**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Tuesday June 21st, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Draft Minutes**

**Approved Minutes 7/19/16**

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

2. Pledge of allegiance.

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

4. Agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda with additions for (1e) David Weber approval as a volunteer fireman and (10) Jeremy Blakenship hired for full-time transfer station (Gamble/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

* Motion made to approve Meeting of the Whole April 11th, 2016 Minutes (Stanley/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
* Motion made to approve Regular Meeting May 17th, 2016 Minutes with corrections of the spelling to Michael Klein and far instead of for (Stanley/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.
* Motion made to approve Meeting of the Whole June 6th, 2016 Minutes (Erickson/Turner). All yes, motion carried.

6. Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion made to approve with discussion by supervisor who will work with BSA on Fire on the Bay and Pg. 11 Road Fund (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.

7. Treasurer’s Report: No Report

8. Approval of Bills: Motion made to approve bills with discussion on AT&T getting paid twice for two separate months and the Master card being so high from purchases of Parks & Recreation Supplies, Different Training and Travel (Turner/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.

**Committee and Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Department: No runs in May; six in June, two were on standby with fire; computer bought that ended up being under the initial request that is needed for communication between EMS and Hospital; the EMS/Fire Picnic might be August 28th, 2016.
2. Fire Department: called five times in June, three calls alone yesterday (June 20th); three students took final written exam on Saturday; 5 year permit from the DEQ to move water supply on Wilson Creek~~, County Road 550 to the old Yellow Dog stretch of county road 550~~ (Danny Johnson is donating time to complete this); getting ready for Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks; the fire department was tested with the Thunder Bay Structure fire on the second floor and were able to save the historical building. The board thanks the Fire Department for their continued service.
3. Emergency Management: none
4. Parks & Recreation: Discussed Labor Day Games, burns landing, Fireworks received a $1,000 donation; Fire on the bay needs a new insurance provider that the clerk will be working on to get
5. Water Department: running good now; power went out and asked community to conserve water for yesterday; parts for generator has been ordered. Emergency Manager was contacted to spread the word and it worked well
6. Sewer Department: smelling good
7. Zoning Department: June 1st the 5 members attend a class at Chocolay Twp.; passed zoning permit fees; working on ordinances; there will be a special July 13th meeting
8. Correspondence: The Peter White Library will have meet the new director session
9. Presentations: None

**Public Comment:** Bill Ford- comments on the chlorine on the lighthouse road that he lives on. He feels that the road should have been paved. He also suggests burns landing and beach road being paved.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Grant: The right-of-way certificates have gone through the channels and we are going on to the bidding process. Rural Development authorizing us to advertise; will be a large expense because it will be a page ad in the newspaper. There will be a pre-bid meeting July 13th for the contractors asking any questions that could cause addendums being made to the plan. Bids will be open on July 21st. Good news that if closed by the end of July the bond rate will go down from 1.75% to 1.625%. It is suggested that all invoices are pulled chronologically for the general account will get reimbursed. Construction begins hopefully September 12th, 2016. It will be stipulated in bid that contractors will make sure before winter closing the roads will be drivable. Documents about the processes will be available at the township for viewing but must remain at the township
2. Motion made to table the truth and taxation resolution (Turner/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.

**New Business**

1. Fire Department:
   1. Motion made to approve purchase of one pair of bunker pants for $695 to be paid out of Fire Department equipment fund (Stanley/Hudson). All yes, motion carried
   2. Motion made to approve air pack flow testing and inspection for amount of $920 (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
   3. Motion made to table for two garage door openers (Hudson/Turner). All yes, motion carried.
   4. Motion made to table the additional electrical outlet that would hang from the ceiling (Gamble/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
   5. Motion made to approve David Weber as a Fireman volunteer (Gamble/Hudson). All yes, motion carried
2. EMS: none
3. Planning Commission: Motion made to approve permit fees. Discussion: Supervisor Turner questioned the changes and why some are drastic. Sid Reade commented from the public that the Zoning admin advised that the costs have increased and that there were comparisons of different criteria for permit fees based on a pamphlet from the State of Michigan. (Turner/Hudson). Turner opposed, motion carried.
   1. Fees will take effect in 30 days and will be published.
4. Parks and Recreation:
   1. Motion made to approve purchase of pop and ice cream for the Fourth of July at the amount of $150 (Erickson/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.
   2. Motion made to use $200 for the sawdust pile and kids games (Gamble/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
   3. Motion made to use $1000 to start up the food shack at Draver Park (Gamble/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
   4. Burns Landing Architecture Drawing will need to be done and it is in the process of happening
5. Motion made to approve the 2-year Wellhead Protection Grant with UP Engineers at a Cost of $20,000 (Erickson/Gamble). Roll call vote: Stanley, yes; Turner, yes; Hudson, yes; Erickson, yes; Gamble, yes. Supervisor declares the resolution passed.
6. Lighthouse Road:
   1. Brine did go down on a part of the road and will not being going down on the rest of the road.
   2. Blacktop can be done by Special Assessment. Each property owner will have to pay for this
   3. Lighthouse road contributes to only 2% of road millage and the township has already used thousands to improve driving conditions on this road
7. Upcoming Road Improvements:
   1. To do all three projected road jobs KG (Dump road), KCE & KCD patches, and Remington would cost around 306,921.25. The township’s road fund is short $100,000 to do all jobs.
   2. Motion made to approve Bacco Construction bid to work on KG (Dump road) and the KCE & KCD patches with 3% Road Commission fee for total amount around $61,651.06 (Stanley/Gamble). Roll call vote: Turner, yes; Hudson, yes; Erickson, yes; Stanley, yes; Gamble, yes. Supervisor declares motion passed
8. Hartleb Agency will be Powell Township’s new insurance agency and the policies will be appropriated on start of the new year
9. Lankinen Property: Powell Township had a home inspection done of the property and would like the public’s input on whether the township should buy property. On July 7th, 2016 from 5pm to 6:45pm there will be an Open House of the “Old Ford School.” At 7pm there will be a Public Meeting at the Township Hall. The asking price is $150,000
10. Motion made to hire Jeremy Blankenship as the new full-time Transfer Station attendant (Erickson/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

* Bill Ford, Jane Gertz, & Karen December: Discussed Lighthouse road being paved vs. calcium chloride on dirt road for “supposed” control of dust and gravel movement. There was a comparison for Lighthouse road to Brown Deer Road’s pavement job from an estimated twelve years ago.
* Laura Cain: brought attention to the board of letters in mailboxes about people’s lawn care that was supposedly from the township.
  + While Supervisor Turner did send out Blight Ordinance Notices for select properties to clean up hazardous items that could affect health, she was unaware that someone was writing different letters. The only letters that should be addressed are those on Township Letterhead and signed by Darlene Turner.
* Plat books are available for $37 at the township

**Next regular meeting:** July 19th, 2016 at Township Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM by Supervisor Turner

Samantha Morin - Recording Secretary