

**Powell Township Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 03/17/2020**

- 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 the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, agenda with following additions. (Stanley, Morin) All yes, motion carried.
  - New Business- 17. Cummings Five Year Maintenance Contract.
- 5) Approval of Minutes:
  - Motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Township Board Meeting minutes (Erickson, Turner). All yes, motion carried.
- 6) Revenue & Expenditure Report: Motion to approve Revenue and Expenditure Report (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
- 7) Treasurer's Report.
- 8) Approval of Bills: Motion to approve Bills to be paid (Stanley/Erickson). *Discussion as follows* All yes, motion carried.
  - Stanley asked what the following checks were for. 9465- Passport Grant for Burns Landing. 9466- Trust Fund Grant for Burns Landing. 9480/9481- Equipment donated funds by Eagle Mine for Big Bay Pathway. 9487/9488- ATT paid twice due to billing cycle dates and Board Meeting dates. 9494 Combined Ferrell Gas invoice for all location tanks. 9504- Tree Lighting Event was accidentally put on the description line.

**Committee and Department Reports**

- a) Ambulance Department: No Report.
- b) Fire Department:
  - No runs. Traffic Control duties were performed at Thomas Rock on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the Lantern Snowshoe event.
- c) Emergency Management: No Report.
- d) Parks & Recreation:
  - The Lantern Snowshoe event turned out great about 75 people attended.
  - The Five Year Recreation Plan resolution was passed and an open hearing was held.
  - The Big Bay Pathway head has been moved to the tennis courts due to logging traffic.
- e) Water Department: All good.
- f) Sewer Department: All good.
- g) Zoning Department:
  - Section 6- Community Services was submitted to the Planning Commission by Jason McCarthy.
  - The Planning Commission is looking for a new member.

- The Planning Commission requests a 10% increase to their printing budget for printing the Master Plan and maps.
- The Planning Commission requests a 15-20% increase for the addition of a recording secretary and a new member.

h) Correspondence

- The Township received information from Marquette County Solid Waste regarding glass recycling.

i) Presentations: None.

**Public Comment:**

- Roelle- Jeff Gamble a former Fire Fighter passed away.
- Jake Putala representative for Ed McBroom also stated Gregory Markkanen will be at Powell Township Government Offices on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 11a-12p for any public questions.
- Gertz- Handed board a petition signed by 24 35 residents of Light house road from 21 households. Gertz stated that Lighthouse road needs to be paved. Resident cars are excessively dirty, damaged, and excessive bugs come from water on side of the road. 35 people live on the road and they payout a lot in taxes.
- Edgar- Lighthouse Road needs to be paved. Are the roads your paving sections of already paved? How many people live where you want to pave the road?
- Gertz- Table the road projects under new business until you take some time to review.
- Ford- The cost for the two roads under new businesses would pay for Lighthouse Road to be paved. Ford would like to see a copy of how much Lighthouse Road residents pay in taxes versus the residents of CR KE and CR KCG. Ford also stated a vehicle study has not yet been completed and requests that the Board table the decision to pave until further review.
- Stanley- Contact Jim who attends the County Road Commission meeting about double chip sale seal.
- Turner- A quote to pave Lighthouse Road was received for \$300,000. CR KE and CR KCG were recommended by the County Road Commission.

**Unfinished Business**

1) a.) Water System Improvement Draw #37.

- Treado -motion to approve payment of the following amounts which are to be paid as cash is available to U.P. Engineers and Architects outstanding invoice dated January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for \$462.70 And Oberstar, Inc. Application for Payment No. 2 \$97,906.50. (Stanley/Hudson) Roll Call Vote: Erickson- yes, Turner- yes, Hudson- yes, Stanley-yes, Morin-yes.
- Pete stated work still needs to be done to the road. Oberstar only pushed the snow back and widened it. Treado stated he will contact Oberstar.

b.) Motion to approve change order for \$750.00 increase.(Stanley/Morin).*Discussion as follows.* All yes. Motion carried.

- Treado stated the extra \$750 charge from Oberstar is because of an additional 25 feet added to the well for better performance.

2) Fire Department

- Motion to Establish Fire Department Structure, Responsibility, and Accountability.(Stanley/Hudson). *Discussion as follows*. All yes. Motion carried.
- Motion to accept amendment to Rules and Regulations. (Stanley/Hudson) Roll Call Vote: Erickson- no, Stanley-yes, Hudson-yes, Turner-yes, Morin-yes. *Discussion as follows*. Motion carried.
  - Erickson stated that members should have to have five years of experience before being eligible for Fire Chief not two years.
  - Turner stated the Fire Chief gave the Fire Departments recommendations for the amendment to Turner and Morin in a meeting.

### 3) Fire Department Chief

- Motion to nominate Chris Sutter as Fire Chief (Hudson/Morin) *Discussion as follows*. Roll Call Vote requested by Board Member: Erickson-no, Stanley-no, Turner-yes, Morin-yes, Hudson-yes. Motion carried.
  - Turner stated once the rules and regulations are complete the board will decide on a Fire Chief.
  - Turner stated Chris Sutter will not effectively take over for 15 days.

## **New Business**

### 1) Fire Department: No Requests.

### 2) EMS:

- Motion to pay \$20.00 for glucometer control solution (Stanley/Erickson) All yes. Motion carried.
- Motion to pay \$4,500.00 for a Lifepak 12 defibrillator (Erickson/Stanley). *Discussion as follows*. All yes. Motion carried.
  - Turner stated the money will come out of the EMS equipment fund and the EMS vehicle repair fund.

### 3) Planning Commission: No Requests.

### 4) Parks & Rec:

- Motion to approve Five Year Recreation Plan resolution (Erickson/Stanley) Roll Call Vote: Morin-yes, Turner-yes, Erickson-yes, Stanley-yes, Hudson-yes. Motion carried.

### 5) 2020 Paving Projects CR KE (CR 550 Southerly to CR KB) \$115,538.00 Estimate (Erickson/Stanley). *Discussion as follows*. ~~All yes. Motion carried.~~

- Stanley requested to table the **motion** 2020 and 2021 paving projects until further research is done regarding Lighthouse Road (Stanley/Hudson). Three yes, Two no. Motion carried.

### 6) Marquette County Road Commission- Abandoning of parts of CR KCG. Public Hearing Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:15pm MCRC office Ishpeming.

### 7) Board Salary

- Resolution for elected Officials Salary- Budget year 2020-2021 Supervisor \$10,000. (Erickson, Stanley) All yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution for elected Officials Salary- Budget year 2020-2021 Clerk \$12,000 (increase \$2,000). (Stanley, Turner) *Discussion as follows*. Four yes, one no. Motion carried.
  - Hudson asked what the raise is based on. Morin stated work time increase.

- Resolution for elected Officials Salary- Budget year 2020-2021 Treasurer \$10,000. (Turner, Stanley). All yes. Motion carried.
  - Resolution for elected Officials Salary- Budget year 2020-2021 Trustee \$65.00 (Increase \$5.00) (Stanley/ Hudson) Discussion as follows. Four yes, one no. Motion carried.
    - Erickson asked what the extra \$5.00 was for. Hudson stated both Stanley and Hudson have served two terms with no raise.
- 8) Resolution for Poverty Exemption 2019-2020 (Hudson/Morin) Roll Call Vote: Tuner-yes, Stanley-yes, Hudson-yes, Morin-yes, Erickson-yes. Motion carried.
- 9) Resolution for Treasurer to Invest Funds (Hudson/Morin) Roll Call Vote: Turner-yes, Stanley-yes, Hudson-yes, Morin-yes, Erickson-yes. Motion carried.
- 10) Resolution to waive penalty for Property Transfer (Erickson/Stanley) Roll Call Vote: Erickson-yes, Hudson-yes, Stanley-yes, Morin-yes, Turner-yes. Motion carried.
- 11) Motion to approve Clerk's Department Budget: Amend \$300.00 from travel to transfer \$300.00 to deputy wages. (Erickson/Stanley). Motion carried.
- 12) Motion to approve the WIMAX agreement (Hudson/Turner). *Discussion as follows.* All yes. Motion carried.
- Turner stated this is a ten year agreement that will charge \$40 per month to NMU with a 2% increase per year.
  - Turner stated that NMU having the Water Tower key for 24 hours and then returning it to Powell Township is okay.
- 13) Motion to approve April conference for three people to attend at \$1,500 each in Traverse City. (Erickson/Morin) *Discussion as follows.* All yes. Motion carried.
- Stanley asked who is going. Turner stated Erickson, Turner, and Fraley.
  - Hudson asked the date. Turner stated the last weekend in April. Hudson stated she would like to go but is busy during that time.
- 14) Motion to approve moving \$1,000 from deputy treasures wage to treasurer's travel. (Erickson/Morin) All yes. Motion carried.
- 15) Motion to approve moving \$700.00 from deputy supervisors wage to supervisors training. (Erickson/Stanley). All yes. Motion carried.
- 16) Motion to approve a five year Cummings Maintenance contract for \$5463.23. (Hudson/Turner) *Discussion as follows.* All yes. Motion carried.
- Erickson stated the Board should ask Wilcox and TenEyck. Both agreed the contract was good.

### **Public Comment**

- Edgar: How do we get considered for pavement at Lighthouse road? How many people live on CR KE and CR KCG. How does their tax base relate to ours? What is the next step after doing the petition? We have asked for this road to be paved for twenty years.
- Ford- It is an injustice to the residents of Lighthouse Road that it is not being paved. The County Road Commission makes recommendations for the community by the County Road Commission does not live in the community.
- Cain- Thank you for voting in a new Fire Chief.
- Korstad- Can we figure out the cost of grating Light House Road? Is the grating job security for the County Road Commission?

- December- Lighthouse Road needs to be paved. If your looking to only do sections of road, you could also pave the quarter mile in front of my property on Squaw Beach. It is important to help the Fire Department and EMS monetarily.
- Edgar- Would it help if we talk to the County Road Commission?
- Gertz- Can the treasurer get the tax information for us showing how many people live on CR KE and CR KCG and the difference in tax base between them and Lighthouse Road.
- December- Who was at the County Road Commission Meeting? Stanley stated the Board of Directors, two managers, Jim, five members, secretary, and a recording secretary.
- December- Who was there to represent Powell Township? Turner stated that's why Stanley was there.

**Next regular meeting: Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Township Hall 7:00pm  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm by Supervisor.**

Minutes prepared by  
Leah Fraley  
Powell Township Deputy Clerk

Amounts approved to be paid outside of Bills to be paid

- \$750 to Oberstar for well work.
- \$20 for EMS Glucometer control solution.
- \$4,500 for Lifepak 12 defibrillator.
- \$4,500 for April Conference.
- \$5,463.23 Cummings 5 Year Contract.