

Powell Township Government
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August 17th, 2021
Draft Minutes
Approved 09/21/2021

- 1) Call to Order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor, At Township Hall via FreeconferenceCall-Virtual Meeting.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Denise Hudson (Trustee) in Big Bay, MI at Hall, Karen December (Trustee) in Big Bay, MI at Hall, Supervisor Darlene Turner in Big Bay, MI at Hall, Clerk Samantha Morin in Big Bay, MI at Hall, Treasurer Kelli Santilli in Big Bay, MI at Hall.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda after the following Additions and removal of Minutes from the Consent Agenda. (No motion made to approve the Agenda) All yes, Agenda approved.
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. (Minutes) Removed by Trustee December
 - ii. Expenditure & Revenue Report
 - iii. Treasurer's Report
 - iv. Approval of Bills
 - v. Fire Dept:
 1. \$65 replace batteries – hand light
 2. \$132 add two members to online training
 - b. Additions
 - i. Presentation by the SpacePort Committee
 - ii. New Business 7. Zoom
 - iii. New Business 8. Co Rd KF
- 5) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve July 19th, 2021 Meeting of the Whole (Santilli/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to approve the July 20th, 2021 Board Minutes after discussion (Santilli /Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Trustee December reported a typographical error by Recording Secretary Nancy Gaines that both the minutes approved were typed as June 15th as opposed to June 14th and 15th. Confusion from what was taken off of the Consent Agenda and Consent Agenda not listed.

Committee and Department Reports:

- a) Ambulance Department – Tyler Vargo called in report of 2 calls being responded to with full crews responding. Two new members, Alisha and Ryan have both completed MFR school.
- b) Emergency Management – Kim Bourgeois reported the Food Bank is still open on Tuesdays and being replenished. Marquette County Health Department reported that we are still one of the lowest in Covid numbers so no restrictions and the school will not be requiring masks but recommending use.
- c) Fire Dept – Chris Sutter reported 2 calls, call volume has increased 54% compared to same time last year. Still waiting on repair quotes for 2103 & install date for 2106's shoreline & siren. Issue is being sorted out with 2105 Brush Truck that is not staying in pump. 906 reported the lock should be in next Thursday. Still waiting on a

hose and ladder testing date. The new boat trailer was completed on the 6th. Chris will be driving down to eastern Ohio next week to pick up. Annual fire extinguisher inspections were completed by Lammi on 7/29. AAA of MI Grant was declined. Marquette County Police and Fireman's Fund awarded the Fire Dept with \$1,500 to replace some of the water safety gear leaving a balance of \$5.54 short so Chris presented a check for \$10 to cover remaining balance for shipping not covered.

- d) Parks & Rec – Sven Gonstead reported the Powell Township Recreation Area sign has been installed. Drainage on the road to Burns Landing being done. Passport Grant for that area is on hold until we hear from Bill Sanders. Still waiting on Accessible Bathroom for Draver Park. Thanks to Trails Manager Don Gaines for clearing down trees after last windstorm. Concert series in the park is scheduled with a John Prine Tribute on September 18th at Draver Park.
- e) Sewer and Water Dept – Report of everything going fine in both departments.
- f) Planning and Zoning - Denise Hudson reported to 2 permits issued. Reviewed the revised Master Plan. Motion was set for the public hearing to approve at the Oct 25th during the regular meeting. Acceptance of resignation from Doris Childers and thanked for serving so many years.

Correspondence

One letter in opposition to the SpacePort. – See Attachments

Presentation

Jeannie Baumann gave report from the SpacePort Research Group – See Attachments

Public Comments - None

Unfinished Business

- 1) Hire of an enforcement official is on hold. Supervisor Turner is still in the process of talking with the Sheriff's Department and has not come up with any answers for the Board yet. On hold.
- 2) Motion to approve order of Virtual Equipment and get reimbursed later (December/ Santilli) All yes, motion carried.

New Business

- 1) Motion to write own Hiring Policy after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Trustee December talked with MTA regarding policies and read recommendations.
 - b. Clerk Morin will write a Hiring Policy draft and bring to September meeting.
- 2) Planning Commission
 - a) Motion to accept Doris Childers resignation from the Planning and Zoning Committee after discussion (December / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Supervisor Turner said we will miss her.
 - b) Motion to approve Joe Stanley for Planning Commission (Santilli / Hudson) 4 yes, 1 opposed, motion carried.
- 3) Parks & Rec
 - a) Motion to approve the Bylaws for Park and Rec after discussion (Santilli / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Change will be made for term of Vice Chair to 3 years and election will take place in January instead of April.
 - b) Motion to approve \$1,000 to finish off Kiosk after discussion (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Materials list has been provided and material will be donated and may need some for labor.

- c) Motion to approve \$1,200 for 2 Trail Counters (Morin / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
- d) Motion to approve \$1,000 to run the Concession Stand if rented on Labor Day (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
- 4) Water Department
 - a) Motion to approve \$14,000 for Oberstar Inc for road repair after discussion (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Supervisor Turner explained the area and need for repairs due to damage of property on road to Well House and where the funds will come out of.
- 5) Fire Department
 - a) Motion to approve \$325 for Fire Prevention Week Education (Hudson / December) All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to approve \$520 for Supply Cabinet split with EMS (December / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - c) Motion to approve \$1506 Water Safety Gear (Santilli / Morin) All yes, motion carried.
- 6) EMS
 - a) Motion to approve Chelsea Parris to join EMS (Hudson / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to approve Wendy Sutter to join EMS (Santilli / Hudson) All yes, motion carried.
 - c) Motion to approve to send two people to EMT school in October after discussion (Hudson / December) All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Clerk Morin brought up that the classes might be offered free at this time.
 - d) Motion to approve Tuition and Reimbursement for i. Tuition \$1,300 each ii. Books \$104.95, iii. Travel -3600 Miles, iv. \$100 Uniform (no motion made) All yes, motion carried.
 - e) Motion to approve \$275.29 for Bariatric Soft Stretcher (December / Santilli) All yes, motion carried.
 - f) Motion to approve \$300 for Annual Oil Change / MDOT Safety Inspection (Santilli / December) All yes, motion carried.
- 7) Zoom
 - a) Trustee December questioned Zoom not being used after asking for several times.
 - b) Clerk Morin explained sound issues will be resolved with equipment not program used.
 - c) Supervisor Turner explained where the Zoom account was paid for and that it is up to the Clerk to decide.
 - d) Trustee December stated she would not bring it up again.
- 8) Co Rd KF
 - a) Trustee December questioned work being done on Co Rd KF that was approved in previous meeting.

Public Comments

- R Hogan – Township needs more comfortable chairs. Called DNR regarding disposal of deer. Would like information on who to call in the future.
- B Ford – Eagle had washed up onshore and he had called the DNR which removed and sent for testing.
- G Champagne – Thanked Trustee December for reminding him that paving the roads is up to the taxpayers and the petition process. Started back up with one in process to recommend to the Board to pave existing roads before paving a new one. Submitted petition with over 100 signatures.
- J Edgar – Stated the Township has spent 1.3 million on roads out of mileage. Donation of \$150,000 is money that could be used elsewhere. Petition that they had submitted contained 50 people that lived on Lighthouse Rd. Believes they have considered all taxpayers.
- R Hogan – Lighthouse ...
- M Hogan – Over the last 12 years they contributed probably over \$300,000. Thinks after that 12 year period the taxpayers on Lighthouse Rd contributed over a million dollars. What has the Township given back, would

like to have something back. They have helped Powell Township in a abundant way and would like just a portion back and they willing to help pay for that.

- B Nurmi – Purchased property 30 years ago and during that time enjoyed the area. Approximately 25 years ago participated in neighbors help to get the road paved. Several years ago they participated in the petition. Bureaucracy is slow in all levels of government and found herself discouraged that still is not done. Patiently waiting a quality and permanent solution and her and Fred support paving of the Lighthouse Rd.
- B Ford – Thanked the Hogans being so generous for helping the community. Feels it very wrong that anyone makes it look sinister. Asked for breakdown of taxpayers for different roads.
- B Echala – Discussed 5 or 6 years ago when voted on roads, talked to Darlene about getting their road fixed up. Thinks still in line and had to do all the city streets because of the water system. Has not done all the roads that need it and should be roads fixed first.
- J Gertz – Put money on road that needs it.

Board Comments

- Trustee December - Stated that she watches where the taxpayers money goes and is looking out for your best interest for taxpayers dollars.
- Supervisor Turner -Call the lawyer about accepting money on Thursday. The MCRC will be after October so will not know anything for the Board or making any decision on it until later in the fall.

Next Meeting: Reg Board Meeting September 21,2021 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: Supervisor motioned to adjourn at 8:23pm and Trustee December seconded.

Recording Secretary – Nancy Gaines