

**Powell Township Board**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Tuesday December 15th, 2020 7PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 01/19/2021**

- 1) Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Powell Township Hall.
- 2) Roll Call: Karen December (Trustee), Kelly Santilli (Treasurer), Darlene Turner (Supervisor), Samantha Morin (Clerk), Denise Hudson (Trustee) – over phone
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with additions listed below (Morin/December). All yes, motion carried.
  - a) Addition to Parks and Recreation 4. B. AMP Winter Cities three people to be registered \$120
  - b) Addition to New Business 14. Underpayment Tax Policy
  - c) Addition to New Business 15. Trustee books \$94
  - d) Addition to New Business 16. Marquette Road Commission Invoice \$141,759.23
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
  - a) Motion to approve 11/17/2020 (Hudson/Turner). All yes, motion carried.
- 5) Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion to approve Revenue and Expenditure Report *Discussion below* (Hudson/Turner) 4 yes, 1 abstained, motion carried.
  - a) Trustee **December** and Treasurer discuss an overpay made by the County
- 6) Treasurer's Report:
  - a) General Questioning about Veterans between Trustee and Supervisor
- 7) Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills to be paid (Hudson/Santilli) All yes, motion carried
  - a) Trustee **December** questions AT&T, 906 Technologies and Robare Monthly salary
  - b) Supervisor questions Clerk about Election Source
  - c) Trustee **December** questions status of Plat Book order

**Committee & Dept. Reports**

- a. Ambulance Dept.- 7 calls: 6 full crews, 1 call was made while mid on another call/could not respond. Pomasl repaired Ambulance
- b. Fire Dept.- Welcomes new Board Members. 2 calls; lock out and a structure fire call. Station Projects and Budget Review meeting on Thursday 12/17/2020. Engine 2103 fuel pump replacement: 2104 still out of service: 2105 brush truck drained water out of tank. 906 Technologies began installation of server. HMC grant for \$7500 to go toward the purchase of a new water rescue boat which is \$7535 + \$250/shipping. Request shipping fee to come from Donated Funds. 5 Alarm serviced extraction tools & said hydraulic hoses damaged/needs replacement. Estimate ~~\$11,000~~ \$1,140 per hose.
- c. Emergency Management- no report
- d. Parks & Rec.- Applied grant not funded for Draver Park improvements and trail head storage garage. Amending 5 year Rec Plan, shifting priorities. Winter City Virtual Conference >re: small events to help community get through this 2021 winter. Upgrades on groomer waiting on tracks from Meyer Yamaha.
- e. Sewer Dept.- Running good
- f. Planning & Zoning- No Report. Meeting scheduled for 12/16/2020 all virtual
- g. Correspondence-
  - i. Supervisor received a letter Al's Ariel Spraying about gypsy moth
  - ii. D.Turner- Marquette Solid Waste price per ton raised to \$63.50

## Public Comment

- J.Gertz-Veterans will look into a project that they wanted to have a list of Veterans under glass
- G.Champagne- Information on Spaceport tracking road closures/airways. See attached letter.

## Unfinished Business

1. Well #5 Update: currently there is testing issue, yet does not interfere with working of well

## New Business

1. Fire Dept.:
  - a. Motion to approve \$40 for Garmin GPS unit (December/Hudson) Trustee December thanks C. Sutter. All yes, motion carried.
  - b. Motion to approve \$450 for air compressor. Compressor is old and doesn't fill current vehicles (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion carried
  - c. Motion to approve \$90 for the fire pager battery (Hudson/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
2. EMS:
  - a. Motion to approve \$60 for 8 headlamps (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
  - b. Motion to approve \$45 for digital clock in Ambulance (Hudson/December) All yes, motion carried
  - c. Motion to approve \$500 estimate on the inspection and oil change of rescue snowmobile (Turner/December) All yes, motion carried.
3. Planning Commission:
  - a. Motion to approve Recording Secretary Diane Hall (Hudson/Morin) All yes, motion carried
4. Parks & Rec.:
  - a. Motion to approve \$150 for new cork board (Morin/Hudson) December questions Clerk about condition of current posting boards/four years old. 4 yes, 1 no. Motion passed
  - b. Motion to approve \$120 for Winter AMP virtual classes/recorded seminar (Hudson/Santilli) All yes, motion approved.
5. Motion to decide Resolution for Winter Tax Collection in January 2021 (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion approved.
6. Oath of Offices – Board Liaison, Planning Commission Liaison outstanding
7. Resolution to approve considering State's suggested appointed assessor (Santilli/Turner) Roll Call Vote: Turner:Yes, Hudson:Yes, Santilli:Yes, Morin:Yes, December:Yes. Supervisor declared the resolution passed
  - a. Treasurer points out that we cannot be forced to use an appointed assessor
8. Sewer Increase
  - a. Motion to increase Sewer rate (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion approved.
  - b. Audit shows \$4,000 in debt, Supervisor recommending the increase of \$1 per month, bringing monthly sewer rate to \$30 per month to residents. Motion to change Sewer rate to \$30 per month (December/Hudson) Roll Call Vote: Hudson:Yes, December:Yes, Santilli:Yes, Morin:Yes. Supervisor declares the amendment resolution passed.
9. Motion to approve Treasurer Deputy pay \$12 hourly probationary for 3 months, then \$15 hourly. *Discussion as follows* (Santilli/December) All yes, motion passed.
  - a. Trustee ~~December~~ Hudson questioned inquired about Gaines background, Treasurer explained Gaines new to area, detail oriented, proof reads publications and former antique store owner
10. Motion to approve \$1000 for four tires for township pickup (Hudson/December) All yes, motion approved.
11. Board of Review

- a. Looking for new member for Board of Review. Trustee December wants to publish a notice advertising openings.
  - b. Motion to approve \$95 for Board of Review class. Supervisor Turner to complete. (December/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
  - c. Motion to approve \$103.50 to purchase Board of Review books (Santilli/Morin) All yes, motion approved.
12. Motion to pass a Policy for new Trustee books (December/Hudson) All yes, motion approved.
13. Road Commission KE bill of \$141,759.23 currently in question. Quality of job done being looked into and will be discussed with Road Commission by Supervisor D.Turner. Clerk asked to hold check until after discussion.

**Public Comment**

- G.Champagne – Congratulations of New Board Members. Rocket Launch window for evacuation may be 3 or 4 hours each day when people may need to evacuate or safe zone until rocket is deemed safe.
- D.Hudson – Welcomes Kelli and Karen to the Board

Next Meeting January 19th, 2020 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM by Supervisor.

Minutes prepared by  
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Deputy Clerk