

**Powell Township Board**  
**Special Regular Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Wednesday October 30th, 2019 5PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 11/19/2019**

- 1) Call to order at 5:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Powell Township Halfway Fire Hall.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Arline Erickson (Treasurer), Darlene Turner (Supervisor), Samantha Morin (Clerk), Denise Hudson (Trustee), Joe Stanley (Trustee)
- 4) Fire Department
  - a) Five years before coming chief discussion
    - i) Leave in bi-laws but board makes exemption discussion
  - b) Licensing and Certification Discussion for Fire Chief Nominations
  - c) Motion to table Fire Department Ordinance and Fire Chief Nominations (Turner/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
- 5) Assessor
  - a) Two Applications for Assessor Received: Jackie Solomon and Dulcee Ranta
  - b) Supervisor Recommends Jackie Solomon
  - c) Motion to hire Jackie Solomon (Erickson/Stanley). *Discussion as follows.* Roll Call Vote: Stanley, yes; Hudson, yes; Erickson, yes; Turner, yes; Morin, yes.
    - i) Starting date will be November 1st
    - ii) Would be in compliance with training for Powell Township as a level three assessor
    - iii) Is already assessor for Humboldt, Richmond, and Michigamme Townships
    - iv) Treasurer Erickson heard she is doing very well in Michigamme Township; does what the state wanted; worked at county level; knows equalization; and was checking places
    - v) Trustee Hudson believes Dulcee is very sharp and has listened to her speak
    - vi) Working at the office personally vs sending employees of a business
    - vii) Supervisor Turner believes that Dulcee would have the most experience
    - viii) Jackie Solomon is aware of starting at the assessor wage as it is set for the 2019-2020 budget
  - d) Motion to pay for \$15 per hour for training for up to six hours before November 1st (Stanley/Hudson). *Discussion as follows.* Turner, Morin, Hudson, Stanley in favor; Erickson opposed; motion carried.
    - i) Treasurer Erickson opposes increasing pay for past work and training when the board has a minimum wage set;
- 6) Cemetery Discussion
  - a) Township has 8.5 acres for the Cemetery
  - b) Maps shown; Discussion of Green Burial location; has to be off by itself; bridge to cross creek
  - c) Discussion of Green Burial Winter and Holiday hours
    - i) How would it be possible even for Powell Township to do Winter Burial?
    - ii) Lack of Equipment for defrosting ground vs. right to be buried at any time
    - iii) Charging more for green burial that excavator would have to be brought in
  - d) Pert Testing must be done of the location decided
  - e) Plots will have to be GPS cited, natural markers

- f) Must be the cemetery sextant to do the work
- 7) PILT Payment correspondence: State is taking the money away from “payment in lieu of taxes” (PILT); Suggested to send a letter to State representatives; state doesn’t want to pay funding for the land that they own; Powell Township does have some state land
- 8) MQT Landfill Discussion; Recycling program didn’t have on the ballot but also Urban Cooperation Act was denied; borrowed a larger amount without the above programs
- 9) Newsletter for the Tax Distribution letters by November 19th
- 10) Well Work starting; haven’t started on the road as they have to work on the well first; equipment is ready

**Public Comment**

- Comments during Cemetery Discussion from the public
  - A. Bakker- in support of the right of every community member to be buried in the manner that they want in a timely manner would even personally dig plots in winter with a shovel

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm by Supervisor.

Samantha Morin  
Clerk