

Kate M.

**Powell Township Board
Regular Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay MI 49808
Tuesday May 18, 2021 7PM**

Draft Minutes
Approved 6/15/21

- 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; Samantha Morin (Clerk) virtual in Big Bay, MI.
- 4) Approval of Agenda with the following Additions. Motion to approve (Santilli / Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
 - New Business 10. Virtual Equipment for Town Hall
 - New Business 11. 906 Firewall Protection \$551.98
 - New Business 12. Transfer Station Summer Hours
 - New Business 3. Parks & Rec b) Trails and Park Manager Position process for hiring
- 5) Approval of Minutes:
 - a) Motion to approve 4/20/21 Board Minutes after the following discussion (Santilli / December) All yes, motion carried. (Audible delay issues. Clarification made Morin yes.)
 - a. Trustee December would like more discussion typed into the Minutes to reflect what is being talked about.
- 6) Approval of Expenditure & Revenue Report:
 - a) Motion to approve March Report (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to approve April Report after following discussion (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Supervisor Turner clarified wage breakdown and Revenue Report to the Trustees. Discussion and decisions to be made later.
- 7) Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Treasurer Santilli answered questions and Clerk Morin clarified name change on check # 10080 for Trustees.
- 8) Approval of Bills:

Motion to Approve after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.

 - a. Trustee December questioned where money from Donated Funds CD goes. Treasurer Santilli offered help to educate on reading reports.

Committee and Department Reports:

- a) Ambulance Department – Tyler Vargo reported 5 calls responded with the ability to transfer on 3. Two attending MFR classes will be done in June and doing well.
- b) Emergency Management – Kim Bourgeois had nothing new to report at this time.
- c) Fire Department – Chris Sutter reported a great month with 0 calls. Remained busy at the Station with clean up and projects. New desk has been installed. Rudy Gioupelle is wrapping up class. Fire Hall microwave has stopped working.
- d) Parks & Rec – Sven Gonstead reported Thomas Rock restrooms are cleaned up and ready to open soon and Draver Park is mowed. Powell Peak also cleaned up and looking nice. 5 Yr. Plan was presented this week with a great discussion and a thank you given to all that came and participated.
- e) Planning & Zoning – Denise Hudson reported that Jason McCarthy will be attending the Wed night meeting with the Final Master Plan Draft.
- f) Sewer Department – All good.
- g) Water Department – All good.
- h) Space Port Committee – Supervisor Turner wanted to add on the Agenda as this is a new committee that will soon be reporting.

- i) Correspondence- Marquette County would like their 2040 draft of the Master Plan checked out and has a link on website and welcomes public feedback. 1 letter regarding opposition of the Space Port. Senator McBroom and Rep. Sara Cambensy will be holding a roundtable meeting June 18th, at 12:30 to 1:30 at the Marquette Township Hall. - See Attachments.

Presentations – None

Public Comments

- J Gertz – Stated the majority of people do not want Lighthouse Road brined and wants paved. Very disheartening.
- B Ford – Would like to extend an invitation to all to a meeting with residents and Gene Champagne of Lighthouse Rd. Has requested tax amounts for property owners and still would like one. Requested the road to be paved. Expressed concerns on Dust Control.
- J Gertz – Request to have Lighthouse road paved and expressed concern on flat tires from stones on Lighthouse and Squaw Beach Roads.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Motion to approve \$2016.00 to MCRC for applying Dust Control on Powell Township roads after the following discussion (Morin / Santilli) Roll Call Vote- Hudson/yes, Santilli/yes, Morin/yes, Turner/yes, December/no. Motion carried.
 - a. Trustee December questioned legality and would like to have attorney involved.
 - b. Trustee Hudson mentioned further research done on her behalf. Received clarification that it would be for ALL roads on the list for the Township. Expressed concern on negligence if not done for safety reasons.
- 2) Motion to approve MCRC \$138,500.00 to Hebert Construction – Resurfacing KF (with MCRC working with Bay Cliff for their portion) including \$4,000 overhead Fee and potential material increase after following discussion (December / Santilli) Roll Call Vote – Turner/yes, Santilli/yes, Morin/yes, December/yes, Hudson/yes. Motion carried.
 - a. Clarification on \$6,500.00 potential increase by Supervisor Turner
 - b. Trustee Hudson discussed that double chip sealing should be looked at if cost continue to go up.
 - c. Last millage determined to be \$144,957.98
- 3) Motion to rent a Portable Handicap Accessible Restroom @ \$200.00 a month for the summer months from North Country Disposal for Draver Park after following discussion (Santilli / Turner) 3 yes, 2 opposed. Motion carried.
 - a. Discussion of accessibility of existing restrooms which are not up to specifications needed. Lucy Wilcox with SAILS is looking into Grant money.
 - b. Money from Park & Rec / Draver Park will be used to fund.

New Business

- 1) Motion to approve Consent Agenda after discussion (Santilli / December) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Supervisor Turner mentioned that all Committee Reports would be due by the Saturday before the meetings. Items could be taken off the Consent Agenda by request.
 - b. Clerk Morin listened to a 3 hour long very helpful video on MTA and recommended it to all.
 - c. Clerk Morin will write up Policy.
- 2) Blight:
 - a) Motion to approve Blight Code Compliance Procedural (December / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to Table Blight Ordinance (Turner / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.

- c) Motion to Table Blight Hire – Ordinance Enforcement (Santilli / December) All yes, motion carried.
- 3) Parks & Rec:
 - a) Motion to allow Ball Games the last weekend of June (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Discussion- Trustee Hudson expressed concerns on procedure in place for hiring of new position, not having proper Policy in place, and title for Parks & Rec Park and Trails Manager, concerns on who will conduct interviews, legal procedure. Supervisor Turner stated the Parks & Rec Committee would be recommending and Board would be final say. Decision was made to have the Board conduct interviews on May 28th at 10:00, 10:30 and 11:00 in Public Meeting.
- 4) Motion to approve Amendment to move Travel line to Wages for Board of Review (Santilli / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
- 5) Ambulance:
 - a) Motion to approve \$71.79 for 3 First Responder Medical Bags (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to revise and approve \$555.11 plus shipping rounded up to \$600.00 total (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- 6) Motion to approve \$200.00 for Cemetery Memorial Day Flags (Hudson / December) All yes, motion carried.
- 7) Fire Department:
 - a) Motion to approve \$4,000.00 for Hose, Nozzle, Ladder Testing after discussion (Santilli / December) Roll Call Vote – Turner/no, Hudson/yes, Santilli/yes, December/yes, Morin/yes, motion carried.
 - a. Supervisor Turner questioned need if scheduled to be replaced next year.
 - b) Motion to approve \$800.00 Siren for 2106 (December / Santilli) Roll Call Vote – Hudson/yes, Santilli/yes, December/yes, Morin/yes, Turner/no. Motion carried.
 - c) Motion to approve \$321.40 for 8 First Aid Kits (December / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
- 8) Motion to approve Draft of Emergency Management after Clerk Morin read Resolution aloud (Santilli / December) Roll Call Vote – December/yes, Hudson/yes, Santilli/yes, Morin/yes, Turner/yes, motion carried.
- 9) Motion to approve Food Bank at Halfway Fire Hall after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Discussion of how much need, dates and times to be available, sharing of donated items currently at the Township Hall and exact location to be used.
- 10) Motion to Research Virtual Equipment for Township Hall after discussion (Hudson/ Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Need to see if affordable and look into Grants for Broadban. Discussion of need and how long will be needed for Virtual Meetings.
- 11) Motion to approve 906 Firewall Protection after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
 - a. Trustee December questioned what Firewall Protection means and why not in contract.
- 12) Transfer Station Hours announcement – Summer Hours will be 3-6 Tuesdays and 8-12 Saturdays.

Public Comments

- J Stanley – Asked when millage will be for roads next. Supervisor Turner responded with 2034.
- S Gonstead – Asked if plans for spring clean up for Transfer Station were planned. Supervisor Turner responded no.
- J Gertz – Asked if any plans for Memorial Day at the Cemetery. Asked if Pavilion needs to be scheduled. Would suggest Portable Restroom to go by existing restrooms. Questioned why the Board does not enforce the Blight Ordinance instead of hiring.
- J Johnson – Questioned why Police will not enforce Blight Ordinance.
- J Gertz – Questioned why Marquette Co Sheriff will not enforce Blight Ordinance.
- C Sutter – Thanked Pete TenEyck for locating Cemetery marker.

Board Comments

- Treasurer Santilli – Expressed concern for Supervisor Turner enforcing the Blight Ordinance and the need for a safe process.
- Trustee December – Thanked Treasurer Santilli for compiling Email List.
- Clerk Morin – Announced Audit will be conducted the second week of June.
- Town wide Rummage Sales will be held June 12th.

Next Meeting Regular Board Meeting: June 15th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn Supervisor Turner adjourned meeting at 8:42 PM

Minutes prepared by:
Nancy Gaines / Recording Secretary

April 28, 2021

RECEIVED
5/6/2021

Dear Powell Township & Respective Committee Members,

We have recently moved to the area after finding our "forever home" on County Road KR. My husband is a builder and I am a stay at home mom and Occupational Therapist at the hospital. We are so excited to really put the kind of sweat, love and tears into raising our 3 young children here as we have fallen in love with the Powell Township community and this property.

My heart sank when I heard there was a proposed launch site in our backyard. I'm not exaggerating when I say that. If you stand on our back deck, you will have a direct view of the launch site- it is just down the shoreline from us.

My family is very concerned: **these are the reasons why we DO NOT want a launch site in our backyard:**

- Noise: I am a stay at home mom who homeschools. We are home pretty much all the time. The noise of the launching seems like it would be extremely disruptive. Will the noise scare our dog? Will the noise scare the wonderful wildlife we see daily? Will we have to plan *our day* around the launch schedule?
- Concerned about the number of launches. We have heard multiple numbers and wonder if the number of launches will increase each year. What's to stop them from adding more launches as they see fit once given approval?
- We have heard absolutely nothing...there *has been no informational meetings*, and no one has asked us or others living directly under this site our opinions. As I mentioned, we can see Granot Loma from our deck and bought this property for peace, quiet, and isolation. Seems there's been a lot of secrecy with this proposed launch site, which is highly concerning.
- Will our property values go down and will it be hard if we had to sell our property if we are unhappy with the launch site? Who would want to buy a beautiful tranquil piece of property with a backyard launch site? What kind of financial position is this putting us in for our futures?
- There will be pollution. The kind of pollution you can't control as it will be going up into the air and dropping to the ground and into Lake Superior.
- The rocket launch site in Kodiak, Alaska has 3 different alerts for closures affecting their roadways, waterways, and airways. Does this mean we will have to close 550 every time there is a launch or that boats will have to get off of the lake?
- Will traffic on 550 increase?
- What is the danger if there is an explosion?? If a part of the rocket falls on our property or catches fire to our property, will MAMA be liable?
- Concern for our neighbors who are even closer to the proposed site than we are.

We would like answers to these questions and concerns. We love the community of Powell Township and would hate to have to move. These are real concerns from the real people living here in Powell Township. We trust that we are valued citizens and our opinions matter. Thank you for hearing the voices of my family and prioritizing the safety of my children as and the environment they are growing up in as #1.

Sincerely,



Laura & Andy Richards
130 County Road KR
Marquette, MI 49855

Marquette County Leaders,

As promised, Senator McBroom along with Rep. Cambensy will be returning for follow up conversations. The next roundtable will again be at the Marquette Township Hall.

As before, we ask that you send in your agenda items to allow for our reps to better answer your questions. We will of course add to the agenda as needed.

If this is the first time you will be attending, the purpose of these conversations is to let the Community Leaders know what is going on in Lansing and for our reps to hear the needs of your community. We had such a great turnout in March our hope is to build on that success. We really try to keep these sessions to one hour but they sometimes run a little over.

Please send your agenda items asap to: jschwalbach@senate.michigan.gov If you are able to attend, please also rsvp. If anyone makes a request to zoom we can send you that too but we do look forward to meeting in person once again.

Date: June 18, 2021

Where: Marquette Township Hall
1000 Commerce Dr.
Marquette

Time: 12:30-1:30 **(Note this is a time change)**

We look forward to hearing from you to better develop the relationships your community deserves.

Thank You,

Judi Schwalbach
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TO: Local Units of Government, Neighboring County Governments, Tribal Governments, Public Utility Companies, Railroad Companies, CUPPAD
FROM: Marquette County Planning Commission
RE: Notice of Availability, Marquette County 2040 Master Plan
DATE: May 13, 2021

We are pleased to notify you that the draft [Marquette County 2040 Master Plan](#) is available for public review. The draft 2040 Master Plan is the result of more than two years of work by Marquette County Planning Division staff and the Marquette County Planning Commission. It incorporates feedback from over 3,000 Marquette County residents who responded to the Master Plan Community Survey, the local planning bodies of every municipality in Marquette County, and a diverse array of community stakeholders from both the public and private sectors.

The 2040 Master Plan is the first comprehensive update to the County's master plan since 1982, and its objective is to help local leaders and community members answer the following question: What do we want Marquette County to be like in 2040? As such, the 2040 Master Plan will guide public policy in Marquette County for the next two decades. For planning purposes, the 2040 Master Plan divides Marquette County into four planning regions, each with their own unique characteristics, challenges, and opportunities. The 2040 Master Plan also identifies strategies for each region which, if implemented, will allow Marquette County to achieve vision and goals for 2040 that are identified in the Plan.

After holding a special meeting on April 20, 2021, the Marquette County Planning Commission gave preliminary approval to the 2040 Master Plan. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners voted to release the Master Plan for public review at their May 4, 2021 meeting. A 63-day public review period has now begun, per the requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. The draft 2040 Master Plan, strategies, and an interactive online data dashboard can be found at www.mqtcoplan.org.

The Marquette County Planning Commission will review all comments received, hold a public hearing at the close of the review period on August 4, 2021, and vote on final approval of the 2040 Master Plan thereafter. The County Planning Division welcomes public feedback. Please submit your written questions and comments to mqtcoplan@gmail.com or to the following mailing address:

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