**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Tuesday April 21st, 2020 7PM**

**~~Draft Minutes~~**

**Approved 05/19/20**

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Powell Township Hall.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers: Denise Hudson (Trustee); Arline Erickson (Treasurer); Darlene Turner (Supervisor); Joseph Stanley (Trustee); Samantha Morin (Clerk).
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve April 21st, 2020 (Stanley/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. Motion made to approve March 17th, 2020 Parks and Recreation Draver Park Public Hearing minutes (Erickson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried
   2. Motion made to approve March 17th, 2020 Budget Hearing minutes (Erickson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried
   3. Motion made to approve March 17th, 2020 regular meeting minutes (Stanley/Erickson). All yes, motion carried
6. Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion to approve Expenditure & Revenue Report (Hudson/Stanley). *Discussion as follows*. All yes, motion carried.
   1. Turner asked if the collection fee fund was corrected. Morin stated Erickson will give lump sum.
7. Treasurer’s Report: No comment.
8. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve Bills to be Paid (Stanley/Erickson). *Discussion as follows*. All yes, motion carried.
   1. Turner asked what the $6,500 on 04.01.2020 to the USDA was for. Morin stated it was for the sewer loan.

**Committee & Dept. Reports**

1. Ambulance Dept.- 2 calls. Limiting number of people responding to calls to limit possible exposure to COVID-19. State sanctions now require inventory to be reported once a week. J. Boudreax is currently at driver status awaiting EMT sign off from state which is delayed from COVID-19.
   1. Erickson asked if J. Boudreax can be a driver without board approval for insurance. Morin stated she will look into this.
2. Fire Dept.- 1 call. 61 policy and procedures in place. Weekly meetings with other Fire Chiefs regarding COVID-19. Received masks, gloves, and disinfectant. Online training is up and running.
3. Emergency Management- Turner read report aloud. State asserts that Powell Township is prepared to respond to COVID-19 with proper PPE. MDHHS has free mental health website. 50 students are receiving meals from Powell Township School on Thursdays. Contact Kim Bourgeois if assistance is needed getting items.
4. Parks & Rec.- Quiet due to COVID-19. Will be working on signage for summer.
5. Water Dept.-Turner stated there have been problems with the pump house. NMU put two bigger antennas on water tower for heavier load.
   1. Hudson asked what this will mean for service. Turner stated she is unsure.
6. Sewer Dept.- all good.
7. Planning & Zoning- No March meeting. Chair- Moran following Governors order not to meet.
   1. Hudson asked if Moran was aware of the Free Conference Call service. Morin stated yes.
8. Correspondence- Nick Korstad asked for people to visit Facebook and leave comments regarding the upcoming destruction of the fog and boat house on Huron Island. Turner stated she has the link.
9. Presentations- none

**Public Comment**

* D. Hudson- 906 Technologies is hoping to get fiber optic through the Half way location by this summer. If you are interested in hooking up to this service call 906.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water System Improvement- No requests or resolutions this month. On hold due to weather and COVID-19.

**New Business**

1. Fire Dept.:
   1. Office Furniture- Motion to approve office furniture for $1,733.95 (Stanley/Turner). *Discussion as follows.* 2 yes, 3 no, Motion failed.
      1. Erickson stated this is overpriced. Try using counter tops around the space for more storage.
      2. Morin stated this is overpriced. Sutter looking at commercial grade- Office Max has desks for $900.
      3. Stanley stated the money would be from the Fire Departments donated funds.
      4. Erickson stated the donated funds could be used for air packs.
      5. Sutter stated all MGH extra desks are gone. He is not looking at commercial. The $1,733.95 includes desk, book shelf, and chair. Fire Department has never asked for desk before.
      6. Turner stated Sutter should check other sites for other prices.
   2. Fire Chief Association - Motion to approve Fire Chief Association for $165/ year (Hudson/Morin). *Discussion as follows.* No response. Motion died.
      1. Erickson asked why international not Michigan. Sutter stated International association has more resources, is referenced on MTA site, and the Michigan association is for Lower Michigan.
      2. Turner stated Sutter should check around if other Fire Departments are members of the association.
   3. Fire Chief Association- Motion to table Fire Chief Association for $165/year. (Erickson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
   4. Mail Box- Motion to approve mail box for $228.13 to be split equally between Fire Department and EMS. (Erickson/Morin). *Discussion as follows.* 4 yes, 1 no, motion carried.
      1. Erickson asked why split equally? Not fair to EMS.
      2. Stanley asked if Pete found original mail box. Turner stated it was not big enough.
      3. Vargo stated EMS has fewer members but more forms they need space for. Mutually beneficial.
   5. EMS Action Training- Motion to approve action training for $400.00 (Hudson/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
   6. EMS Supplies- Motion to approve EMS medical supplies for $700.00 (Stanley/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
2. Planning Commission
   1. New Member- Motion to approved Karl Williams as new Planning Commission member. (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
3. Cemetery:
   1. Flower & Memorial Flags- Motion to approve flowers and memorial flags for $300.00. (Erickson/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
4. Millage:
   1. Resolution to approve renewal of operating millage 2.5 for 5 years. (Turner/Hudson). Roll Call Vote: Turner-yes, Hudson-yes, Erickson- yes, Stanley- yes, Morin-yes. Resolution passed
5. Budget Amendment:
   1. Motion to approve 4th quarter budget amendment (Erickson/Stanley) All yes, motion carried.
6. Transfer Station
   1. Motion to approve fixing transfer station hole in wall for $1,500 (Stanley/Morin) *Discussion* as follows. All yes, motion carried.
      1. Erickson asked what happened. Turner stated one of the North County Disposal trucks hit the wall and asked for the Township to make the opening larger so they have more room.
      2. Turner also stated Pete has asked that all boxes are broken up before being brought to the transfer station. Deputy Clerk Fraley made notices.

**Public Comment:**

* D. Hudson- People are unable to return cans and bottles. Can we donate them for food bank money to Marquette County Solid Waste?
* A. Erickson- I don’t think so. They are no different than a store but can ask.
* D. Turner- State revenue shares are going down meaning the Township will be losing a couple thousand dollars. We need to spend cautiously.
* D. Turner- Only a 3% census response rate in Powell Township so far. Please respond , this is how we get our funding.
* D. Hudson- Trump wants us to focus on our infrastructure.

Next Meeting May 19th, 2020 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm by Supervisor.

Leah Fraley

Powell Township Deputy- Clerk

Amounts approved to be paid outside of Bills to be paid

* $228.13 FD/EMS mail box.
* $400 EMS Action Training.
* $700 EMS Medical Supplies.
* $300 Flowers and Memorial Flags.
* $1,500 for Transfer Station Wall.