



Powell Township Fire Department
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 29th 2021 - Rescheduled
August 5th, 2021



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Approved 08/26/21

Meeting called to order at: 1803hrs, by Assistant Chief Brian Roell at Station 1

Members Present: Capt. Chauncey Moran, Capt. Greg Ochylski, Capt. Josh Boudreaux, FF Rudy Goupille, FF Tyler Stansky, FF Ryan Iacovacci, and FF Collin McWebb. By phone - Chief Christopher Sutter.

Excused Absences: Assist. Chief Matt Anderson, FF Dustin Taylor, FF Jack Cram, FF David Weber

Guests Present: None

Approval of Minutes: June 24th Meeting Minutes

Monthly Pager Test: completed at 1740hrs All working ok

Review of Calls / Events:

- 2021-017 Lockout to Auto at Perkins Park
- 2021-018 Veh Rollover w/injuries CR550 / Bushy Creek Truck Trail
- 2021-019 Brush Fire - Fisher Creek Fire at HMC
- 2021-020 Grass Fire – CR550/Goldmine Road
- 2021-021 Fire On The Bay – Traffic Control / Fireworks Detail
- 2021-022 Lockout to Auto – Bensinger/Dump Road

County Firefighter's Report: No MCFFA meeting this month

Station #1 Report: July – 2104 is still out of service. ~~Demay~~ Moran- Everything is in good order, however the center light for the pump panel on 2101 is out, 2105 had no pressure in the pump, lever was frozen. Ochylski will look into it.

Station #2 Report: July – 2103 is still out of service. Weber – Not present

Committee Reports:

- Brush Truck Committee Update: Roell, Boudreaux, Ochylski: Roell talked about truck priorities and encouraged new members to join the committee. Roell recommended a type 3/4 with 1,000 gallons of water, DNR response times maybe hours if they are even available. Information was shared from the firetruck builder Deep South who designed 2102. Ochylski advised he will contact Pierce for some more examples. Goupille brought up Negaunee Twp's Brush Truck a type 5/6, and Stansky mentioned Forsyth Township's Brush truck a type 5/6.

Chief Engineer's Report:

- 2102's Go Light Update: Roell advised he has station duty this month and will check on it.
- Need x2 Stream-light Batteries BP12-6 and a can of contact cleaner.

Old Business:

1. **Covid Update:** Fire Station Guest Restrictions that were due to be lifted will remain in place a little while longer as the delta variant makes it way around, please exercise caution if you are feeling ill.
2. **2103 & 2104 are still out of service** – these vehicles should still be checked during station duty but not driven off property. Punky fuel in 2103 still needs to be removed. Need to ask Anderson about fuel disposal when he returns. Chief spoke with Ben Yelle on 07/07/21 and he said he is trying to source one last part to complete the repair estimate for 2103.
3. **Shoreline for 2106** Still waiting on Yelle Mechanical to set up the install date.
4. **Wrong Fuel found in 2106:** It was discovered that regular gas was placed into 2106, which is a diesel pickup. Please pay attention to what type of fuel you are placing in the vehicles.
5. **906 Station Lock Update:** No update available. Several messages have been left requesting an update on the door locks. They have not fulfilled their portion of the agreement.
6. **Fire Rescue One Online Training for 2021** Waiting on a few members still to complete their registration so we can start issuing assignments. If anyone needs assistance signing in for the first time let the Chief know and he will help you get setup.
7. **Update on DNR Bone Yard Skid Units:** Boudreaux- The remaining units were sent to auction.
8. **Hose and Ladder Testing** – Still waiting on a date from FireCatt July-Sept. They will need a paved area 60x340 for their hose testing. Suitable locations were discussed. MCRC, Bay Cliff, maybe an area at Eagle Mine? We do not have any large paved public areas in Powell Township. Chief advised he will take measurements at Bay Cliff.
9. **Electronic Siren for 2106** – Still waiting on 1 last part that is currently on back-order.
10. **Gear Inventory Sheets** – This is from April. These need to be turned in so we can order t-shirts, hats and sort out a radio/pager inventory issues. EMS just placed their order last month. Please complete them and turn them in.
11. **CPR Certifications** – For those that have not forwarded their CPR card email, please forward it or print it off and drop it in the Chief's mailbox at st1. With the addition of new members the Chief will reach out to Tyler Vargo and see when we can get another CPR class scheduled.
12. **Emergency Contact Forms:** We are still missing updated emergency contact forms.
13. **Disposition of old Pontoon Boat and Trailer.** The township has opened their bids and the winning bid was for \$1670. Congratulations to the new owner. Money split 557/557/556 to donated funds.
14. **Fire On the Bay July 10th:** Went smoothly however a little more pre-planning and coordination with the fireworks company will need to be done next time. We had to clear a bunch of tree branches to get the engine into the launch site and there was a lot of tall dry grass and downed dead trees in the area. Upon arrival they asked if we could soak down the area due to how dry everything was, we were not able to help them with that as we only had that 1 tanker of water to assist with putting out any spot fires from the event. During their finale the first finale cache caught fire and became fully engulfed and the second cache caught fire as well. Dropped the entire tanker of water to put it out and soak the site down afterwards. Great job Ochylski and Weber for all your help making the event a safe one.
15. **4th of July Celebration at Draver Park** Thank you Greg Ochylski for taking an engine to the Park for a static display.
16. **New Firefighter** Tyler Stansky has been approved by the Board, if you have not had the chance to introduce yourself please take a moment tonight to welcome him. Stansky is a certified firefighter previously from Forsyth Twp and will be assigned to Station 1.
17. **Station 1 Replacement Microwave** – has been approved by the Board and will be picked up soon and installed.
18. **Update on the new Boat Trailer:** The Chief spoke with Trailex on monday 8/2/21 and they advised we should be receiving a call this week, it should be done by this friday. Chief volunteered to make the 1,380 mile / 21hr drive (round trip) to pick it up. Reminder Chief would like reimbursement for the gas

and one hotel stay, this was discussed and approved in April & May. As an alternative do we have any others that would like to volunteer to make the pickup? Or another fireman that would co-pilot a non stop drive to save the cost of a hotel? $1,380 \text{ miles} \div 20 \text{ mpg} = \text{about } 70 \text{ gallons of gas at } \$3.19 \text{ a gallon} = \$224 \text{ in fuel plus no more then } \$100 \text{ for a hotel} = \text{about } \$325 \text{ for the pickup vs the factory delivery fee of } \$1214 \text{ which will save the dept almost } \900 vs delivery. Chauncey advised he maybe able to pick it up while he is down state, will check his schedule and advise.

19. **Update on the first Boat Motor Service:** Approved by the board at the last twp meeting and awaiting to schedule a date to drop off.
20. **Eagle Mine HazMat Response Plan:** A copy is on the table if anyone would like to review it. We will be including it as part of our Eagle Mine Training this fall.
21. **AAA of MI Grant Update:** Received a letter that the grant was denied. They only had so many funds to distribute and ours did not make their priority list. That was a grant asking for assistance to replace our Hurst Cutter and asking for assistance to provide extrication gloves for 15 volunteers.
22. **Marquette County Police & Fireman's Fund:** They sent out letters asking if there was anything we could use. The Chief submitted a request with a list of items needed to help update our water safety gear to go along with the new water rescue boat. Chief just received a letter back approving \$1,500 to help replace some of our outdated water safety gear.
23. **DNR Excess Vehicle Request:** Request was submitted on 07/17/21 for any vehicle with 4 wheels that runs, as we still have 2 vehicles out of service and a brush truck that failed its last pump test and is having issues staying in pump. DNR Pete Glover had to leave on assignment for wildfires out west so we are hoping he had time to review it and forward it up the chain before he left.

New Business:

1. **Firefighter applicant** Colin McWebb has been approved by the Board. He lives down on 510. McWebb will need to attend the next ff academy and will be assigned to Station 1. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and say hi.
2. **Its time to submit our Annual County Training Needs Survey for 2022**, this was due August 1st. The Chief submitted for 2 to go to FFII Academy, 2 for Fire Instructor I, and requested they look into Incident Safety Officer and a Wildland Firefighter Courses.
3. **Wildland Firefighter S130 & S190 Courses:** Do we have any members that would like to get certified as a wildland firefighter? S130 and S190 can be completed online but there are a couple practical portions needed at the end. The Chief spoke with Pete Glover before he left for his assignment out west and he said they may be able to assist with the practical portion of the requirements however it is unsure when they will be able to do this as the state still has not allowed them to return to their normal training operations. In the meantime we can have members take the online portions of the class. If there are enough members interested we can see about getting people registered for that this fire season. It is mostly online and at your own pace. Goupille and McWebb has voiced interest in this. This may also open up opportunities with the DNR to become a Keyman for them.
4. **Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9th** – Did we want to approve an amount for Fire Prevention Materials? Last year we spent about \$325. The water bottles, helmets, and badges were a huge hit. This years theme is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” Do we have any volunteers that would like to help with Fire Prevention Week this year? It usually entails either visiting the school for an hour or so or hosting an event at the firehall where the kids walk over from the school in small groups. Motion to approve \$325 for fire prevention materials, same as last years amount. *Boudreaux/Ochylski, all present approved, motion passed.*
5. **Eagle Mine Training**– Derek Divata would like to schedule our next mine visit soon. Chief told him it will probably be later in the fall. Asked if we have 5 1/2” steamer adapters to connect to their systems.
6. **The supply / storage cabinets** between the bathroom and boiler room need to be replaced. They are becoming a safety hazard, damaged, losing their backs and literally falling apart. The Chief would

not recommend another cheap press-board version, recommend a metal or heavy duty plastic version that will last plus resist moisture and water damage from washing vehicles nearby. This would be a split building expense with EMS. Recommend Lowe's Stock Metal Craftsman Versions 32Wx74Hx18D run \$520 for 2 (260 Each). Split with EMS would be \$260 each. EMS already approved at the last EMS Meeting August 1st. *Ochylski, Boudreaux, approved by all present, motion passed.*

7. A **Co Detector Calibration Kit** is needed to calibrate our gas detectors or we can send them off and pay someone else to do the calibrating for us. Toxirae 3. Chief was not able to finish researching costs yet. Tabled until next meeting.
8. **Policy Updates:** An updated Water / Rescue Policy is still in the works and should be completed by the next fire meeting in August. A Lockout Policy has been completed, will review and discuss when we have lockout training.
9. **Water Rescue Training:** The Chief contacted the Mqt Coast Guard last week reference water rescue training and they would like to come up and go over basic water rescue operations and boat ops with us as a joint training exercise. Take us out on one of their boats on Lake Superior or Independence and do some water rescue evolution's. The Chief also inquired with a company in Lower Michigan that comes out to put on certification training for water rescue throughout the state. Awaiting their quote.
10. **Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections:** Completed by Lammi on 7/29/21
Results: 2 hydro tests completed and 1 6yr for 161's extinguisher, rest were inspected and re tagged.
11. **We need to add the new members to FireRescue1** Online Training \$132 Total (\$43 EMS /\$89 Fire)
12. **Friday August 20th Bay Cliff Health Camp** has asked for a fire engine to be at their event for static display 1400-1600hrs.

Public/Open Comment:

- Chief has Stanksy down for the August Station Duty. We will need to schedule a day/time to go over station duty with him as the first time will need to be with the Chief or an Officer.

Equipment and supplies requested:

- Fire Prevention Week Materials for the kids
- x2 Streamlight batteries
- Water Safety Gear

Building repairs requested:

- \$520 split with EMS (\$260 each) to replace 2 damaged press-board storage cabinets with metal ones

General Funds Balance: \$53,100.64/ 23.21% used as of 06/31/21 **Donated Funds Balance:** \$31,689.40

Next Meeting / Upcoming Training / Upcoming Events:

Next Regular Meeting August 26th Station 1 @ 1800hrs / Training: Coast Guard Water Ops – Pending
County FF Meeting August 17th 1930hrs – Skandia West Branch FD
Township Meeting August 17th 1900hrs in person or Online www.Freeconferencecall.com
Free Conference Call Meeting ID: *powelltownshipboard*

Station Duty for August is: Station 1 – Stansky / St1 Ofc. Station 2 - Roell

Tonight's Training: **Business Meeting / Discussion about Brush Trucks**

Business Meeting Adjourned at: 1930hrs **Minutes Prepared by:** Chief Sutter

Chief's Notes: None for this meeting

Our 2021 Station Duty Rotation is as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Station 1</u>	<u>Station 2</u>
August	Stansky / St1 Ofc	Roell
September	Anderson	Boudreaux - Change Air Pack Batteries
October	Iacovacci/St1 Ofc	Weber
November	Sutter	Roell
December	McWebb/St1 Ofc.	Boudreaux - Change Air Pack Batteries