

Powell Township Board
Regular Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
Tuesday February 16th, 2021 7PM
Draft Minutes
Approved 03/23/2021

- 1) Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Township Hall via FreeConferenceCall - Virtual Meeting
- 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/December). All yes, motion carried.
 - a) New Business – Parks and Rec. request for oil change for the Wolverine
 - b) New Business – Parks and Rec. request to have Subcommittee for Space Port Research
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
 - a) Motion to approve 01/19/2021 Board Minutes with following corrections (Turner/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
 - i) Generator should come out of the General Fund instead of Water Fund Budget
 - b) Motion to approve 02/05/2021 Budget Meeting Minutes with following corrections (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
 - i) Feb 5th Budget Meeting – Correction that Funds are also for \$25 monthly fee
- 5) Expenditure & Revenue Report: Motion to approve the report after discussion (Turner/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - a) Sanitation will need a budget amendment
- 6) Treasurer's Report: No questions for the Treasurer about Treasurer's Report. Thank you to the Treasurer
- 7) Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bills to be Paid after following discussion (December/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
 - a) Trustee December wanted clarification for Blue Cross Blue Shield on monthly, who it was for, and amount. Answered by Clerk
 - b) Trustee December wants an ATT charge explanation regarding 5 lines being billed. Confirmed 5th line is Fax Machine.
 - c) Trustee December asked for clarification of EMC Insurance monthly and what it covers. Answered by Clerk
 - d) Trustee Hudson wanted clarification for RLI which is for Bond Insurance. Answered by Supervisor
 - e) Trustee December wanted clarification for 906 Technologies charges. Answered by Supervisor and Clerk

Committee & Dept. Reports

- a. 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.

- b. Fire Dept.- 2 runs. Location being Balke & Bensinger and Brown Deer Rd for chimney fire.
- c. Emergency Management- Kim will have a Draft for the next meeting.
- d. 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
- e. 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.
- f. Sewer Dept.- all good
- g. 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.
- h. Correspondence- 4 regarding Space Port – See attachments
- i. 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.:
 - a. Motion to approve \$5,500 for repair for 2101 and 2102 after discussion (Santilli/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
 - i. Clarification made as to why both would be best to be done together. Travel and lodging fees could be combined and cost efficient.
 - b. Action Training- request canceled by fire chief for further research
 - c. Motion to approve \$298.00 for Fire Boots for trainee Goupile (Santilli/December) All yes, motion carried.
 - d. Motion to approve \$429.00 for repair of 3 fire pagers (Hudson/December) All yes, motion carried.
 - e. Motion to approve \$140.00 for air hose/ reel/ fittings (Hudson/Morin) All yes, motion carried.
 - f. Motion to approve \$250.00 for lettering for boat after discussion (December/Morin) 4 yes, 1 no, motion carried.
 - i. Discussion which vendor chosen and why.
2. EMS:
 - a. Motion to approve \$200.00 restocking of supplies (Santilli/Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
3. Planning Commission: None
4. Parks & Rec:
 - a. Motion to approve Fire on the Bay (July 10th) expenses under Park & Rec Donated Funds (Morin/December) All yes, motion carried.
 - b. 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
 - c. Motion to approve Grants (Santilli/Morin) All yes, motion carried.

- d. 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.
 - e. Motion to approve oil change out of Donated Funds from Sven with cost not to exceed \$100.00. (Morin/Santilli,) All yes, motion carried.
 - f. 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.
 - i. December would like to know who will make the signs and if Parks & Rec already has adequate funds to pay themselves.
5. Treasurer Office:
- a. Motion to approve Install and Equipment to accept Credit Cards for \$550.00 after discussion. (Morin/ Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
 - i. December would like to make sure everyone is aware they will be charged a fee for using credit card.
 - b. Motion to approve MMTA Membership due for &75.00 (Morin/Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
6. Water Dept:
- a. Withdrawal of request for 906 Technologies – Splash Pad by Water Operator
 - b. Motion to approve Online Water Operators Training for \$165.00. (Santilli/December) All yes, motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Poverty Assets Level to \$15,000 after discussion. (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- i. 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.
8. Meeting Dates and Times
- a. Change of Ambulance Meeting from 1st Thursday to 1st Sunday, 6 PM. All others to remain the same. Zoning Administration to change for winter.
9. Motion to approve Board of Review Dates and Location after discussion. (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- i. Organizational Meeting will be held in the Supervisor's Office, Tuesday, March 2, 2021
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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