



Powell Township Fire Department

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 29th 2021



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Approved 05/27/21

Meeting called to order at: 1901hrs, by Chief Sutter at Station 1

Members Present: Assist Chief Brian Roell, Assist Chief Matt Anderson, Capt Greg Ochylski, FF Brad Pelto, FF Sam Desmet, FF Dustin Taylor, FF Jack Cram, and FF Trainee Rudy Goupille

Excused Absences: Capt Chauncey Moran, Capt Josh Boudreaux, FF Chad Demay, FF David Weber

Guests Present: Township Trustee Karen December, Resident & Owner of Thunder Bay Inn Mark Bevins

Approval of Minutes: February 25th Meeting Minutes Anderson / Cram

Approval of Minutes: March 25th Meeting Minutes Anderson / Cram

Monthly Pager Test: completed at 1843hrs All working ok

Review of Calls / Events:

- 04/22/21 – CPR Re-certification Weber, Taylor, Moran, Boudreaux, & Demay need to contact EMS Vargo to schedule an alternative date.

County Firefighter's Report: April 22nd by Zoom – No meeting minutes have been received yet.

Station Report #1: April – 2104 is still out of service. Desmet – Where is the Generator Key Stored? Boiler Inspection is due this October. We are out of dryer sheets, 2101 needs spare bar oil and tru fuel for saws.

Station Report #2: April – 2103 is still out of service. Weber – Weber was not present, no station duty sheets have been turned in yet for April.

Committee Reports:

- Brush Truck Committee – Roell, Boudreaux, Ochylski - 1st Mtg to be scheduled soon nothing to report at this time.

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 off property. Punky fuel in 2103 still needs to be removed. Ask Anderson about fuel disposal.
3. **Station Repairs Update** – Andrew Richards Construction has been contacted and they will be calling back to schedule a start date.
4. **Shoreline for 2106** has been approved, awaiting the parts from Pomasl before scheduling w/Crossroads
5. **Boat & Trailer Update:** Both have been ordered however there will be production delays due to covid
6. **906 Station Lock Update:** Approved and in the process of scheduling a date for installation.
7. **Repairs Update for 2101 and 2102** – Pomasl has completed repairs on 2101 and 2102. Cummings

Mqt replaced the engine gasket on 2101 on Tuesday. Both Engines are now at 100%

8. **2106 Midas Repairs** – Were completed on Monday. Needed to submit for additional approval the rear main seal \$123 at April's Twp Meeting. Midas advised that was the other half of our oil leak issue.
9. **Fire Rescue One Online training for 2021** – Is in the process of being setup and will be live soon, email with sign-on instructions will follow when its up and running.
10. **Indian Pump Can** – Arrived on Monday, Labeled “PTFD” and is now in service on 2106
11. **Grave Markers** – have arrived for this Memorial Day and are at the township building for pickup.
12. **Chainsaw for 2101** – has been picked up from Bergdahl's which saved the dept \$123, thanks to Pete TenEyck for the suggestion and for volunteering to pick it up.
13. **Disposal of old turnout gear** – Most has been disposed of already, x2 helmets are being saved for retired members that have requested their old helmets, rest will be stripped for spare parts.
14. **AAA Grant** – Was submitted for last month 1 Hurst Cutter, 1 new set of Hydraulic Hoses and x15 extrication gloves. This was done so we could have at least 1 set of tools good to go. Will address replacing the second set at a later date. The grant was not large enough for a full set of Edraulic Tools.
15. **Mechanic's Tools for St1** – still awaiting recommendations for hand tools. **Pelto donated a new 230 piece Craftsman Mechanic's Socket Tool Set.** Thank you Brad for your very generous donation.
16. **Chainsaw Safety Scabbard** – requested by Ochylski last month was picked up by Pete with the new saw. It appears the scabbard was provided at no cost by Bergdahl's.
17. **DNR Bone Yard Skid Units** update. Boudreaux was not present, no update available.

New Business:

1. **MCFFA Bills for annual dues \$50 and \$125 for Rudy's FF Classes** - submitted to Twp for payment
2. **Hose and Ladder Testing this spring.** Our hoses and ladders have never been tested, NFPA 1962 for hose, and NFPA1932 for ladder testing recommends this be done annually, and current testing will help improve our ISO rating. This is also one of the last big items we need to test in order to complete a capital outlay plan. FireCatt was the company recommended by the Mqt Twp Fire Chief. FireCatt is at .35 Cents per foot for hose, and \$1.95 per foot for ladder testing. This estimate includes all labor to unload and reload all the hose on the engines. They estimate \$2975.00 for testing an estimated 8,500ft of hose. ****If we provide the labor .29 Cents a foot for hose, we can save an estimated \$510****
Discussion followed, all members present agreed due to the manpower required it would be better to go with the labor included rate. Lammi charges \$25-40 per hose depending on size and length see quote for further. Other vendors we currently deal with were contacted and none other perform hose or ladder testing, just fire pump testing. I will continue to look for other vendors. Discussion followed. Roell advised if we can get this testing done before June we maybe able to apply for up to \$5,000 in new hose with the DNR Grant that's due in June. Motion to approve .35c per foot for hose and \$1.95 per foot for ladder testing *Roell / Anderson, all present approved, motion passed.*
3. **Electronic Siren for 2106** – To be in compliance with our Fire Dept Ordinance Section 14 Emergency Responses, PTFD Policy #300 Driving Emergency Vehicles, Procedures Section B-1b “Emergency Lights and Sirens are activated and functioning properly while enroute to an emergency call or as required by P.A. 300 of 1949”, NFPA 1901 2016 edition Audible Warning Devices required 13.9.1 “at min one automotive horn and 1 electric or mechanical siren shall be provided”, and the MI Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949, Chapter 257 Section 603 Line 4 “Must have an audible signal or bell, siren, air horn, or exhaust whistle”. This wheelen siren should fulfill all those requirements listed above to be in compliance. Requested quote from R&R and have not heard back from them. Pomasl Quoted \$750-800 for the Siren, Control Point, and Speaker parts. This does not include installation. Chief Engineer Capt Ochylski believes he should be able to install this with a little help. Discussion followed. Motion to approve \$800 for a siren for 2106. *Ochylski/Anderson, all present approved, motion passed.*
4. **Basic 1st Aid Kits for the vehicles** – NFPA 1901 Pumper Tankers 3-8.2 and Other Vehicles section 4-

7.2 1st Aid Kit Required, OSHA 29CFR 1910.151 (b) 1st Aid Supplies shall be readily available. A pretty standard item for most employers to have. Even Pete TenEyck has to have one in his twp vehicle. We do not currently have basic 1st aid kits in our emergency vehicles. Requesting x8 basic 1st aid kits from Amazon \$37.90 each = \$303.20. Would request \$320 just in case price fluctuates. One should also be visually mounted at the firehall's especially if they are to be used as meeting places or emergency shelters for the general public. Each building should have its own kit that doesn't leave with a vehicle and is easily visible and accessible by any employee or visitor. Short Discussion followed. Roell suggested we should look into something more like a first responder kit for our main engines. That is an excellent suggestion! Motion for x8 Basic First Aid Kits for OSHA & NFPA compliance *Anderson / Peltó, all present approved, motion passed.*

5. I will be **donating a First Responder Bag plus initial supplies for each of our primary Fire Engines**. Donation amount = \$276. The kits have already been ordered and should be here next week. This will allow firefighters on-scene with Engine 2101 or Engine 2102 that are also MFR's and EMT's to begin patient and wound care for anyone needing an evaluation or anyone needing basic medical assistance while awaiting an ambulance to arrive, if one is not already on-scene or available. This will also allow those trained, to assist EMS with additional patients while waiting for another ambulance. There may also be times Fire goes on a call and may later need EMS but the only EMS personnel available are also already on-scene as part of the initial fire response. I had a phone meeting with EMS Coordinator Tyler Vargo last Sunday 04/25/21 to discuss this. Vargo advised Powell EMS will help restock these bags if used on an EMS call. Vargo did offer to put something together for us, but it would not be a complete first responder kit nor have all the basic equipment like a bp cuff/stethoscope etc. So I decided to donate the initial kits to the Fire Department and EMS will help keep them restocked when used. This not only helps the residents of Powell Township, but will also help fellow firefighter's if one was to get injured on a call and something more significant was needed then a standard first aid kit while we await an ambulance. This addition will also help shorten EMS response times for initial patient care when Fire is already on-scene with a MFR or EMT.
6. **Please complete your Gear Inventory sheet** that was emailed out and inspect your turnout gear. We should be inspecting our turnout gear at least twice a year per NFPA 1851 for wear and damage. If there are items you do not have but would like, example a t-shirt, hat, or jacket... note it on the sheet with your sizes. We would like them back before the next fire meeting in May so we can evaluate items that may need to be purchased this year or added to our capital outlay plan. Extra blank Inventory Sheets will also be left on the table at Station 1.
7. **Change in meeting times** - Several people have mentioned to me that they would like to move our meeting times to 1800hrs. Discussion followed. *Peltó / Roell, all members present approved, motion passed.* **Our Meeting times have been changed from 1900hrs to 1800hrs effective May 27th, 2021**

Public/Open Comment:

- Sutter - **May 4th is International Firefighter's Day** and I would like to recognize our volunteers and take a moment to say a few things. It takes a very special kind of person to be willing to help others on their worst days and during their greatest times of need. You often sacrifice time with loved ones and family, without hesitation or rewards, day or night..... you are there to help. Whether you just got home from a long day of work, your preparing or eating a meal with your family or loved ones, putting your kids to sleep, or trying to sleep yourself. There are so many good reasons why so many people in our community look up to you and what you do. I am proud to know and work with each and every one of you. Your dedication and willingness to selflessly help strangers who maybe having some of the worst days of their lives, you keep it together and do whatever you can to help them. On behalf of the Fire Department and the Residents of Powell Township I want to take this time to personally thank each and every one of you for your service and present you with this small token of my appreciation. This did not come out of the Fire Department Budget, this is from me directly to you. Each member was individually thanked and a \$30 gift certificate to Thunder Bay Inn was handed to every member

present. Completely unsolicited, \$10 was added to each gift certificate by the new owners of the Thunder Bay Inn, Mark and Sue Bevins. Mr. Bevins who also had family members on the fire department years ago attended tonight's meeting, wanted to introduce himself and also recognize the members of the fire department for International Firefighters Day. Thank you Mr. Bevins!

- Sutter - **Pop Machine** has been restocked.

Equipment and supplies requested:

- \$800 for a siren for 2106
- Hose and Ladder Testing
- \$320 for x8 Basic First Aid Kits
- MCFFA Annual Dues \$50 + \$125 for Rudy's FFII Classes

Building repairs requested:

- Nothing additional at this time

General Funds Balance: \$ _____ / _____ % used **Donated Funds Balance:** \$ _____

Next Meeting / Upcoming Training / Upcoming Events:

Next Regular Meeting May 27th Station 1 @ 1800hrs ****note the new meeting time****
 County FF Meeting June 15th @1930hrs – location to be determined
 Township Meeting May 18th 1900hrs in person or Online www.Freeconferencecall.com
 Free Conference Call Meeting ID: *powelltownshipboard*

Station Duty for May is: Station 1 Pelto Station 2 – Roell

Tonight's Training: **Business Meeting / Tanker Shuttle – Practical (Ochylski, Taylor)**

Business Meeting Adjourned at: 1934hrs by Anderson / Roell **Minutes Prepared by:** Chief Sutter

Chief's Notes:

Engine 2101 and Engine 2102 are now at 100%, we will be working on updating 2106 and bringing that vehicle up to par while we re-evaluate 2103 and 2105. See open comment section above for the rest.

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