**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Tuesday July 19th, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Draft Minutes**

**Approved 08/16/16**

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

2. Pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call: All Present. Hudson (Trustee), Stanley (Trustee), Erickson (Treasurer), Gamble (Clerk), & Turner (Supervisor)

4. Agenda: Motion made to approve agenda for July 19th, 2016 board meeting with addition that Greg Zyburt will be added to presentations (Stanley/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

* Motion made to approve June 21st, 2016 Township Board Minutes (Hudson/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
* Motion made to approve July 14th, 2016 Meeting of the Whole Minutes (Hudson/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.

6. Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion made to approve (Turner/Stanley). Gamble informed Stanley that the ZBA wages were corrected. All yes, motion carried.

7. Treasurer’s Report: Stanley asked about the final payment for the Sanitation loan; Erickson answered it was paid in May

8. Approval of Bills: Motion made to approve the payment of the bills (Stanley/Hudson)

**Committee and Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Department: (Matt presented) June had nine runs and two were standby with fire; July so far has had 5 runs; the ambulance vehicle’s back passenger tire was noticed to have a wobble by the driver; the vehicle was brought in to Marquette Automotive; they figured that the vehicle would have to be brought to a tire shop to have it taken care of but it is not a safety issue; As long as the patients still have a smooth drive, the ambulance coordinator will decide later if it will be brought in if it gets worse; In the meantime because it is a theory that the tire wobbles because it sits so long between runs that the Twp. Custodian (TenEyck) will take the vehicle out and ride it in the parking lot; **August 28th will be the Annual Fire & EMS Picnic at Draver Park**
2. Fire Department: On July 11th, 2016 there was a call around midnight of a brush fire at Pinnicle Falls but Twp. Fire Department couldn’t locate it at night, however there was a heavy rain through the night and when the DNR came out in the morning and located the remains it wasn’t very big; On July 13th, 2016 there was a brush fire down near Louma Farms which the Twp. Fire Department contained; three new Fire Department volunteers who passed their exams are Cory Steede, Jenny Park-Burns, and Alex King; **Sunday July 24th at 2pm will be the annual event that Fire & EMS will be put on for Bay Cliff**; the water department will be notified on the event
3. Emergency Management: no report
4. Parks & Recreation: The fireworks this year went well; the cook shack during the ball games wasn’t a big crush this year
5. Water Department: everything is going well; generator belt that had burned out has been replaced; it’s a worry that Bay Cliff is using too much water and the leak they have has got to be fixed
6. Sewer Department: everything is good
7. Zoning Department: continuing to work on Zoning changes; **meeting on July 20th (6:30pm) at the township hall**
8. Correspondence: MSU will be having a boat launch washing on Thursday July 21st at Perkins Park (3pm -7pm) and at the Harbor (9am -2pm) to get any invasive species off the boats
9. Presentations: Greg Zyburt to speak
   1. Greg is the Chocolay Police Chief and has been running the department for 31 years; he has experience working as administrator and with boards; was the first to have in-car computers and cameras in local area before it was a trend; wrote grants for the new technology and has spoken at white house for all police to have body cameras; he believes knowing the people is the core as well; visiting schools and having lunch with the kids; the fastest growing crime is Identity theft and he works with the elderly to know what to avoid; has a good working knowledge of all the different agencies in the upper peninsula; he attended the 2000 FBI advanced training for administrators
   2. Supervisor thanks Greg for coming to speak

**Public Comment**

* Ford: Fireworks were excellent and the new company was better with excellent quality fire shot. The participation from all around the bay was amazing. Also wants to know more on the numbers comparing lighthouse road vs. other roads.
* Gertz: as a spectator the fireworks were excellent and hasn’t heard anyone else say otherwise
* Turner: wants to thank everyone for the group effort to get the fireworks to be such a success
* TenEyck: Thank Bill Ford for helping out and thank Mike Thoma for the pontoon boat

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Grant: Bids open at 2pm on Thursday July 21st, 2016

**New Business**

1. Fire Department:
   1. Motion made for purchase of automatic garage door opener from Maki Door Service, at the amount of $877.11, for the halfway location; funds will be taken out of building repair budget (Erickson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
   2. Motion made to table the electrical outlet and pull down cord for the halfway location (Turner/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
2. EMS: no motions
3. Parks and Recreation: no motions
4. Water Department: no motions
5. Remodel Township Offices: UP Engineering provided approximate cost for remodel.
   1. Gamble: some offices have no heat in winter while other offices get all the heat, that there are electrical surges every time something is printed and the layout needs to be improved to get to all elected officials. It is the Clerks opinion that the board should move forward with the remodel to take care of these problems
   2. Stanley:
   3. Motion made to move forward with bids for the remodel to be done (Gamble/Hudson). Stanley opposed, motion passed.
6. Annual Membership Dues: Motion made to approve CUPPAD membership due for amount of $163 (Hudson/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.
7. Limited English Proficiency: “Powell Township board does certify that we have received the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and have developed a language access plan. The plan has been committed to on July 19th, 2016 and will be in place no later than by July 31st, 2016”

**Public Comment**

* Lowell Larson: running for Marquette Sheriff; speaking on his experience with sheriff’s office for 17 years; has an Internal knowledge from the ground level and is the only candidate with correctional experience; is a negotiator for unions; as the next sheriff he wants to update the computer systems to speak to each other; he also wants the department to be more active in schools; wants to bring about “take home” vehicles that could have potential to help response time; wants to improve addiction and mental health in the jail; August 2nd is an important election that will decide the next sheriff

Next regular meeting: August 16th, 2016 , 7pm, at Township Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM by Supervisor Turner

Samantha Morin - Recording Secretary