

**Powell Township Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 10/15/2019**

- 1) Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Powell Township.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Joseph Stanley (Trustee), Denise Hudson (Trustee), Arline Erickson (Treasurer), Darlene Turner (Supervisor), Samantha Morin (Clerk)
- 4) Agenda: Motion to approve September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 agenda with following additions. (Erickson/Turner)  
All yes, motion carried.
  - New Business 11. Wildlife Resolution.
  - New Business 12. Fire Department and EMS want lights for \$406.00 and a ladder for \$200.00 they will split the cost. *Addition later in meeting. (Turner/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.*
  - New Business 13. EMS one day class for \$140 plus mileage for one individual at the end of September in Marquette.
- 5) Approval of Minutes:
  - Motion to approve August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
  - Motion to approve September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes (Stanley/ Turner).  
*Discussion as follows. All yes, motion carried.*
    - Correction: Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Motion to approve September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting of the Whole Minutes (Hudson/ Stanley).  
*Discussion as follows. All yes, motion carried*
    - Correction: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Revenue & Expenditure Report: Motion to approve Revenue and Expenditure Report (Erickson/Turner). All yes, motion carried.
- 7) Treasurer's Report: No Discussion
- 8) Approval of Bills: Motion to approve Bills to be paid (Stanley/Hudson). *Discussion as follows. All yes, motion carried.*
  - Stanley asked about Page 1- Alger Delta Cooperative \$1585 and if this amount was a combined amount. Morin stated the bill was for all accounts except the transfer station.
  - Morin stated the AT&T Bill of \$226.33 for the fire department has gone up since last month. The bill has been corrected and will go back to \$94.

**Committee and Department Reports**

- a) Ambulance Department: 10 calls last month. Response turnout was good; Request for an EMS one day class for \$140 plus mileage for one individual at the end of September in Marquette.
- b) Fire Department: 2 incidents including a grass fire and an ATV accident in August; No incidents so far in September; Picnic in August made almost \$1,200.00. The money was given to Darlene; Would like to participate in fire prevention week the first week of October in Marquette. A fire truck would go to Marquette to participate in the parade and be on display. One firefighter has committed hopefully two will attend; Voting results (12 signed votes) regarding the Amendments of the Bylaws were given to Samantha. Amended Bylaws: first amendment would get everyone back on the fire department and get rid of the certificate, and the second change would require two years on the Fire Department and passing Fire Fighter 1 pursuant of Public Act 291 of 1966 to become Fire Chief.

- c) Emergency Management: It is national preparedness month; Deborah reminded everyone to have their snow blowers ready, have their furnaces and generators serviced, store gas safely away from homes, have a two week supply of food and water on hand for extreme weather emergencies, and remember your pets in the cold weather.
- d) Parks & Recreation: The food shack did well at the softball tournament. Sven stated he does not know the exact amount off the top of his head but around a \$1,000 was made; The final concert of the summer concert series will be held this Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Sven stated that he thinks the concert happening the same weekend as the harvest festival at Perkins Park will create a good environment for the community; MDARD grant recently purchased signs that will be put up next week; A school connector bridge is being built on township property behind the tennis courts for the kids to walk across the ravine easier; Rock Solid Contracting should come up at the end of October to help provide a conceptual plan for trails on the 510 property which would also be an MDARD grant; Supervisor stated that Burns Landing is slowly being done, but its coming.
- e) Water Department: No problems. 20,000 gallons a day less than in August.
- f) Sewer Department: No problems.
- g) Zoning Department: Howard the zoning administrator has administered 17 permits this year; Baker/Bush conditional use permit was denied; Meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30pm. Survey will be worked on; No open house at this time; Will be making a motion to be paid quarterly instead of monthly; Motion was made to hire a recording secretary.
- h) Correspondence:
  - Thank you card from the Fire Department for use of the park and voting tables was received.
  - Postcard from a family stating disappointment in not being able to visit the lighthouse due to private signs, and no public restrooms. The family then did find a public restroom and stated how clean it was and thanked the Township for keeping the park nice. The family gave \$4.00 for using the restroom.
- i) Presentations: none

**Public Comment:**

- D. Moore- stated the lighthouse is a private residence, and there are tour dates. If anyone notices weird colors in the sky it's the lighthouses new lights.

**Recess:**

Regular meeting was recessed by Supervisor- Turner at 7:19p.

**Regular Meeting Called Back to Order:**

Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor- Turner at 7:27 pm.

**Unfinished Business**

- 1) Water System Improvement Draw #33
  - Erickson asked when the road would be done, and stated that plowing needs to happen this winter. Matt of U.P. Engineering stated no matter what happens with additional funding there is \$254,000 in contingency and whatever portion of that is necessary to do the road upgrades it will be done no matter what.
  - Matt stated they were expecting this work to go a lot quicker and this is a unique position where they were at a grant percentage that wasn't the maximum amount of grant percentage. UPE and their loan official thought this was all good, but then they had to turn things in at the national level

and the national level continuously wants more documents. Matt sent in another document yesterday and is hoping they are done sending in documents now.

- Matt stated bid opening was on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July and they have a 90 day bid hold so they don't have to close or get a notice of award out to a contractor until 90 days after July 12<sup>th</sup>, but they are hoping the National Office will approve moving forward as early as this week.
  - There are not any large scale items that need to be ordered prior to work on the access road so the expectation is that once they give approval road work can start right away. He cannot give an exact time due to Rural Development requesting more documents.
  - Matt stated he coordinated with Clerk- Morin about hydro rentals to see where that was at. All is good.
  - Matt stated resolution in front of board today was for the additional documentation UPE has been submitting to Rural Development.
  - Matt stated bid packages for all well and site work have been submitted. Rural Development is coordinating with national office to get coverage for the entire amount. If additional funding doesn't come through or additional bonding capacity is required that the township doesn't wish to incur then we would go back to the original scope of work.
  - Matt stated he believes the road can be finished by winter to allow for access and plowing as long as Rural Development stops asking for more information.
  - Matt states he cannot give a contractor approval to begin work without Rural Development approval or it will not qualify for funds.
  - Erickson asked if this road was already worked on and not done properly. Matt stated that previously when this road project was done a large amount of erosion and sand migration was experienced at the treatment site, Matt approached Associated Contractors about an updated scope of work but seeing as this was not part of the original contracted work they agreed to do they chose not to perform this work and did not contractually have too.
  - Matt states if Rural Development comes back and says the project cannot move forward a special meeting will have to be scheduled to decide how to move forward, but hopefully they will come back with 100% grant coverage.
  - Hudson asked if Matt has gone through this before. Matt stated no. With the hills and mountains in Powell Township there are more extreme watersheds, and typically when a municipality requests funding they qualify for the loan to grant ratio that they qualified for previously but Powell was at 72% grant and qualified for 75% grant having us fall into a "quasi realm".
  - Turner stated that when this project was done we were supposed to get a complete set of maps of where the new valves are. Matt stated he could bring a set of plans as early as next week. Matt asked if he dropped off as builds for the original project. Daryl Wilcox stated they did but they are not right. Turner stated the old plans were received. Matt states he will bring up a set of plans with him.
- a.) Morin -motion to approve payment the following amounts which are to be paid as cash is available U.P. Engineers and Architects outstanding invoice dated September 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 for \$1410.30. (Stanley/Morin) Roll Call Vote: Erickson: Yes; Stanley: Yes; Hudson: Yes; Turner: Yes; Morin: Yes. Supervisor declares motion passed.
- 2.) Motion for board to vote on Truth and Taxation (Erickson/ Hudson). Roll Call Vote: Hudson: Yes, Erickson: Yes, Turner: Yes, Morin: Yes, Stanley: Yes. Supervisor declares motion passed.

## New Business

- 1.) Fire Department
  - a. Motioned to table Fire Chief Nomination due to studies being done with The State and other townships regarding bylaws and mandates. (Turner/Morin). All in favor motion carried.
  - b. Motion for fire department lights costing \$406.00 (Erickson/Stamley). All in favor motion carried.
  - c. Motion for fire department ladder costing \$200.00 (Hudson/Stamley). All in favor motion carried.
- 2.) EMS:*later*
- 3.) Planning Commission
  - a. Motion to accept the resignation of Faye Bowers as President of the Planning Commission (Stamley/ Turner). All in favor motion carried.
  - b. Motion to accept the resignation of Carol Burns as Vice President of the Planning Commission (Morin/ Stamley). All in favor motion carried.
  - c. Motion to accept Amanda Stephenson as a new member of the Planning Commission. (Stamley/Erickson). All in favor motion carried.
- 4.) Parks & Rec:
  - a. Motion for \$600 for Parks and Recreation to pay the band (Stamley/ Hudson). All in favor motion carried.
  - b. Motion for \$70 for Parks and Recreation start up for 50 50. ( Erickson/ Stamley) All in favor motion carried.
- 5.) Motion to pay Association Construction \$2,407.50 for repair to Catholic Church curb box (Stamley/Turner). *Discussion as follows*. All in favor motion carried.
  - o Daryl Wilcox and Pete Ten Eyck stated that the curb needed to be fixed as the water shutoff could not be accessed with the curb as it was. Pete stated that the Church let the damage sit all summer.
  - o Erickson and Morin stated the Township should pay Associated Construction but bill the Catholic Church.
  - o Motion to send a bill to the Catholic Church for \$2,407.50 to reimburse the Township for the Association Construction Bill. (Morin/ Stamley) All in favor motion carried.
- 6.) ~~Motion to pay \$116.00 for mileage for three~~ Motion to pay \$116.00 for course plus mileage for three people to the regional meeting in Harris on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Stamley/Hudson) All in favor motion carried.
- 7.) Motion to purchase a mobile document scanner for the clerk's office at the price of \$89.99. (Hudson/ Stamley) All in favor motion carried.
- 8.) Motion to pay \$14,486.03 to repair the back hoe for the transfer station. (Stamley/Erickson). *Discussion as follows*. Turner opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.
  - o Morin asked where the funds would come from. Turner stated the funds would come out of the transfer station account and that they have the money.
  - o Erickson asked if there is any other vital work that has to be done before this. No one responded.

- Turner asked if the backhoe is worth repairing. Pete stated he thinks it is and stated we need it. Turner stated she knows it's needed but the township has another one. Turner asked how old the back hoe is. Pete stated he does not know.
  - Erickson asked Daryl Wilcox his opinion on the back hoe. Wilcox stated that if you went out to buy a new back hoe for the cost of the repairs it would be in bad shape and need work. Wilcox stated that the township has had the backhoe for 8 years and we know it works if we fix it. Turner asked what else is wore out on the back hoe. Pete stated nothing. Wilcox stated he feels the township should repair the back hoe if the funds are available if not wait a year and fix it when there is more money.
  - Erickson asked if it would be better to spend \$74,000 to buy a new back hoe or spend the \$14,000 to repair the old one. Wilcox stated what the township uses the back hoe for they are better off to spend the money on repairs.
  - Stanley asked if more than one estimate was received. Pete stated no that he the only place that got back to him was Miller Bradford.
  - Turner asked Pete if he got the \$300 back from Miller Bradford. Pete asked Morin if she received a credit on the credit card from Miller Bradford a few months back for a part he purchased. Morin stated she will check.
  - Hudson asked Pete if Miller Bradford told him it would be wise to fix the backhoe. Pete stated they did not but that they wouldn't say otherwise because they want their money.
  - Stanley stated there is a \$1,500 core deposit on the bill. He asked Pete if Miller Bradford was going to take the \$1,500 off the price. Pete stated he doesn't know he just received the bill.
  - Daryl Wilcox asked if the price included Miller Bradford coming to the township to do the work. Pete stated that \$198 was put on the bill for millage.
- 9.) Motion to charter the boy scouts. (Turner/ Stanley) *Discussion as follows.* All in favor motion carried.
- Erickson asked what does this entail. Turner stated the program is for youth character development, career development, community service, and patriotism.
  - Erickson stated she wants to know what is meant by charter and if the Township has to open up an account for them? Turner stated she doesn't know. Brian Roell stated that there is no financial requirement.
  - Erickson asked why the school wouldn't charter them as they did before. Adrian Baker stated the school could not charter them because it's a religious affiliated organization.
  - Erickson asked how soon Matt Anderson needs to know. Brian Roell stated fairly soon to get the ball rolling.
  - Stanley stated he thinks it would be good to have boy scouts chartered in the Township.
- 10.) Motion for signs for KCB caution sign costing \$51.71. (Turner/ Hudson) All in favor motion carried.
- 11.) Motion for wildlife resolution. (Stanley/ Turner) *Discussion as follows.* All in favor motion carried.  
 Roll Call Vote: Turner: Yes, Stanley: Yes, Erickson: Yes, Hudson: Yes, Morin: Yes. Supervisor determines this resolution adopted.
- Public asked about bear and deer baiting. Erickson stated the resolution is only for Big Bay not Powell Township.
  - Turner asked if the resolution would be put in with the water bill. Morin stated she would put it in with the water bills, and have it posted on the community board and website.

12.) Motion to add request for mileage and class for EMS Conference cost to agenda. (Morin/Stanley)  
All in favor motion carried.

- a. Motion to pay \$140 dollars for one individual to attend EMS class in Marquette and to pay their mileage (Turner/ Erickson) All in favor motion carried.

**Public Comment**

- J. Gertz asked if winter taxes come out in December? Erickson stated the winter taxes come out in November and need to be paid in December.
- J. Gertz asked if a letter for support for Fire on the Bay will be included in the envelope with the winter taxes. Erickson stated yes.
- Karen December stated we need Rabbit police.

**Next regular meeting: Tuesday October 15th, 2019 at Halfway Fire Hall 7:00pm  
Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm by Supervisor.**

Minutes prepared by  
Leah Fraley  
Powell Township Deputy Clerk

Amounts approved to be paid outside of Bills to be paid

- \$600 for band.
- \$70 for start up for 50 50.
- \$2,407.50 to Associated Construction for repair to Catholic Church curb box.
- \$116 for mileage to the regional meeting in Harris on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for three individuals.
- \$89.99 for a document scanner for the clerk's office.
- \$14,486.03 for transfer station backhoe repair.
- \$51.71 for caution signs for KCB.
- \$140 for EMS class and mileage to Marquette for one individual.
- \$406 for light bulbs for the fire department and EMS.
- \$200 for a ladder for the fire department and EMS.