**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Meeting**

**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**

**Tuesday January 26th, 2016 7:00 PM**

**~~Draft Minutes~~**

**Approved Minutes 2/16/16**

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 Absent: Arline Erickson

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with two additions: in New Business 2b. Approve Kim for EMS billing and in New Business 4b. Pass FEMA National Flood Insurance Ordinance (Gamble/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

* Motion made to approve December 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes with two corrections: in New Business 6c is non-conforming and not non-confirming and in New Business Public Comment it’s not the schools open House but Bay Cliffs (Stanley/Turner) All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.

6. Expenditure & Revenue Report:

* Trustee Stanley questions page 14 Sanitation Revenue of $6,000 being correct, in which Clerk Gamble answered it would be Treasurer Erickson who would be better to answer
* Supervisor Turner questions if the amount for the truck has come out of Sanitation, in which Clerk Gamble answered that it would be shown in the next months Expenditure and Revenue Report.
* Motion to approve Expenditure and Revenue Report (Stanley/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.

7. Treasurer’s Report: No discussion

8. Approval of Bills: (Hudson/Stanley). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.

**Committee and Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Department: There were 5 calls in December and so far there were 3 calls in January; the CPAP/Snowmobile training last Sunday went well; there was an ordering issue with the CPAP machines and there will be a delay in using them; it was realized during the training that a new battery was needed for one of the snowmobiles; Kim Bourgeois has talked with the Forsyth Township about billing services to figure out Powell Township policies.
2. Fire Department: no pages; training involved cold weather operations, chimney fire procedure, and reaction plan that works around the 2 non-working hydrants; there will be an ice-rescue practice coming up in February; our Public Protection Classification with the Insurance Service Office (ISO) has improved to 6 and effective April 1st, 2016 his might help insurance cost.
3. Emergency Management: no report
4. Parks & Recreation: There will be a Pancake Breakfast the Second Saturday or February 13th, 2016 from 8am to noon in the Township Hall; Parks and Rec. committee is looking into applying for more grants
5. Water Department: same consumption and no issues
6. Sewer Department: all good
7. Planning and Zoning: the Zoning Book is being reviewed and the next meeting will be February 15th, 2016
8. Correspondence: Marquette Solid Waste has equipment for sale and sent the township an invite to visit the landfill
9. Presentations: None

**Public Comment**

None

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Grant: the Quality Control Review is in process; an updated set of plans will be brought tomorrow Wednesday January 27th, 2016 and there will be a new map of hydrant layouts included
2. Water Rate Increase:
   1. Monthly rate increase for water usage from $42.50 a month to $45
   2. Meter customers will have monthly usage charge of $45 per 3,500 gallons and an additional charge of $7.15 per 1,000 or any portion thereof
   3. Motion made to approve Resolution to Amend Water Rate Ordinance (Gamble/Hudson) Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Aye; Hudson, Aye; Turner, Aye; Gamble, Aye; Erickson, Absent. Supervisor declares the resolution passed. It will be posted in Mining Journal. Effective 2/1/16, water customers will receive the new charges in March for February billing
      1. Supervisor Turner regrets the impact to commercial users and is still working with UPEA

**New Business**

1. Fire Department:
   1. Motion made to approve Esther Ruggles as a volunteer fireman (Hudson/Gamble). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   2. Motion made to approve file cabinet and fax machine, total cost amount $300, to be split evenly between the Fire Department and Ambulance for equipment (Stanley/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   3. Motion made to approve Hydro Testing of 24 S.C.B.A bottles, amount $480 (Hudson/Stanley). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
      1. This is a 5 year requirement for equipment maintenance
   4. Motion made to approve the Fire Number Policy with addition of Marquette Township and correction of the typo in the second paragraph (Gamble/Turner). Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Aye; Hudson, Aye; Turner, Aye; Gamble, Aye; Erickson, Absent. Supervisor declares policy passed
2. EMS:
   1. Motion made to table the Policy for Ambulance Service Charges (Hudso/Stanley). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   2. Motion made to approve Kim Bourgeois to take over EMS billing (Gamble/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
3. Parks & Recreation:
   1. Motion made to approve $300 for Pancake Breakfast on February 13th, 2016 from Donated Funds (Gamble/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   2. Motion made to approve Parks and Recreation committee to apply for grants for Draver Park and Burns Landing (Stanley/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
4. FEMA National Flood Insurance:
   1. Motion made to pass the Resolution to Participate in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that is revised every 5 years (Stanley/Turner) Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Aye; Hudson, Aye; Turner, Aye; Gamble, Aye; Erickson, Absent. Supervisor declares resolution passed.
   2. Motion made to pass the “Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code Ordinance” (Stanley/Gamble) Roll Call Vote: Stanley, Aye; Hudson, Aye; Turner, Aye; Gamble, Aye; Erickson, Absent. Supervisor declares ordinance passed.
      1. Will be published February 7th, 2016
      2. Will be effective February 29th, 2016
5. Elected Officials Salary Budget Year 2016-2017
   1. Motion made to approve Supervisor’s yearly amount to continue to be $8,250 per year (Gamble/Turner). Turner, yes; Stanley, yes; Gamble, yes; Hudson, opposed; Erickson, absent; motion carried.
      1. Supervisor is not comfortable in asking for a raise because of the different raises being asked of the township residents.
   2. Motion made to approve Clerk’s yearly amount to be raised to $10,000 per year, which is a $260 increase (Stanley/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   3. Motion made to approve Treasurer’s yearly amount to be raised to $10,000 per year, which is a $1,780 increase (Stanley/Gamble). Turner, yes; Gamble, yes; Stanley, opposed; Hudson, opposed; Ericson, absent; motion failed.
   4. Motion made to approve Trustee’s Stanley amount to continue to be $55 per “Powell Township” meeting (Turner/Hudson). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   5. Motion made to approve Trustee’s Hudson amount to be raised to $60 per “Powell Township” meeting (Stanley/Turner). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   6. Motion made that both Trustees get the same $60 per meeting (Turner/Gamble). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
6. Motion made to approve Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC to help clerk and treasurer as needed at a rate of $70 per hour (Gamble/Stanley). All yes (Erickson-Absent), motion carried.
   1. This is at a rate only $10 more than the current aide

**Public Comment**

Pancake breakfast is at Township Hall and it will be $6 for adults and $4 for children under 12 years old

Next regular meeting: February 16th, 2016 at 7:00 PM – Township Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM by Supervisor Turner.

**Monetary Motions in Above Minutes**

New Business 1b) $300, 1c) $480, 3a) $300 from Donated Funds,

Samantha Morin - Recording Secretary