



# Powell Township Fire Department Minutes of Special Budget Meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> 2020



Approved 01/28/21

**Meeting called to order at:** 1900hrs, by Chief Sutter at Station 1

**Members Present:** Assist Chief Brian Roell, Assist Chief Matt Anderson, Captain Josh Boudreaux, Captain Greg Ochylski, FF Jack Cram, FF Trainee Rudy Goupille

**Excused Absences:** Dustin Taylor, Ryan Iacovacci, David Weber, Captain Chauncey Moran

**Guests Present:** None

## **New Business:**

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Discussion on our 2021-2022 Budget** – Setting budget priorities, issues of immediate concern, items that can wait, items that should be planned out for. Discussion followed. See some of the items discussed below.
- We are **still awaiting quotes for multiple safety issues/items at station 1** that need to be addressed and we need to make sure we set money aside to address these issues. OSHA Violations in the Loft, stairs, kitchen door install, entrance doors sill plates, and the desk install. We have recently had more contractors up to bid on these things but still awaiting quotes.
- 3. Training and NFPA Books**
- 4. Washing Machine Extractor** – required to perform advanced cleanings of turnout gear NFPA 1851
- 5. 5Alarm – Hurst Tool Maintenance.** 5Alarm was here on 12/15 and advised all of our hydraulic hoses are in need of replacement, hoses are damaged and could burst at any time. All of our Hurst tools are obsolete and no longer have tool support, tools are 29-33yrs old and will not perform on the new car technology/metals. The Hurst Generator Unit is in good shape but we will need to run the generator for 30min every 30 days if we want to keep that battery charged, or we will need to replace the battery every year. The Honda Generator Fuel shutoff valve is leaking when in the on position. Replaced the pigtails on the extractor cutter. New hurst hoses cost \$1140 each and we need 3 hoses to replace damaged ones, received a quote for \$3420 for all 3 hoses. Discussion followed. We should price out new ehurst tools and a trickle charger for the Hurst Generator Battery. Motion to purchase 1 set of hoses now to keep the tools in service, other hose to be purchased in 2021. *Ochylski /Anderson, motion passed.*
- We need a **quote for wiring 2106 with a shoreline.** Discussion followed. I will seek quotes from Marquette Automotive and R&R.
- 7. Garden Hose and Nozzle for Station 1** used to wash and hose down apparatus and gear – Ochylski advised both are damaged and the hose sprays water out from several large leaks when you turn it on. Motion to replace damaged items *Ochylski / Cram, motion passed.*
- 8. Station 1 Pop Machine** – Still is not working correctly and needs to be serviced. Cram advised he will call his contact with CocaCola and see what the agreement is for the pop machine since we have no documentation on it or written agreement on file.
- 9. An HMC Grant was awarded for \$7500** to replace our water rescue boat but it does not cover the cost of a trailer. Trailer cost is still unknown as no local vendor contacted sells the type needed nor showed any interest in helping us locate one. More research will be needed. EMS has shown interest in assisting us with the purchase of a boat trailer.

10. **Request for \$250 from Donated Funds** – to cover the cost of shipping for the new water rescue boat provided by a grant from the HMC. *Anderson / Roell, motion passed.*
11. **Electrical Wiring on the Northwall St1** – it was suggested that we have an electrician check the wiring on the north wall as we are still having issues with it not working with our battery banks for our portable radios.
12. Discussion on **call back wages and station duty**
13. **Hose Testing and Maintenance** is needed in 2021. Does another twp in Mqt County have a hose tester that can be lent out? Ochylski voiced concern that a lot of the hoses are 20-30 yrs old and have never been tested since he started. We have known damaged hoses and ones that are questionably safe. I would recommend that the hoses be tested by a professional trained and certified to test these hoses this first time, if they have never been tested or not been tested in a very long time. There is significant dangers, high risk and high probability that a lot of these older hoses may fail, rupture, and burst while under pressure during testing and potentially injure a firefighter or damage nearby equipment, we should not be testing these ourselves this time. After this first hose test then we can look at purchasing or borrowing a hose tester to conduct these tests ourselves. NFPA 1962 Hose Testing is required annually to be in compliance and within safety standards. Lammi Fire Protection quoted hose testing at 30-35 per hose length. A hose tester runs about \$2500-3500
14. We need to start thinking about purchasing **SCBA air bottles and packs** as they are reaching their end of life soon. These should be purchased staggered so it is not a huge expense all in one year.
15. **Replacement options for 2104**, it is OOS and may not be returning to service. Discussion followed
16. **Replacement options for 2103**, twp has suggested we start to look at replacing this 35yr old engine, discussion followed. Brush Truck options to be looked into, Roell recommended a DNR Navistar type vehicle. Recommendations during discussion 4x4, 750 gallon tank, and can carry foam.
17. **Replacement options for 2105** This vehicle is so old parts have to be sourced at classic car vendors as its from 1979 and over 40yrs old. 2105 also failed its recent pump test.
18. Review of Line items and % used on our current **budget**. Discussions followed. Adjustments suggested

**Public/Open Comment:**

- Does Powell Twp touch any federal land? Islands? The Harbor Port of Refuge? Discussion followed.

**Equipment and supplies requested:**

- \$1140 for one set of Hurst Hydraulic Hoses – from 5Alarm
- \$75 for 100' of Heavy Duty Garden Hose plus nozzle – from Lowes or Menards
- \$250 from Donated Funds to cover shipping costs for the new water rescue boat

**Building repairs requested:**

- Awaiting quotes still

**General Funds Balance:** \$45,884.40 / 33.4% used **Donated Funds Balance:** \$38,441.70 / 0.22% used

**Next Meeting / Upcoming Training / Upcoming Events:**

Next Regular Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup> Station 1 @ 1900hrs

Township Meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> 1900hrs in person or Online [www.Freeconferencecall.com](http://www.Freeconferencecall.com)

Free Conference Call Meeting ID: *powelltownshipboard*

Station Duty for January is: Station 1 – Moran/Sutter

Station 2 - Weber

**Business Meeting Adjourned at:** 2130hrs *Anderson/Roell* **Minutes Prepared by:** Chief Sutter

Our 2021 Station Duty Rotation is as follows:

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Station 1</u></b>	<b><u>Station 2</u></b>
January	Moran/Sutter	Weber
February	_____	Roell
March	_____	Boudreaux
April	_____	Weber
May	_____	Roell
June	_____	Boudreaux
July	_____	Weber
August	_____	Roell
September	_____	Boudreaux
October	_____	Weber
November	_____	Roell
December	_____	Boudreaux