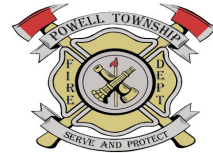




# Powell Township Fire Department

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

### March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021



~~Draft Version~~  
Approved 04/29/21

**Meeting called to order at:** 1905hrs, by Chief Sutter at Station 1

**Members Present:** Assist Chief Matt Anderson, Capt Greg Ochylski, Capt Josh Boudreaux, FF Chad Demay, FF Brad Pelto, FF Jack Cram, FF Trainee Rudy Goupille, FF Trainee Ryan Iacovacci, and by Conference Call Assist Chief Brian Roell.

**Excused Absences:** Capt Chauncey Moran, FF Dustin Taylor

**Guests Present:** Township Fire Liaison Samantha Morin

**Approval of Minutes:** February 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Pager Test:** completed at 1855hrs All working ok

#### Review of Calls / Events:

- 03/18/21 – Fire Alarm at MCRC Maintenance Garage
- 03/20/21 – Structure Fire in 3200 Block of CR 550
- 03/21/21 – Parade Detail at Chocolay Twp FD “Sands Twp FF / Shields of Hope”

**County Firefighter's Report:** March 16<sup>th</sup> at Chocolay Twp. Sutter- Discussion about Michigan's new Firefighter Training Requirements and updated FF Rules. May go into full effect as soon as July of this year. Discussion about County Training Funds, and Parade Detail 03/21/21 for a Sands Twp FF battling cancer.

**Station Report #1:** February – 2104 is still out of service. Cram – Station Duty is still in progress. Ochylski advised there is an issue with the GFI Outlets in the kitchen tripping the fridge. GFI may need to be replaced. Demay advised they can go bad over time and there appears to be several different types of GFIs in kitchen.

**Station Report #2:** February – 2103 is still out of service. Boudreaux - air pack batteries still need to be swapped out, issue with the furnace not turning on, need 4 cycle Tru Fuel. Sutter – Trudell was up to work on the furnaces, removed a squirrel's nest from the furnace and cleared out the clogged bathroom sink screen.

#### Committee Reports:

- Nothing to report

#### Chief Engineer's Report:

- Nothing to report

#### Old Business:

1. **Covid Update:** Fire Station Guest Restrictions are still in place for both Fire and EMS personnel
2. **2103 & 2104 are still out of service** – vehicles should still be checked during station duty but not driven out of the bays right now. Punky fuel in 2103 still needs to be removed.
3. **2021-2022 Budget Update** – the 2021 Budget has been approved by the township on 03/23
4. **Station Repairs Update** - setting priorities with EMS for 2021. Mtg with EMS Coordinator Vargo advised doors then loft. Exterior Doors \$540/2=\$270, Kitchen Door 200/2=100, Desk 875, Loft Walls 2800/2= 1400, Stairs 2940/2=1470, Slop Sink 425/2=212.50. Loft may be done in stages to fit budget,

stairs may have to wait. Motion to approve station repairs except stairs and slop sink relocation.  
*Roell/Anderson, all approved, motion passed.*

5. **Pomasl quote 3/15 Opt 1 \$1565-1665 for Recommended Auto Eject Shoreline on 2106/ Opt 2 \$1225-1325.** Discussion followed. Ochylski advised the only money we have in 2106 is minor repairs as the vehicle was provided for free by the DNR. Sutter advised it is a good running vehicle and does not see us taking it out of service anytime soon but it is due for some minor updates. Difference between the 2 is Opt1 has a better receptacle that's sealed to the elements which Pomasl recommends.  
*Demay/Anderson, all approved, motion passed.*
6. **Boat Trailer Update:** EMS would like to assist us with purchasing a trailer for the new rescue boat. They have approved \$2500 from their donated funds for the trailer and to assist with some of the travel expenses. Trailer selected is a Trailex UT-850MIIIWT designed specifically for inflatables updated quote received 03/15/21 \$2,485 with finished orders looking at May/early June if ordered right now. This is an est \$815 savings over the \$3300 option Inmar presented. Discussion followed. Cram advised when it's ready for pickup he can see if he has any of his trucks passing through that area that can help. This will need to be presented to the Twp Board next for final approval.
7. **906 In-Kind Agreement Update:** Just received lock info and quotes 3/16 Still need time to review details of the locks. Looks to be about a \$4000 setup / security upgrade to our fire stations with our only costs covering labor at st1 plus travel and 1hr of initial system training \$470. Twp Savings of \$3450 covered by 906's In-Kind Agreement. Plus Free internet and phones estimated additional savings of \$1000 a year to the FD & Twp.
8. **906 / Halfway Fire Station Concerns** - 906 was advised of our concerns at Halfway and recent issues with breakers being tripped after 906 was there working. 906 advised they will be more cautious and notify us anytime they will be at the station to work on their network hand off and will not park blocking any of our fire bay doors.
9. **Repairs Update for 2101 and 2102** – Pomasl will be coming up 3/30 Cummings Mqt is waiting to schedule it with a trip to the mine to save us on a travel expense/mileage fee. R&R was at  $5460+875=6335$  to complete the repairs and Kevin Pomasl quoted late & with a written apology for the delay at \$2140.37 + Cummings Mqt for 2101's Engine Gasket \$1071.73 = \$3,112.10 so we will be saving the dept. & twp. \$3,222.90 with Pomasl/Cummings Mqt.
10. **EMS MFR Update** – MFR class begins April 13<sup>th</sup> and goes until June 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an EMT class in October. EMS confirmed 3/23 they have their 2<sup>nd</sup> approved slot filled by Ryan Iacovacci. Thank you Iacovacci for volunteering to take your MFR.
11. **The American Flag at St1** – has been replaced, old flag will be properly disposed of.
12. **Online training for 2021** – FR1 has been approved and EMS will be coming with us to the new platform 05/01/2021. Instructions will follow once its all setup. If you have any remaining classes on ATS this is the time to wrap them up and save your course certificates. If you need assistance with this let me know and I will assist you. This new platform will allow us to upload our department policies, create our own content, and manage and track our in person training as well as our online training.
13. **Thoma Statues** that were asked about in Feb. Thoma said the Dalmation was from the Twp and FF Statue from the TenEyck Family. Thoma would like to leave them at the hall and thinks they would make a great accent to the display case if there are no objections. Ochylski/Anderson would like them displayed outdoors. Previous Discussion in Feb, it was suggested we pour a concrete pad by the flag pole for public display.

#### **New Business:**

1. **State of MI update to the Draft FF Training Council Rules** – Public Hearing 03/24/21 – The State of Mi will be going to a program similar to EMS Licenses and surrounding states. 3year cycle / 36hrs continuing education + additional 12hrs specifically related to your position if your an Officer / Chief / Training Instructor / Fire Inspector or Investigator. State Minimum of 6hrs in any given year. This is not

something I entirely agree with, but we have to follow state requirements. There will be audits and if you falsify training records with the state they can revoke your firefighter certifications. We will be starting to monitor each individual's training hours ahead of the new rules which according to the MCFFA may go into effect as early as this July. Dept Email was sent out 03/04/21 ref. State Draft Rules

2. We need to **designate a new Health & Safety Officer** for the department. Any volunteers or recommendations? *Roell* nominated *Boudreaux*, *Anderson* seconded. *Boudreaux* agreed to review the requirements and advised he would be interested. *No objections, motion passed*
3. We need to start thinking about **designating another Engineer and Training Officer**, start planning for *Ochylski's* replacement. Short discussion followed.
4. **AAA Grant opportunity for extrication equipment** \$15,000 limit. Email sent out 03/04 on our options. I would recommend seeking the grant for a new cutter and 1 new hose for station 1's set for \$7630 + \$1140 hose = \$8770. While our entire set of 30yr old extrication equipment needs replacement our cutters should be priority since they will not cut through the Boron Steel in modern day cars. New Edraulic Sets run \$30,000 and a new cutter and spreader for our power unit would require us to dip into donated funds which we are going to need to help with a new brush truck. *Ochylski/Boudreaux, all approved, motion passed* to seek the grant for 1 new cutter and hose.
5. *Roell* – March 11<sup>th</sup> **DNR wildland meeting update:** Early Fire Season, Same conditions as the Black Creek Fire, lowest recorded conditions since 1978. DNR FF are spread thin and there was no step tests for Wildland FF last year due to covid.
6. **Wildland Tools for the upcoming wildfire season?** Fire Rakes, Indian Pump Cans, Fire Brooms, Drip Torches? Would like to purchase a Chainsaw for the engine. We placed the chainsaw from the brush truck into the engine for now as its our primary response vehicle at 1. Would recommend an Indian pump can for 2106 since 2106 has no water on it and its cheaper long term then extinguishers for small fires and assisting with wildfires. Discussions followed. *Boudreaux/Roell, all approved, motion passed* for **1 Indian Pump Can for 2106**. Reference a **Chainsaw for 2101**, discussion followed. concesus18-20" Bar possibly a carbide blade to assist with ventilation, look at Stihl 260-362 models. \$600 approved *Boudreaux/Ochylski, all approved motion passed*.
7. **Mechanics Tools /Socket set for st1?** Misc tools for 2101 also needed. We currently have a mishmash of old and incomplete tool sets in 2101 and no real station tools. We could use a complete set of tools/sockets to help assist with maintenance and repairs of our vehicles and equipment at station 1. Suggestions? Discussion followed. Please submit a list of items needed or suggested for review before the next meeting.
8. **Brush Truck Committee** to explore options and prices. Volunteers for the Committee: *Roell, Boudreaux, and Ochylski*.
9. **Hose and Ladder Testing this spring.** Looking into companies to perform hose testing. We will need to do an inventory of our hoses to gain an accurate quote.
10. **Large Plastic totes** – We could use a few more large totes from walmart for gear storage in the loft. *Roell/Anderson, all approved, motion passed*.

#### Public/Open Comment:

- *Ochylski* – We need a chainsaw scabbard for the saw that was in 2106 before someone gets injured.
- *Roell* – Eagle Mine / Cleveland Cliffs may have grant options that could help with a new brush truck?
- *Boudreaux* – The DNR may have skid units sitting in the pickups in their bone yard, we should inquire about. Ask *Keith Murphy*?

#### Equipment and supplies requested:

- \$160 for an Indian Pump Can for 2106
- \$600 for a chainsaw for 2101
- \$1665 for a shoreline for 2106

**Building repairs requested:**

- \$470 for FD's portion of the 906 In-Kind Agreement for new station locks
- \$540 to split with EMS to repair the entry/exit door thresholds at station 1
- \$200 to split with EMS for a kitchen door at station 1
- \$875 to install the free desk acquired from the old hospital in 2020 at station 1

**General Funds Balance:** \$16,467.90 / 76.10 % used **Donated Funds Balance:** \$38,525

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

Next Regular Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> Station 1 @ 1900hrs

**March's Online Training: ATS PA001 Safe Operation of Emergency Vehicles**

**April's Online Training: ATS PA003 Operating Fire Pumps**

County FF Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> 1930hrs – location to be determined

Township Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1900hrs in person or Online [www.Freeconferencecall.com](http://www.Freeconferencecall.com)

Free Conference Call Meeting ID: *powelltownshipboard*

Station Duty for April is: Station 1 Desmet Station 2 – Weber

Tonight's Training: **Business Meeting / Pump Ops & Water Supply – Classroom portion (Ochylski)**

April's Training: Short Business Mtg / Tanker Shuttle & Pump Ops – Practical

**Business Meeting Adjourned at:** 2010hrs by Roell/Anderson **Minutes Prepared by:** Chief Sutter

Chief's Notes:

We will be setting goals next month for our 2021 budget, writing a few more grants, working on some spring cleaning in the hall, and wrapping up repairs with 2101 and 2102 within the next week or so.

Our 2021 Station Duty Rotation is as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Station 1</u>	<u>Station 2</u>
January	Sutter	Weber
February	Ochylski	Roell
March	Cram	Boudreaux - Change Air Pack Batteries
April	Desmet	Weber
May	Pelto	Roell
June	Goupille/St1 Ofc	Boudreaux - Change Air Pack Batteries
July	Demay	Weber
August	Moran	Roell
September	Anderson	Boudreaux - Change Air Pack Batteries
October	Iacovacci/St1 Ofc	Weber
November	Sutter	Roell
December	Ochylski	Boudreaux - Change Air Pack Batteries