance to Equipment is needed) (Hudson/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
	5. Motion made for Sanitation to pay for 18.25% or amount $6,966.20 (a Journal Entry to move amount from Repair & Maintenance to Equipment is needed) (Gamble/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	6. Motion made for Sewer to pay 6.25% or amount $2,322.06 (a Journal Entry to move amount from Fund Balance to Equipment is needed) (Hudson/Gamble) **All yes, motion carried.**

\*Recommendations for Auditor to move amounts around

1. Blight Extension Request
	1. Motion made to approve Maggie Weaver’s Blight Violation extension request for to June 2016 for final clean up (Erickson/Gamble) **All yes, motion carried.**
		1. House burned April 2014 and Maggie is making headway with her insurance but was supposed to have the property cleaned up on November 17th, 2015 after a previous extension

**New Business**

1. Fire Department:
	1. Motion made to Purchase 10 fire alarms, cost $100.52, for the Poster Contest (Gamble/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made to approve turnout gear, cost $800 from Equipment, for new volunteer Alex King (Hudson/Turner). **All yes, motion carried.**
2. EMS**:**
	1. Motion made to approve winter jackets, cost estimated $1,200 from Donated Funds (Gamble/Hudson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made to approve purchase of CPAP (breathing device), cost $1,000 from Equipment (Gamble/Erickson). **All yes, motion carried.**
	3. Motion made to approve $500 in supplies (Stanley/Gamble)
3. Planning Commission:
	1. Motion made to approve Sidney Reade, who is new to the community, as a new member (Stanley/Gamble). **All yes, motion carried.**
	2. Motion made to approve Laura Mohrman as a new member (Gamble/Stanley). **All yes, motion carried.**
	3. Jim Gratz will be retiring in December with the expiration of his term
4. Old Marquette County Road Commission Garage:
	1. Motion made to approve purchase $57,000 plus $10,000 in estimated environmental costs (Turner/Stanley). **All opposed, motion failed.**
		1. Gamble believes the garage is not something the township needs
		2. Turner has pointed out that township doesn’t have to buy the garage to control
5. Zoning Violation: Tina Slain property has a 12ft by 50ft trailer that must be removed from property due to a Zoning Violation; the property renter asked for an extension to remove trailer it is in the process of being gutted out
	1. Motion made to approve extension for the trailer removal by owner to April 30th, 2016, and after that date, Powell Township will have it cleared and charged to owner (Stanley/Turner) **All yes, motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Kim Bourgeois had texted Gary Vargo during meeting and that it takes 6 months for processing of the bills for EMS. October’s billing was just received and he will be turning them in shortly

Linda Gamble has been informed due to a State error that there will not be new election equipment thought it will still have to be budgeted in 2016

Jean Gertz has been working with Ferrellgas after there were some discrepancies with the Big Bay group’s rate. It has been lowered to $1.09 because of this and to be competitive with other gas providers

Pete TenEyck informed that the truck will be here on Thursday

Next regular meeting: December 22nd, 2015 at 7:00 PM – Township Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 8 PM by Supervisor Turner.

Minutes Prepared by Samantha Morin - Recording Secretary