

**Powell Township Board**  
**Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**December 21st, 2021 7PM**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Approved 1/18/2022**

1. Call to Order at 7pm by Supervisor
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers: Darlene Turner (Supervisor); Kelli Santilli (Treasurer); Karen December (Trustee)- virtual; Denise Hudson (Trustee)- virtual; Mitch Walker (Clerk)
4. Approval of Agenda: motion to approve agenda with additions *listed below* (Santilli/Walker) All yes, motion carried.
  - New Business: 3e. Grant writer \$700 replying w/ Negaunee
  - New Business: 3f. Grant Writer \$2,000 AFG
  - New Business: 4d. BBSC requesting support for Wayfinding signage
  - New Business: 8. Rescind op-out Marihuana Establishments Ordinance:
5. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve November 15th, 2021 (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
  - b. Motion to approve November 16th, 2021 *after corrections* (Santilli/Walker). All yes, motion carried.
    - i. Pete Trail is incorrect and correction for MDART
    - ii. Trustee December disagrees with “quotes” during Assessor discussion
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report: Motion to approve Revenue & Expenditure Report *after discussion* (Santilli/Walker). All yes, motion carried.
  - a. Local stabilization discussion
  - b. Truth-n-taxation publishing discussion
7. Treasurer’s Report: Thank you to the Treasurer
8. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve Bills to be Paid (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried

**Committee & Department Reports**

- a) Ambulance Dept: T. Vargo, ambulance coordinator, gives report virtually; seven runs with one call with no responders during thanksgiving; donation \$8500 from Huron Mountain Club
- b) Emergency Management: K. Bourgeois, emergency manager gives report; thanks community members who donated to food bank; Meijer donated \$200 for the Thanksgiving season and it was used for regulars to the food bank
- c) Fire Department: C. Sutter, Fire Chief gives report; one public assist; DNR pickup & 2105 back in service; generator has four quotes; \$5000 donation from Eagle Mine to solve explosive gas meters; \$8500 donation from HMC; thanks to HMC & Eagle Mine
- d) Parks & Rec: S. Gonstead, Parks and Recreation Chair; tree lighting in the beginning of December month with 20 kids was real nice; Thomas Rock has been plowed; working on concert series sub-committee (open to public); agreement for the first band for Fire on the Bay weekend; want a page on website for concert series; will have more January meetings;
- e) Planning & Zoning: D Hudson, Planning Commission Liaison, gives report; Public Hearing for adoption of Master Plan, includes 2020 Census; Exhibit A, B, C are three letters written of opposition for spaceport; exhibit D is S. Erbish, Marquette County Administrator, letter; another exhibit from D. Ferraro, president of Safe and Clean Watershed; six permits issued; Big Bay Stewardship presentation M. Springer for placemaking within Powell Township; recommendation to Township Board to favorably consider the conceptual signage project presented; recommendation to Township Board to repeal marihuana ordinance from 2018; meetings are changed to be every other month and 7pm in 2022
- f) Sewer Department: P. TenEyck, Powell Township Custodian, gives report; all good

- g) Water Department: D. Wilcox, Water Operator, gives report; leak found few months ago is saving 15,000 gallons a day for pumping; all good
- h) Correspondence:
  - 3 letters for opposition of spaceport to be attached
- i) Presentations: none

**Public Comment:**

- P. TenEyck- thanks B. Akkala for the donated holiday tree
- T. Tarkleson- requests board to revisit recreational marihuana opt-out; believes in local community support; would want a facility for 2022;
- J. Gertz- requests Spaceport letters copy for committee
- D. Juntilla- requests board to revisit marihuana ordinance; would want a class b permit

No virtual Comment

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Purchasing Policy: Motion to approve corrected Purchasing Policy (Hudson/Santilli) Roll Call Vote: Santilli, yes; December, yes; Walker, yes; Hudson, yes; Turner, yes. Supervisor declares the resolution passed.

**New Business:**

1. Planning Commission
  - a. Motion to approve regular meeting date change to every other month at 7pm (December/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
2. Ambulance:
  - a. Motion to approve Josh Boudreaux as Assistant Coordinator (Hudson/December). All yes, motion carried.
  - b. Motion to approve updated ambulance by-laws *after discussion* (Turner/December). All yes, motion carried.
    - i. "Those who do not attend fifty percent of meeting will be non-voting" will be striked out
    - ii. In places stating "secretary" changed to "coordinator"
    - iii. Change from "minimum of 2 EMT's per call" to "1 EMT and 1 MFR per call"
    - iv. Grievances: one paragraph added about outside agents making complaint of ambulance member
  - c. Motion to approve purchase of two batteries for Lifepaks at \$170.00 (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
3. Fire Department:
  - a. Motion to approve \$170 for Hand light on 2101 (Hudson/December). All yes, motion carried.
  - b. Motion to approve Power House Generator Service quote of \$8,480 for new generator at station 1 (December/Walker). All yes, motion carried.
  - c. Motion to approve \$500 to Relocate mast at Station 2 (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
  - d. Motion to approve Fleet Maintenance Agreement with the city of Marquette *after discussion* (Santilli/Walker). All yes, motion carried.
    - i. Township Clerk as contact should be Township Supervisor
    - ii. 1 year or open-ended agreement discussion and how to cancel if needed
  - e. Motion to approve Grant Writer for \$700 applying with Negaunee Township (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
  - f. Motion to approve Grant Writer for \$2000 AFG (Hudson/December). All yes, motion carried.
4. Parks and Rec
  - a. Motion to approve Big Bay Pathway's Honey Bear Celebration to use the Draver Parking Lot (Hudson/Santilli) All yes, motion carried.

- b. Motion to approve request to advertise for applications for trail manager *after discussion* (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
    - i. Clerk's office will determine with Parks & Rec the deadline
  - c. Motion to approve \$500 for t-shirts to replace supply (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
  - d. Motion to table BBSC support of Wayfinding signage till January *after discussion* (Santilli/Hudson)
    - i. Mike Springer of the Big Bay Stewardship council presented on placemaking signage
      1. Wayfinding maps of natural areas for people to visit
      2. Posted mileage on signage has been calculated
      3. Looking for input on icons included
      4. Wants to look like typical DNR signs
      5. Beautification existing signs
      6. Looking for only a letter of support to road commission for support of signage
    - ii. Further input about the signage would be liked before continuing
    - iii. Purchasing discussion
5. Motion to approve Township Meeting schedule for 2022 *listed below* (Santilli/Walker). All yes, motion carried.
    - Parks & Rec - 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30PM
    - Regular Township Board - 3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00PM
    - Planning Commission - 3rd Wednesday every other month 7:00PM
    - EMS - 1st Thursday of the month 6:00PM
    - Fire Department - Last Thursday of the month 6:00PM
  6. 2022/23 Budget year - will need all Dept request by January 20th- Discussion
  7. Motion to table Spaceport Advisory information to be placed on Powell Township web page *after discussion* (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
    - a. Depth of information to be posted discussion.
    - b. Time spent on maintaining on web page discussion
    - c. Clerk to review requirements with committee.
  8. Motion to reconsider and study rescinding opt out Marihuana Establishments Ordinance *after discussion* (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- R. Moran- wayfinding signage concerns; suggests Travel Marquette for funds
- *Virtually* T. Vargo- Thanks Chris Sutter for work on generator quotes; split the purchase of the generator with Ambulance department
- C. Sorby- agrees with rescind of opt-out Marihuana Ordinance

**Board Comment:**

- D. Turner- welcome those to present from those that would have more knowledge about the Marihuana codes and issues; research on lawfully rescinding the opt-out
- D. Turner- still has C. Sorby application for Trail manage
- K. December- wishing everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
- M. Walker- Requested information on pros and cons for rescinding marihuana Ordinance
- D. Turner- State had not established rules or regulations at the original opt out

**Next Meeting Regular Board Meeting January 18th, 2021 7:00 pm**

**Adjourn 8:10pm**

Minutes prepared by  
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Powell Township Recording Secretary