**Powell Township Board**

**Meeting of the Whole Meeting**

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

**Thursday January 14th, 2021 6PM**

**~~Draft Minutes~~**

**Approved 2/20/2021**

1. Call to order at 6:10 PM, by Supervisor, virtually at Powell Township Hall.
2. Roll Call of Officers: Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) calling in from Big Bay, MI; Karen December (Trustee) calling in from Big Bay, MI; Denise Hudson (Trustee) calling in from Marquette, MI; Darlene Turner (Supervisor) calling in from Big Bay, MI; Samantha Morin (Clerk) hosting virtual in Big Bay, MI
3. Public Comment: none

*Supervisor Turner states for those virtual that this is an open discussion by the board and no agenda is provided*

1. Revenue & Expenditure
   1. Trustee December needed clarification on all wages and who they pay
   2. Supervisor Turner clarified that it is required that wages be divided out that way from different funds
2. Agenda online
   1. Trustee December states that having “Agenda” without link is confusing
   2. Clerk Morin stated it was a template but will edit wording and take “Agenda” available off till “Agenda’s” are actually ready to post
3. 906 Technologies
   1. Final signatures for In-Kind Agreement started back in September 2020 with 906 Technologies signed 12/18/2020 with 906 Technologies owner for fiber-optic box to be installed at the Halfway Township Hall.
   2. Trustee December stated displeasure with handling of approval. Believed that she and Trustee Hudson were kept out of the loop of the agreement. Also, stated displeasure with 906 Technologies using right-away on her road and the amount that they charge.
   3. Supervisor Turner, clarified that 906 Technologies went through Marquette County for the right away but she has received complaints from the community with trees being taken down and not cleaned up
   4. Trustee Hudson has been in contact with 906 Technologies to have better internet access for Halfway location and had stated her approval prior to November.
   5. Treasurer Santilli stated that the township has no power for what 906 Technologies charges for the service. Personally her internet is more than what 906 Technologies is charging and the base amount to get the connection would be worth it.
4. Budget Meetings and Hearing:
   1. Public Budget Hearing March 18th, 2021 6:30PM
   2. Regular Meeting moved from March 16th, 2021 to March 23rd, 2021 7pm
   3. Board Budget Sessions
      1. February 5th, 2021 3PM
      2. February 19th, 2021 3PM
5. Liaison
   1. Planning Commission Liaison – Denise Hudson has been the Board Liaison for ten years
      1. Supervisor Turner asks if anyone wants to volunteer and if Denise was willing to continue
      2. Trustee December states she is willing to be Liaison
         1. Supervisor Turner discussed with Trustee December that she should attend the Planning Commission meetings and get more experience before taking on the role as Planning Commission Liaison when just joining the Township board in November
      3. Trustee Hudson states she is still willing to be Liaison
   2. Fire Department Liaison
      1. Supervisor Turner feels position is “waste of time” for Clerk Morin
      2. Clerk Morin stated that there are times it can be wasted but then she is more aware of what bills are coming and expected to be paid.
6. COVID-19 Vaccine Discussion
   * 1. Trustee Hudson brought up discussion for the board and offices qualifying for COVID-19 Vaccine
     2. Only Clerk Morin would be in the last group to qualify for the preliminary schedule from MDHHS website
7. Superior Watershed Partnership Discussion
   * 1. Presented to Township Board of Granite Loma Shoreline Purchase by a DNR grant application
     2. Approval to Apply for DNR Grant by April 1st by the presenters
     3. Supervisor Turner will be sending the presentation and documents to the board. Michael Springer will be presenting to township board on Tuesday 01/19/2021
     4. Supervisor Turner stated that there are also available properties that the township has been interested in for years
8. Poverty Exemption
   * 1. New email sent out would only change the length of the Poverty Exemption Resolution needing to be renewed.
     2. Clerk Morin wanted to clarify if the generic Poverty Exemption Resolution is needed to be prepared for the Tuesday 01/19/2021 meeting
9. Public Comment:

* M. Springer- wants to make sure the board receives the Superior Watershed Partnership Documentation and is glad to present
* M. Springer- questions video sharing on the FreeConferenceCall platform that Powell Township uses for its meeting
  + Clerk Morin states that she does see the option for video sharing for Powell Township.

Special meeting ended at 7:25pm by Supervisor

Minutes Prepared by:

Samantha Morin

Powell Township Clerk