

**Powell Township Board**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**Tuesday April 20, 2021 7PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 05/18/2021**

- 1) Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, at Township Hall via FreeConferenceCall - Virtual Meeting and Limited Capacity Hall Meeting.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Karen December (Trustee) in Big Bay, MI at Hall; Denise Hudson (Trustee) in Big Bay, MI at Hall; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) in Big Bay, MI at Hall; Darlene Turner (Supervisor) in Big Bay, MI at Hall; Samantha Morin (Clerk) virtual in Big Bay, MI.
- 4) Approval of Agenda with the following Additions Motion to approve (Santilli / Morin). All yes, motion carried.
  - Presentation by Jim Iwanicki – Marquette Co Rd Commission
  - New Business 3. Fire I) Midas Bill / \$222.05
  - New Business 6. Park & Rec –Loads gravel for \$750.00, e) Handicapped Portable Restroom / Draver Park, Posting, Conservation Crew
  - New Business 13. Budget Amendments
  - New Business 14. Blight Issue
- 5) Approval of Minutes:
  - a) Motion to approve 3/23/2021 Board Minutes after following discussion (Santilli / December) All yes, motion carried.
    - a. #8 not tabled.
    - b. #10 Clerk to look into, not to be started.
- 6) Approval of Expenditure & Revenue Report:
  - a) Motion to approve after following discussion (Santilli / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
    - a. Trustee December asked for clarification on Street Revenue.
- 7) Approval of Bills:
  - a) Motion to approve (December / Santilli). All yes, motion carried.

**Committee & Dept. Reports**

- a. Ambulance Dept.- 3 runs. 2 unable to respond to due to shortage of responders at the time. 2 members currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> day of class.
- b. Fire Dept.- 0 runs. Busy cleaning and sorting. Wireless Internet is up and running. Working on Capital 5-year Plan. Members meeting to address their needs.
- c. Emergency Management- none
- d. Parks & Rec- Sven Gonstead reported that trails were cleaned up 4/17 and Thomas Rock is scheduled soon.
- e. Water Dept- Daryl Wilcox reported all is good.
- f. Sewer Dept- Pete TenEyck reported all is good.
- g. Planning & Zoning- Denise Hudson reported next meeting will begin at 6:30 on 4/21 and that an email has been received from Jason McCarthy that their system had a virus.
- h. Correspondence- 5 correspondence received. 3 letters received regarding the Space Port with different concerns. 1 letter support for NTN's Trail /Park Manager position, 1 email inquiry for school project – See Attachments.

## **Presentations**

1. Bill Ford provided photos and descriptions of Lighthouse Road with concerns of future damage if not paved.
2. Jim Iwanicki from Marquette Co Road Commission provided a Quick Facts Handout with a question-and-answer session regarding road budget, conditions, types and options for Powell Township – See Q & A with Attachments

## **Public Comment**

- Dennis Boe –Currently a volunteer for trails and would like to go on record for whole heartedly supporting the new Park Manager position and thinks it is great for the Township.
- Rula Hogan – Would like to be able to see presentations virtually.
- Michael Springer – Shared slideshow and support for hiring of Park Manager. With Attachments
- Mary Pat Johnson– Would like to have Lighthouse Rd paved.
- Mr. & Mrs. Edgar – Would like to have Lighthouse Rd paved.

## **Unfinished Business**

- 1) Fire Dept
  - a) Repairs done for 2101 and 2102 except Engine Gasket - Pomasl to be here Wed or Thursday to replace.
  - b) Halfway Furnace Repair – Price unknown, waiting on bill.
- 2) Motion to approve Lucy Wilcox to be added to the Spaceport Research Committee (Santilli/ Morin) All yes, motion carried.

## **New Business**

1. Fire Dept.:
  - a. Motion to approve \$610.00 for Stihl MS261 Chainsaw after discussion (December / Morin) Motion withdrawn.
    - i) A new quote came in lower from Bergdahl's for an 18" for \$487.99 and need for use on brush fires given.
    - ii) Motion to approve \$500.00 for Stihl 18" Chainsaw (December / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
  - b) Motion to approve \$158.95 Gallon Indian Pump Can (December / Morin) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
  - c) Motion to approve \$469.70 for upgrading locks at Station #1 to be split with EMS after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
    - i) Clarification that this is an upgrade and not a repair.
  - d) Motion to approve \$875.00 for installation of desk at Fire Hall after discussion (Morin/December) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
    - i) Questioned high price and if more than one quote was given.
  - e) Motion to approve \$540.00 to repair 2 Exterior Doors at Station 1 to be split with EMS (Hudson / Santilli ) All yes, motion carried.
  - f) Motion to approve \$200.00 for new Kitchen Door for Fire Hall to be split with EMS after discussion (Hudson / December) 3 yes, 2 opposed, motion carried.
    - i) Need for door that is not a replacement but new.
  - g) Motion to approve \$2,500.00 for Boat Trailer with Donated Funds after discussion (Morin / December) Roll Call Vote – December / yes, Morin / yes, Turner / no, Santilli / yes, Hudson / yes, Motion carried.

- i) Price is better than previous quote and Supervisor Turner feels Boat was not needed which makes this an unnecessary purchase also.
  - h) Motion to approve \$1,700.00 for a Shoreline Charging System – 2016 following discussion (Santilli / Hudson) 3 yes, 2 opposed, motion carried
    - i) Information given on what it is and where to be used and life expectancy of Vehicle
  - i) Motion to approve \$86.31 for 3 Grave Markers (Morin / December) All yes, motion carried.
  - j) Motion to approve Dispose of Turn Out Gear after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
    - i) Supervisor Turner questioned what was planned as a place of disposal. Conversation of best ways to part with, such as other townships or collectors.
  - k) Motion to approve \$473.12 in Correction of Boat Invoice (Hudson / December) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
  - l) Motion to approve \$222.05 for Midas bill for gasket and oil pan after discussion (Santilli / December ) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
    - i) Supervisor Turner would like to make sure to watch the funding and spending being done.
- 2) EMS:
  - 1. Motion to approve Ryan Iacovacci to EMS (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- 3) Planning Commission:
  - 1. Trustee Hudson would like to look into Adopt a Trail and read a letter from NMU regarding Conservation Trails. Supervisor Turner suggested turning it over to Sven / Parks and Rec.
- 4) Parks & Rec:
  - 1. Motion to approve \$500.00 for mulch, flowers, trees for the Community Garden (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
  - 2. Motion to approve \$750.00 for 2 loads of gravel for Thomas Rock driveway (December / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
  - 3. Motion withdrawn by Supervisor Turner for 2 Polly Product picnic tables for \$2,000.00.
  - 4. Motion to Post for Open Position for Trails & Parks Manager after following discussion (Morin / Santilli) Roll Call Vote – Turner / yes, Santilli / yes, Hudson / no, December / no, Morin / yes, motion carried.
    - i) Trustee Hudson expressed concern on where position it will be posted, and rate being paid.
  - 5. Motion to Table Handicap Accessible Portable Restroom for Draver Park until May meeting (December/Morin ) All yes, motion carried.
- 5) MCRC:
  - a. Motion to approve Dust Control \$2,016.00 after discussion (Morin / Turner) Morin withdrew motion for item to be tabled after majority of previous opposed votes (March Meeting) voted yes to put back on the agenda for further discussion and research.
    - i) December stated still against. Santilli and Hudson would like to discuss issue.
  - b. Motion to table Resurfacing of KF after further discussion (Turner / Santilli ) All yes, motion carried.
    - i) Clarification of location to be resurfaced and more information on project.
- 6) Motion to approve new Policy for Emergency Funding (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- 7) Motion to approve \$630.00 for 2 new doors and garage door for Hall (Santilli / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
- 8) Emergency Management Ordinance tabled until Kim Bourgeois returns.

- 9) Let Run Policy: Motion to approve Special Circumstance Policy Adoption for Let Run after read by Clerk Morin (Turner /Hudson ) Roll Call Vote – Santilli / yes, Hudson/ yes, December/ yes, Morin/ yes, Turner/ yes.
- 10) Motion to approve \$375.00 per load gravel for the Hall, Cemetery and Transfer Station (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- 11) Resolutions:
  1. Truth & Taxation – Waiting for the Assessor’s amendments
- 12) Blight:
  1. Issue will be put on next month’s Agenda to go over ordinance and how to proceed. Research needed.

**Public Comments**

- Joe Stanley – Questioned if other meetings are being held to help eliminate the need for such long Board Meetings.
- Jean Gertz – Agrees the blight issue needing to be addressed.
- Brian Roell -Fire Dept – Wanted to make sure it was mentioned cost of trailer was split with EMS.
- Jane Gertz -Asked about Fire on the Bay and Music in the Park status. The response from Supervisor that Music in the Park has been suspended until perhaps fall.
- Marcia Gonstead – Mentioned Marquette Townships currently working on blight situation on Co Rd 550.
- Supervisor Turner mentioned contact info for Town Wide Rummage Sales in June - Kristi Mills 906-205-3350
- Supervisor Turner mentioned Redistricting meeting dates will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting: May 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

**Adjourn:** Supervisor adjourned meeting at 9:30 PM

Minutes prepared by:

Nancy Gaines / Recording Secretary