**Powell Township Board**

**Regular Board Meeting**

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

**Tuesday January 19th, 2021 7PM**

**~~Draft Minutes~~**

**Approved 02/20/2021**

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at township hall via FreeConferenceCall Virtual
2. 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
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda with following additions (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
   1. New Business 15. Nancy Gaines for Recording Secretary
   2. New Business 16. Board Comment
4. Approval of Minutes:
   1. Motion to approve 12/15/2020 Board Minutes with following corrections (Turner/Santilli). All yes, motion carried
      1. Add “December” to Trustee comments at 5a, 6a, 7a
      2. Correct 6a to be Veterans Memorial Money
      3. Correction 9a to be “Trustee Hudson” and change word “questioned”
      4. Correction to Fire Department report that the price of hose being $1140 and not $11000.
   2. Motion to approve 1/14/2021 Special Board Minutes (Hudson/December). All yes, motion carried.
5. Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion to approve the report (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
6. Treasurer’s Report: No questions, a thank you to the Treasurer
7. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bills to be Paid after following discussion (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
   1. Trustee December wants a ATT and 906 Technologies run down
   2. Bacco Construction was paid, 20% was held till the road is fixed in the spring after discussion by the Supervisor and the Marquette Road Commission

**Committee & Dept. Reports**

1. Ambulance Dept.- 5 calls with 4 having full crew and 1 with one responder that met up with law enforcement
2. Fire Dept.- 2020 had a total of 26 calls and to compare 2019 had 13 calls; 1 call in January 2021; Working on Regional SCBA Grant with Marquette County Fire Fighters Association; Fire Chief thanks those who helped with gathering information to turn into the grant writer in a weeks time Assistant Fire Chief Brian Roell, Captain Josh Boudreaux, Captain Greg Ochylski, The Gertz twins, Trustee December, Supervisor Turner, Clerk Morin, Treasurer Santilli
3. Emergency Management- Food Banks has been used; restock of food recently; twp emergency plan in the making, nothing required and last updated in 2005; 2020 has the Marquette County plan coming out on January 14th, 2021
4. Parks & Rec.- increase in the usage of parks at Thomas Rocks and Recreation trails; signage complete; January 25th special meeting; new committee member Santilli is welcomed; looking at correction to the 5-year Recreation plan
5. Water Dept.- glitch over the weekend between the software and the water tower; manual override was needed; should be corrected shortly
6. Sewer Dept.- doing fine; no problems
7. Planning & Zoning- discussed land uses; township development; master plan; in depth with new member; Master plan to include Big Bay Trailhead; final draft of Master Plan to be reviewed on Wednesday call in number is 425-436-6305 access code 1390580
8. Correspondence- Mr. Cooper with a quote for a new office printer
9. Presentations- see attachment from Superior Watershed Partnership

**Public Comment**

* none

**Unfinished Business**

1. Well #5 Update: no update

**New Business**

1. Fire Dept.:
   1. Motion to approve $50 for 2 trash cans & $75 for Garden Hose & Nozzle (Santilli/December). All yes, motion carried.
   2. Motion to approve $1140.00 for Hurst Extrication 30’ Hose after following discussion (Morin/December). All yes, motion carried.
      1. Supervisor Turner asked for clarification on the $830 earlier in 2020 for Hurst and Fire Chief Sutter responded that it was for the inspection of generator and tools
   3. Motion to approve $5000 Vehicle repair for 2101 & 2102 plus exhaust repair for 2106 after following discussion (Hudson/December) 1 yes, 4 no, motion failed.
      1. Supervisor Turner pointed out that over $8000 for R&R for the inspection and subsequent repairs were just done and that there is not $5000 available in the budget this year for the types of small repairs requested, though an exhaust issue is major and should be looked at this year; Supervisor Turner suggests that the other repairs for 2101 and 2102 wait the 2 months to the new budget
      2. Fire Chief Sutter thought to have the amount from wages that were unused but it was pointed out by Supervisor Turner that wages are not something that can be moved around so easily
      3. Motion to approve $2000 for 2106 exhaust repair (Morin/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
   4. Motion to approve $7,500 from donated funds from HMC or the Community Foundation for Marquette County for Rescue Boat after following discussion (December/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
      1. Donation from the foundation was specifically for this purchase
      2. Supervisor Turner clarifies with Fire Chief that the accessories that would be wanted are all included in the purchase and it seems they are
   5. Motion to approve $285 from donated funds for shipping and extra cost (Morin/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
   6. Motion to approve Samantha Morin as Fire Department Liaison (Santilli/Turner). All yes, motion carried.
2. EMS - none
3. Planning Commission:
   1. Motion to approve Denise Hudson for 4 years as Planning Commission Board Liaison (December/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
   2. Motion to approve Denise Hudson as Planning Commission Member (Santilli/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
4. Parks & Rec.:
   1. Motion to approve Kelli Santilli as member of Parks & Recreation (Hudson/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
   2. Motion to approve Kelli Santilli as Board Liaison of Parks and Recreation (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
5. Motion to approve **Resolution for Summer and Winter Tax Collection** (Hudson/Santilli). Roll Call Vote: December, yes; Hudson, yes; Turner, yes; Santilli, yes; Morin, yes. Supervisor declares the Resolution passed
6. Motion to approve **Resolution for Treasurer to Invest Funds** (December/Santilli). Roll Call Vote: Santilli, yes; Hudson, yes; Turner, yes; December, yes; Morin, yes. Supervisor declared the Resolution passed.
7. Motion to approve Swick Renewal Service Plan for $318.00 one year after discussion (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
   1. Clerk Morin points out the previous 5 year amount approved last year turned out to be for only one furnace and had to be changed to be for two furnaces for one year each. The current quote is for both furnaces
   2. Trustee December wanted clarification on why this particular company; Supervisor Turner responds that this company is the one that the furnaces were purchased and installed with
8. Motion to approve Supervisor to join Michigan Planning Association for $60.00 for 18 months after discussion (Santilli/December). All yes, motion carried.
   1. Had been a member in past; Supervisor Turner wants to try for the period and would be able to share the information that would be beneficial with other committee members
9. Motion to approve Purchase & Install Generator to town hall for $13,000 with Wright Electric Company after discussion (Hudson/Turner). All yes, motion carried
   1. Old generator at pump house is bigger than what is needed at the town hall and it was suggested that a new one should be purchased instead moved to the town hall; the old generator should be sold and a bid is in the work for it; funds will go to the Water Fund
   2. Money for the generator should come out of the ~~Water Fund Budget~~ Building & Grounds
10. Motion to approve **Poverty Exemption Resolution 2021** (Morin/Santilli). Roll Call Vote: Morin, yes; Hudson, yes; December, yes; Turner, yes; Santilli, yes. Supervisor declares the Resolution passed.
11. Motion to approve Poverty Exemption to be filed every 3 years after following discussion (Hudson/December). 0 yes, 5 opposed, motion failed.
    1. The state has opened up the possibility that Poverty Exemption would able to be filled once and good for the resident for three years if adopted in Poverty Exemption Resolution
    2. Treasurer Santilli states it would be appropriate for residents to file every year
12. Resolution for Board Members wages 2021-2022
    1. Supervisor
       1. Motion to approve $11,120 (Increase of $120 a month) for Supervisor after discussion (Morin/Santilli). Supervisor withdraws request, motion failed
          1. Trustee December states concerns that this isn’t the year to ask for a raise, while she admits the Supervisor does a lot of work
          2. Trustee Hudson doesn’t think the amounts stated matched what Supervisor Turner was requesting and wanted to take the time to correct the amounts but Supervisor Turner had already withdrawn her request.
          3. Motion to approve $10,000 for Supervisor with no increase from previous year (Morin/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
    2. Motion to approve Clerk $12,000 with no increase (Santilli/Turner) All yes, motion carried.
    3. Motion to approve Treasurer $10,000 with no increase (Hudson/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
    4. Trustees
       1. Motion to approve Denise Hudson at $65 per meeting (Santilli/Morin). All yes, motion carried
       2. Motion to approve Karen December at $65 per meeting (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
13. Board of Review Members
    1. Motion to approve Carol Brady for Board of Review Member (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
    2. Motion to approve Gene Champagne for Board of Review Member (Morin/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
    3. Motion to approve Nancy Gaines for Board of Review Member (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
14. Motion to approve 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments (Turner/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
15. Motion to approve Nancy Gaines as Recording Secretary (Morin/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
16. Motion to approve section for Board Comment in meeting after following discussion (December/Santilli). 3 yes, 2 opposed, motion carried.
    1. Trustee December wants section following Public Comment as Board Comment to respond to Public Comment

**Public Comment**

* None

**Regular March Meeting has been changed to the 4th Tuesday March 23rd 7pm**

**Budget Meetings: February 5th 3:00 PM and February 19th 3:00 PM**

Next Meeting February 16th, 2021 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by Supervisor

Minutes prepared by

Samantha Morin

Powell Township Clerk