

**Powell Township Board**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Tuesday November 17th, 2020 7PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 12/15/2020**

- 1) Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Powell Township Hall.
- 2) Roll Call: Joseph Stanley, Trustee; Denise Hudson, Trustee (on home phone); Arline Erickson, Treasurer (on home phone); Darlene Turner, Supervisor; Samantha Morin, Clerk
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with additions listed below (Stanley, Erickson). All yes, motion carried
  - a) Addition to New Business 11. Zoning Admin table for printer \$75
  - b) Later in Meeting: Motion for addition to New Business 1. M. to approve Ryan Iaccovacci for Fire Department member (Hudson/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
  - a) Motion to approve 10/20/2020 with corrections listed below (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
    - i) New Business 1. e. ii. Correction for special meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and not June
    - ii) New Business 4. a. Correction to PTRAs Kiosk Materials are not coming from Donated Funds
  - b) Motion to approve 10/22/2020 with corrections listed below (Stanley/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
    - i) Correction to Heading to Special Board Meeting and Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020
- 5) Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion to approve Revenue and Expenditure Report *Discussion below* (Stanley/Turner). All yes, motion carried.
  - a) Treasurer Travel was corrected as Budget Amendment after discussion between Treasurer and Clerk
- 6) Treasurer's Report: Thank you
- 7) Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills to be paid (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.

**Committee & Dept. Reports**

- a. Ambulance Dept.- 8 calls, 7 full crew, 1 call with only one responder; state waiving crew levels due to COVID; Pomasl fixing air ride systems; brake system is tied to air ride and seems to be the issue; State of Inspection for Ambulance Department passed for another year
- b. Fire Dept.- 2 calls; R&R completed pump testing, all engines passed; new members coming on; January 2021 training is in the works
- c. Emergency Management- flyers around town for new regulations tomorrow; in the past month MDHHS reporting for 49808 was 4 cases; school closed for two weeks with no reported cases at school
- d. Parks & Rec.- completing MDAR Grant; applying for second grant; Summer Community Gardens Discussion and looking for Grant System for "seed money"
- e. Water Dept.- telemetric system is working at water tower
- f. Sewer Dept.- all is well
- g. Planning & Zoning- no video conferencing available at last meeting; McCarthy wasn't attending October; Turner stated bi-laws; citizens requests heard at beginning and ending of meeting; PC

member Korstad discussed short-term rentals permits; looking for recording secretary for Planning Commission

- h. Correspondence- no correspondence
- i. Presentations-none

### **Public Comment**

- D. Hudson- "Zoom" set up for meetings
- K. December- "Zoom" costs for meetings questions
- B. Ford- Sands Township Fireworks Ordinance was deemed overreaching; Fireworks Ordinance was vetoed in Powell Township by the people; see attachment
- J. Gertz- For Lighthouse Road paving; see attachment
- A. Edgar- For Lighthouse Road paving; see attachment
- G. Champagne- Michelle & David Gill against Space Port; see attachment

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Well #5 Update: Matt Treado from UPEA presented; one warranty expired to be adjusted; testing aquifer; project nearly completed

### **New Business**

1. Fire Dept.:
  - a. Motion to approve \$620 Milwaukee Cordless Power Tool Set (Erickson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.  
Motion to approve b- i from agenda *listed below with discussion* (Erickson/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
  - b. \$134.50 recharge 20lb Extinguisher – *charged to owner of fire call*
  - c. \$23.97 Helmet Labels
  - d. \$29.99 12 pk. Plastic Clipboards
  - e. \$123.00 3 portable radio charges
  - f. \$153.00 Portable hand light- *for vehicle when on calls*
  - g. \$10.00 Tire Gauge
  - h. \$32.98 Battery Cable Cutter – *old one was damaged on a call*
  - i. \$77.50 5 lb extinguisher  
*Turner, Supervisor, comments on Fire Department "wants and needs" and some of these items feel like wants.*
  - j. Motion to approve Rudy Goupille (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
  - k. Approve 2 fire volunteers to attend in person firefighter class from January 6th for estimated five months with class books being \$220 each and travel mileage for two nights a week to Negaunee (Turner/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
  - l. Motion to approve mileage to Negaunee, MI for one member to assist training on Saturdays (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
  - m. *Added later in meeting* Motion to approve Ryan Iacovacci for new member of Fire Department (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
2. EMS: Request to use the EMS Mannequin Discussion
  - a. Those trained are teaching others and wants to the mannequins to be taken off site
  - b. Fee for doing so or just a waiver discussion
  - c. Motion to approve Clerk to create waiver for use of EMS mannequin (Stanley/Hudson). 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
3. Planning Commission: none

4. Parks & Rec.: Motion to approve wages for Winter Plowing of Draver Park and Thomas Rock Parking Lots being covered (Turner/St Stanley). All yes, motion carried.
5. Water / Sewer Grant Opportunities by Matt Treado
  - a. 500 million in funding available; 37.5 million used exclusively for lead service line reporting
  - b. 100% Grant and no cost to township (unless township receives grant and chooses not to use funds then UPEA would charge for services); builds upon the current plan
  - c. After initial paperwork; list of questions that might need assistance will come to the township offices
  - d. Motion to approve Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services with UPEA (Stanley/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
6. Motion to approve Arline Erickson's resignation from Parks and Recreation (Stanley/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
7. Motion to add to individual's property tax bills, special assessments for delinquent Water & Sewer amounts (Stanley/Erickson). *Discussion as follows*. All yes, motion carried.
  - a. Hudson stated concern about COVID regulations with water/sewer shut off
    - i. Erickson states that Water and Sewer users are not being turned off but for those who have amounts of over 3 months due this would be way to collect amounts
    - ii. Estimated to be 12 people and amount of over \$5,300 owed to the Water and Sewer Departments
8. Increase in Sewer fee; beginning January 2021
  - a. Currently \$29 flat fee
  - b. Suggested by Auditor that amounts should begin to slowly raise because of Sewer Fund depreciations
    - i. Hudson questions percentage of depreciation, should increase be by percentage to cover loss
    - ii. Turner suggested \$1 increase to start for January 2021
  - c. Motion to table Increase in Sewer Fee for further information (Stanley/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.
9. Annual Discharge Permit \$200.00 Discussion
  - a. When checked online by Supervisor, Powell Township is still current; nothing needed at this time
10. Motion to approve \$75 to purchase a "Christmas" tree from General Fund, if Custodian can't find a tree to chop down (Stanley/Turner). *Discussion as follows*. All yes, motion carried.
  - a. J. Gertz from public offered property for search
  - b. K. December from public also offered property for search
11. Motion to approve Zoning admin desk for \$75 (Stanley/Hudson). 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

- T. Cain – states wonder about all against rocket launch but not mine; money was collected from the mine
- D. Turner – waiting on space port and for what is happening
- K. December – states the mined hired local as well

Next Meeting December 15th, 2020 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM by Supervisor.

Minutes prepared by  
Samantha Morin  
Powell Township Clerk

Amounts approved outside Bills to be Paid:

- \$620 Milwaukee Cordless Power Tool
- \$134.50 recharge 20lb Extinguisher
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