**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Board Meeting**

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

**Tuesday February 16th, 2021 7PM**

**Draft Minutes**

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Township Hall via FreeConferenceCall - Virtual Meeting

1. Roll Call: Karen December (Trustee) virtual in Big Bay, MI; Denise Hudson (Trustee) virtual in Marquette, MI; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) in Big Bay, MI at Hall; Darlene Turner (Supervisor) in Big Bay, MI at Hall; Samantha Morin (Clerk) in Big Bay, MI at Hall
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda with following additions (Hudson/December). All yes, motion carried.
   1. New Business – Parks and Rec. request for oil change for the Wolverine
   2. New Business – Parks and Rec. request to have Subcommittee for Space Port Research
3. Approval of Minutes:
   1. Motion to approve 01/19/2021 Board Minutes with following corrections (Turner/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
      1. Generator should come out of the General Fund instead of Water Fund Budget
   2. Motion to approve 02/05/2021 Budget Meeting Minutes with following corrections (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
      1. Feb 5th Budget Meeting – Correction that Funds are also for $25 monthly fee
4. Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion to approve the report after discussion (Turner/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
   1. Sanitation will need a budget amendment
5. Treasurer’s Report: No questions for the Treasurer about Treasurer’s Report. Thank you to the Treasurer
6. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bills to be Paid after following discussion (December/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
   1. Trustee December wanted clarification for Blue Cross Blue Shield on monthly, who it was for, and amount. Answered by Clerk
   2. Trustee December wants an ATT charge explanation regarding 5 lines being billed. Confirmed 5th line is Fax Machine.
   3. Trustee December asked for clarification of EMC Insurance monthly and what it covers. Answered by Clerk
   4. Trustee Hudson wanted clarification for RLI which is for Bond Insurance. Answered by Supervisor
   5. Trustee December wanted clarification for 906 Technologies charges. Answered by Supervisor and Clerk

**Committee & Dept. Reports**

1. Ambulance Dept.- 4 calls with 4 having full crew. 1 on standby during chimney fire. Getting inquiries for recruitments from Facebook Page and Tyler will be interviewed by TV6 on Wed.
2. Fire Dept.- 2 runs. Location being Balke & Bensinger and Brown Deer Rd for chimney fire.
3. Emergency Management- Kim will have a Draft for the next meeting.
4. Parks & Rec- Santilli and December spoke on behalf of Parks & Rec. The Community Gardens were discussed along with looking at Grant and 5-year Recreation plan. Next meeting Feb 22nd
5. Water Dept.- Generator was serviced. Well 5 should be finished up Thursday or Friday. Water let run until first of March estimated with report of 1 house with frozen pipes.
6. Sewer Dept.- all good
7. Planning & Zoning- discussed future land map and some rezoning and changes regarding property on Blind 35 and 550. Discussion of Baldwin property and Coastal Preserve on map.
8. Correspondence- 4 regarding Space Port – See attachments
9. Presentations- none

**Public Comment**

* Hudson has a letter to share regarding the Extended Order on meetings during this time.
* December stated this would be through March.
* Michael Springer 206 Eagles Nest Rd offered to listen to any concerns regarding the Space Port.

**Unfinished Business**

* + 1. Well 5 – still waiting for completion.

**New Business**

1. Fire Dept.:
   1. Motion to approve $5,500 for repair for 2101 and 2102 after discussion (Santilli/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
      1. Clarification made as to why both would be best to be done together. Travel and lodging fees could be combined and cost efficient.
   2. Action Training- request canceled by fire chief for further research
   3. Motion to approve $298.00 for Fire Boots for trainee Goupile (Santilli/December) All yes, motion carried.
   4. Motion to approve $429.00 for repair of 3 fire pagers (Hudson/December) All yes, motion carried.
   5. Motion to approve $140.00 for air hose/ reel/ fittings (Hudson/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
   6. Motion to approve $250.00 for lettering for boat after discussion (December/Morin) 4 yes, 1 no, motion carried.
      1. Discussion which vendor chosen and why.
2. EMS:
   1. Motion to approve $200.00 restocking of supplies (Santilli/Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
3. Planning Commission: None
4. Parks & Rec:
   1. Motion to approve Fire on the Bay (July 10th) expenses under Park & Rec Donated Funds (Morin/December) All yes, motion carried.
   2. Motion to table US Dept of Army increase for Permit for Harbor use. Santilli will provide letter of explanation to Hudson and December. (Hudson/December) All yes, motion carried. See attachment
   3. Motion to approve Grants (Santilli/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
   4. Motion to approve formation of Subcommittee for Space Port research to consist of 5 members. One from each board and two from the community. (Morin/ December) all yes, motion carried.
   5. Motion to approve oil change out of Donated Funds from Sven with cost not to exceed $100.00. (Morin/Santilli,) All yes, motion carried.
   6. Motion to table until next meeting signage at Thomas Rock and new trail system, $1,000-1,200 out of Road Approvements after following discussion. (Morin/Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
      1. December would like to know who will make the signs and if Parks & Rec already has adequate funds to pay themselves.
5. Treasurer Office:
   1. Motion to approve Install and Equipment to accept Credit Cards for $550.00 after discussion. (Morin/ Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
      1. December would like to make sure everyone is aware they will be charged a fee for using credit card.
   2. Motion to approve MMTA Membership due for &75.00 (Morin/Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
6. Water Dept:
7. Withdrawal of request for 906 Technologies – Splash Pad by Water Operator
8. Motion to approve Online Water Operators Training for $165.00. (Santilli/December) All yes, motion carried.
9. Motion to approve Poverty Assets Level to $15,000 after discussion. (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
   * 1. Supervisor Turner discussed neighboring Townships Asset amounts being in the range between $15,000 and $20,000 and the need to create Powell Townships amount which does not include Income level set by the Federal Government.
10. Meeting Dates and Times
    1. Change of Ambulance Meeting from 1st Thursday to 1st Sunday, 6 PM. All others to remain the same. Zoning Administration to change for winter.
11. Motion to approve Board of Review Dates and Location after discussion. (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
    * 1. Organizational Meeting will be held in the Supervisor’s Office, Tuesday, March 2, 2021
      2. Appeals will be held Virtual on Monday, March 8, 2021, 3 pm to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 9 am to 3 pm.
      3. Cost of Publication Fees will be split with neighboring Townships.

**Public Comments**

* Michael Springer is looking forward to working with the Township and likes the Big Bay Pathways
* Kim Bourgeois has concerns of not being able to hear during Virtual Meetings.

**Board Comments**

* Trustee December agreed with Kim that virtual is hard to hear.
* Trustee December would like to work on better communication and access of information to taxpayers. Would like to link to 906 Technologies to use electronic communication by emailing if possible.
* Supervisor Turner asked if times could be altered for Budget Meeting, Feb 19th for conflicting appointment at 4:30 but meeting will remain to start at 3pm
* Reminder of Daylight Savings Time March 14th

**Next Meeting:**

**Regular Board Meeting: March 23rd, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

**Adjourn: Supervisor adjourned meeting at 8:25 PM**

Minutes prepared by:

Nancy Gaines / Recording Secretary

Edited before approval by:

Samantha Morin/ Powell Township Clerk